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**154<sup>th</sup> DIVISIONAL RAIL USERS' CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT CHENNAI DIVISION THROUGH WEBEX**

The 154<sup>th</sup> Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee (DRUCC) Meeting was conducted through virtual platform (WEBEX) under the Chairmanship of Shri Ganesh, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai on 20.10.2021. Additional Divisional Railway Managers Shri. R. Ananth, Shri. Sachin Punetha and Shri. S. Subramanian along with Divisional Branch Officers also participated in the meeting.

Dr. D. Vijayamala, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager and Secretary, DRUCC welcomed the members. Shri Ganesh, DRM and Chairman of DRUCC delivered the presidential address

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Ganesh, Divisional Railway Manager highlighted the achievements of Chennai Division and also stated that though the tenure of this committee started from 01/01/2020, due to pandemic situation of COVID-19, meeting could not be conducted. DRM briefed the efforts taken during the period of Covid pandemic to ensure seamless supply of Liquid Medical Oxygen by running of 95 oxygen specials in co-ordination with Govt. of Tamilnadu & CONCOR. He also lauded the initiatives taken by its Business Development Unit for the achievement loading of 7.819 million tonnes during the year 2020-21 and 4.454 MTs during the current financial year up to September-2021 and corresponding revenue during these periods have been Rs.1407.23 Crores and Rs.1175.59 Crores respectively. 5128 Running meters of boundary wall has been constructed to prevent run over of Human and Cattles during the year 2020-21, he mentioned.

DRUCC members representing various organizations such as Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Tamilnadu differently abled Association, Rail Passenger Associations, Railway Season Ticket Holders Association, GM's nominee and nominees of Hon'ble MPs were present at the meeting.- Shri. D. Kishore Kumar, Kanchipuram - Chennai Rail Commuters Association, Shri.

Manoj Vajpayee, Special Interest from Railway Board, Shri. M. Bhaskaran, Special Interest from Railway Board, Shri. P. Koteswara Rao, Special Interest from Railway Board, Shri. M. Umapathi, Secretary, Walaja Road Train Passengers Welfare Association, Shri. G. Vijayamani, MP's Nominee, Shri. Irudhayaraj, MP's nominee (Dr. M.K. Vishnu Prasad, Arani constituency), Shri. K.N. Suresh Babu, Andhra Chamber of Commerce, Shri. Ashok Kumar, Special Interest from Railway Board, Shri. Naina Masilamani, GM's Nominee, Shri. Vinod Solomon, The Southern India Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Shri. J. Natarajan, MP's nominee and Shri. M. Shanmugam, Hon'ble MP (RS) representing various organizations attended in the meeting.

The members discussed on various improvements necessary in Chennai division such as:

- Passenger amenities such as toilets, cleanliness, escalators and lifts.
- Operation of additional EMU train services Chengalpattu - Arakkonam section.
- Stoppage of Mail/Express at Tiruvallur and Gummidipundi.
- Additional Reservation counters at Jolarpettai and Walajabad.
- Restoration of all Passengers Trains.
- Construction of new Railway Good sheds.
- Installation of CCTV Cameras in all railway stations.
- Revision of platform ticket price.
- Additional stoppage of express trains.
- Safety, Security, Punctuality & Cleanliness and ongoing/sanctioned works of Passenger Amenities of Chennai Division.

Dr. D. Vijayamala, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager & Secretary DRUCC and other Branch Officer's replied to the members' questions and assured that suitable steps would be taken to address their demands.

Shri. Shivaji Anguru, Sr.DOM/MAS proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of Chennai Division.

**Sd/-**

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