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Chennai Division of Southern Railway has operated 134 Shramik Specials as on 09.07.2020 – Over 1.97 lakh stranded guest workers sent back to home states

Extending a helping hand to our interstate guests as part of Mission “Back Home”, Chennai Division of Southern Railway has operated Shramik Special trains to ferry stranded migrant workers, patients, students and tourists, brought and facilitated by the Government of Tamil Nadu back to their home towns. Chennai Division operated its first Shramik Special train on 6th May 2020, from Katpadi Junction to Hatia (Jharkhand) carrying 1140 passengers. The passengers were patients and their care givers who came for treatment at Vellore CMC hospital, and got stranded due to nationwide lockdown.

Chennai Division of Southern Railway has transported over 1,96,276 stranded migrant workers through Shramik Special trains. As on 9th July 2020, a total of 134 Shramik Special trains have been operated from Chennai Division to major states across the country. Out of which, 39 trains were operated to Bihar, 16 trains to Jharkhand, 17 trains to NorthEastern states, 21 trains to Uttar Pradesh, 17 trains to West Bengal, 1 train to Chhattisgarh and 23 trains to other parts of the country.

76 Shramik Special trains originated from Dr.MGR Chennai Central, 15 Special trains from Chennai Egmore, 22 trains from Tiruvallur, 1 train from Arakkonam Junction, 9 trains from Katpadi Junction, 9 trains from Chengalpattu Junction, 1 train from Jolarpettai Junction and 1 train from Kanchipuram station.

Chennai Division of Southern Railway co-ordinated with state authorities and accommodated the passengers brought and facilitated by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Special arrangements for food, Water bottles, face masks, Bread and Biscuit packs were made for the benefit of the passenger travelling in the Shramik Special trains. The guidelines and directives issued by the Home Ministry, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that includes social distancing norms were enforced at all railway station of the division.

A dedicated team of frontline staff including RPF, Medical staffs, Ticket checking staff, Commercial clerks and Supervisors were deployed at railway stations to assist passengers in thermal screening through thermal cameras and thermal scanners, issuing tickets, social distancing and for distribution of food, face masks, water bottles and other eatables to passengers. Special care was taken to ensure a comfortable and safe journey for passengers travelling in Shramik Special trains.

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