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चेन्नैमंडल/**CHENNAI DIVISION**

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**STRINGENT ACTION AGAINST FOOTBOARD TRAVELLERS**

**CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY APPEALS COMMUTERS NOT TO TRAVEL ON FOOTBOARD AND DESIST FROM TAKING SELFIES ON TRACKS**

The Chennai Division of Southern Railway has decided to take serious steps to penalise those who put themselves and others at risk, while travelling on the suburban trains. In this move, RPF Personnel are deployed in crowded local trains to identify footboard travelers, boarding or de-boarding moving trains, taking selfies and blocking the entry and exit of other passengers.

Chennai Division has run awareness campaigns among the commuters and educates them about the final result of travelling on footboards and taking selfies. In the financial year 2021-22, 1411 trespassing cases filed under section 147 and 767 foot board travelling cases were filed under section 156. More than 200 people have died or have been severely injured after falling from Chennai suburban trains. The RPF team will check identified local trains and then prosecute those who are travelling on footboards. Those caught will be penalised under the section 156 of Railway Act, which prohibits travelling on the roof, step or engine of a train. People travelling on footboard will be punished with imprisonment up to 3 months or a fine of Rs.500/-. Persons found taking selfies on tracks/ near locos/OHE, etc. will be penalised with Rs.2000 fine.

Chennai Division has initiated stringent action and is penalising passengers who are found trespassing suburban railway tracks, taking selfies and making videos. A minimum of 5 to 10 people were penalised everyday for trespass and taking selfies at identified locations in and around suburban stations.

The following steps are being taken by Chennai Division to prevent the passengers travelling on Footboards:

1. Frequent announcements through public address systems at stations and trains are being made to educate the passengers not to travel on footboards of trains.

2. Special awareness campaigns are also organised by the Chennai Division to sensitise the passengers about the dangers of footboard travelling.
3. Warning and display boards caution people against trespassing and foot board traveling in station areas.
4. Regular drives are conducted against the persons travelling on footboard on trains and the persons apprehended are prosecuted under the relevant provision of Indian Railways Act.

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