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## TWO LIMITED USE SUBWAY (LUS) TO REPLACE LEVEL CROSSINGS NO 11 & 06 IN CHENNAI CENTRAL - ARAKKONAM SECTION

## PEDESTRIAN CUM TWO WHEELER SUBWAY AT AMBATTUR RAILWAY STATION

Prioritising passenger safety, Chennai Division of Southern Railway has undertaken the work of replacement of level crossings by commissioning Limited Use Subways in Chennai Central-Arakkonam Section. This section is very significant as the sectional speed is 130 km/hr with many Mail/Express and semi-high speed trains like Vande Bharat being operated.

In the First phase of this transformative project, two level crossings, **LC No. 06** near **Ambattur Railway Station** and **LC No. 11**, between **Pattabiram and Nemilicherry** will be replaced by **Limited Use Subways**. A 12-hour mega line/power block was announced by Chennai Division from 22:00 hrs of 04.11.2023 to 10:00 hrs of 05.11.2023 in Chennai Central- Arakkonam section to facilitate this construction work. The construction work had commenced in both the locations.

The LC-6 at Ambattur is being replaced by Pedestrian cum Two wheeler subway. The subway measures  $5.0 \text{ m} \times 2.75 \text{ m}$ . The estimated cost of construction of the facility is Rs.9.50 Crores. The project work is carried out in association with the State Government and it is expected to be completed within a span of 18 months.

Ambattur, being an important industrial hub and SG3 station, is also a buzzing commercial hub in Chennai city. Registering a footfall of 7.77 lakhs passengers per day, it is one of the busiest stations in this section. Hence, the provision of Pedestrian cum Two wheeler subways will facilitate hassle free movement for vendors, local people, students and office goers.

Aimed at eliminating the risk of accidents, the subway will be a boon to all commuters. The subway, upon completion will reduce the traffic snarls in the area thereby facilitating seamless flow of road and rail traffic besides providing a safe passage and minimizing trespassing accidents.

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