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**SHRI VISHWANATH EERYA, DRM/ CHENNAI FLAGGED OFF THE PARCEL  
CARGO EXPRESS TRAIN (PCET) BETWEEN ROYAPURAM AND PATEL  
NAGAR RAILWAY STATION TODAY, 29<sup>TH</sup>, JANUARY 2025**

The Chennai Division of Southern Railway inaugurated the Parcel Cargo Express Train (PCET) between Royapuram and Patel Nagar railway station today, 29<sup>th</sup>, January 2025, at Royapuram Railway Station. Shri Vishwanath Eerya, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division flagged off the maiden run of the PCET. This dedicated cargo train will significantly enhance rail-based logistics and trade facilitation, providing a faster and more reliable mode of transportation for parcel cargo.

Shri M. Bharath Kumar, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Shri Sathya Narayana Hari, Senior Divisional Operating Manager and Other Senior officers and staff were present on this occasion.

**Parcel Cargo Express Train (PCET): Royapuram- Patel Nagar- Royapuram:**

- This PCET contract has been awarded to M/s Rail Transport Corporation of India for a period of 6 years.
- The anticipated minimum revenue for this PCET is Rs.25 lakh per round trip. The 6 years contract period will be from 29.01.2025 to 28.01.2031 with minimum Bi-Monthly trip (2 round trip) for a total contract value of 52 crores. The leaseholder has proposed to operate lease each Wednesday and Sunday i.e two round trips per week which will fetch revenue of Rs.208 crores for period of 6 years.
- The PCET will be carrying auto parts, leather, handloom, tyres, courier goods etc.
- During the first six months of operation, the carrying capacity of PCET is expected to be 353 (15 VPH of 23 tonnes each +1 SLR of 8 tonnes) and increasing to 468 tonnes per trip (20 VPH of 23 tonnes each +1 SLR of 8 tonnes) for the later part of the contract period.
- The PCET will leave Royapuram Railway Station every Wednesday's and Sunday's covering a distance of 2195 Km.

**Benefits:**

- Significantly reduces transit times compared to road transport leading to faster delivery of goods and improved customer satisfaction.

- Enhance operational efficiency by minimizing delays and ensuring timely arrivals.
- Cost-effective than road transport, especially for long distances and bulk shipments.
- More reliable mode of transportation compared to road transport as it is not affected by traffic congestion or weather conditions.
- Rail transport has a significantly lower carbon footprint, making it a more environmentally friendly option.
- Improved connectivity between regions, facilitating the movement of goods and boosting trade and commerce.

The PCET will cover a distance of 2195 kilometres, connecting the Southern region to the Northern parts of India. This new service is expected to promote trade and commerce between the regions, boosting the local economy and providing a more efficient and cost-effective solution for businesses.

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