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Southern Railway continues the distribution of food packets in Chennai Division on 06.04.2020

Stepping up to the crucial period, in a much-needed move, Southern Railway, Chennai Division is providing free meals to the homeless and the needy. Chennai division of Southern Railway distributed 3,460 food packets today, the 06th April 2020 to poor and migrant workers stranded in the surrounding areas of Chennai city.

Everyday different kind of food item like Lemon Rice, Curd Rice, Tamarind Rice and in few stations homemade food is being served to the needy. As for today, Curd Rice and Lemon Rice with pickle has been prepared at IRCTC base kitchen. Distribution was done by Railway Protection Force and entire distribution programme was managed by Commercial staffs of Chennai Division.

The distribution of food packets in various places in Chennai Division are as follows:

(600)packets has been distributed in Katpadi, (500)packets in Vellore, (1000)packets in Chengalpattu, (1000)packets in Tambaram, (200)packets in Arakkonam, (60)packets in Gummudipundi, (100)packets in Tiruvallur areas.

All norms of social distancing is being followed during food distribution. Southern Railway also takes assistance from Municipality and Corporation officials, NGOs and volunteers for this exercise. This food distribution would continue throughout the lockdown period.

Apart from the distribution done through IRCTC, RPF staff in groups and as individuals provide food and vegetables generously to the sick, poor people dwelling nearby station areas and coolie porters who have lost their livelihood during the lockdown period.

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