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Southern Railway, Chennai Division distributed 50 Packages of Grocery items at Chennai Egmore and 4,197 food packets to the destitute in rural areas, today (11.04.2020).

Security Department of Chennai Division, Southern Railway are tirelessly working in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic. Everyday RPF personals in groups are extending their hands to help the needy by providing various essentials items. Even today RPF staff at Chennai Egmore, in the presence of Chief Security Commissioner, Sr.DSC and other officials distributed 50 packages containing Rice and Grocery items to the platform cleaning staff and prepaid auto drivers.

Meanwhile, IRCTC has prepared 1500 packets of Curd Rice with pickles through Neethu Kitchen, Chengalpattu and handed over to the following areas.

Chengalpattu Municipality	- 150 packets
Good service Trust	- 150 packets
Destitute Home	- 600 packets
Migrant Labour	- 150 packets
Thandukari Village residents	-150 packets.
Homeless and poor	- 300 packets

Distirbution at Chengalpattu and surrounding areas is being done by Shri. R.Nagesh kumar Post Commander/RPF and team. Through this unrequited service of Chennai Division, few more nondescript villages around Chengalpattu like PV.Kalathur, Mannivakkam, Aathur residents who are mostly daily wagers are being helped by our team in this acute period.

In the midst IRCTC has distributed food at various places of Kaptadi-1442 packets, Vellore-500 packets, Arakkonam-100 packets, Gummidipundi-60 packets, Tambaram-500 packets, Tiruvallur-25 packets, Bharathidasan Scout group,Katpadi distibuted 100 packets and RPF team at Thirumayilai distributed 70 packets of free food to the homeless near Greenways road and kotturpuram . On the whole, as for today, the 11th April, 4,247 families were benefitted in and around areas of Chennai division. Distribution was done by Railway Protection Force and entire distribution programme was managed by Commercial staffs of Chennai Division.

All norms of social distancing and food distribution with PPEs is being followed strictly. 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 in groups, Railway Scout groups of Katpadi, Tambaram and Arakkonam render their unrequited service of providing free food, grocery items and also “Kabasura KudiNeer”, a medicinal decoction to the destitute and tribal community who have lost their livelihood during the lockdown period.

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