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Chennai Division of Southern Railway sets a new milestone in its freight business

Chennai Division of Southern Railway has achieved a new milestone in its freight business. During July 2020, Chennai Division has loaded 94 Demand VPUs in Parcels and has transported 2157 tonnes of material generating revenue of more than Rs. 1 crore. This performance has surpassed the entire demand VP (Parcel Van) performance of previous year (2019-20) when only 80 VPUs were throughout the year. The parcel carrying capacity of each VP(Parcel Van) is 23 tonnes whereas ,in the recently introduced LHB Parcel Vans is 24 tonnes. Till July 2020, 133 demand VPUs have been loaded fetching revenue of Rs. 1.48 crore thereby surpassing the entire previous year's demand VPU earnings of Rs. 1.21 crores.

Chennai Division of Southern Railway started its first ever Timetabled Parcel Cargo Express train on 1st April 2020. The first Parcel Express Special was operated from Dr.MGR Chennai Central to New Delhi. On the same day another special was operated from Yeswantpur to Howrah via Chennai Central. Then these Parcel Cargo special services were extended to various destinations which included Nagercoil, Mumbai, Gorakhpur, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Shoranur etc.

These Parcel Express Specials were operated mainly to help reach medical essentials to various places during nationwide lockdown. These Parcel Cargo Express serves for the movement of medicines, medical equipments, masks, food items, food products, stationeries, Couriers and other medical essentials in the hour of need. Chennai Division of Southern Railway is running Parcel Cargo Special Trains for mass quick transportation across the nation for the customers including State governments. The Industrial houses, companies, organizations, individuals are being benefitted by this extended rail services of Southern Railway.

Later Empty Parcel Vans were supplied to the private transporters on demand. And this move has become successful in bringing revenue in addition to the Parcel booking done by the Railways. A new online Payment system for parcel booking was also introduced to ease the booking of parcels during this lockdown.

Chennai Division of Southern Railway recently formed a Business Development Unit (BDU). This Unit on regular interaction with existing and new customers has doubled the quantum of freight. Also, BDU has introduced a lumpsum of incentive schemes, so as to extend its rail services to the customer. For Parcel booking and further details, please contact 9003055407, 044-25355793 or mail us at srdcm@mas.railnet.gov.in

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