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**CHENNAI DIVISION'S RENEWED SAFETY DRIVE AGAINST  
THE MENACE OF TRESPASSING & FOOTBOARD TRAVELLING**

**USE SUBWAYS AND FOOT OVER BRIDGES FOR SAFE MOVEMENT**

Chennai Division, Southern Railway has increased the security measures and deployed additional workforce for keeping a strict vigil on trespassers loitering at Train Line/Railway Track over its jurisdiction or crossing tracks illegally. Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Chennai Division has been directed to take necessary steps as per the Railways Act, 1989 on defaulters.

Trespassing of Railway tracks is a punishable offence under Section 147 of the Railways Act, 1989, which attracts imprisonment upto 6 months and / or fine up to Rupees One Thousand. Passengers can use Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) at all Small Stations and Passenger Halts to prevent any case of Trespass of Tracks. For the safety of road/rail commuters, Chennai Division has also eliminated Unmanned Level Crossings and has stepped up measures now to eliminate manned level crossings also in phases.

Chennai Division has also initiated intensive safety awareness campaign to sensitize road/rail users highlighting safety hazards like trespassing, jaywalking on tracks, footboard travel, taking selfies on tracks, etc. Awareness drives have been regularly conducted by Chennai Division through various media like newspapers, Television, Radio etc. for distribution of posters, leaflets, various short duration films/advertisements etc., and Street Plays (Nukkad Natak). These activities will be intensified further in the coming months.

In view of the rising trend of accident-related deaths/injuries on Railway Tracks, Chennai Division has also taken steps to review the causes of the accidents. Besides, additional security staffs have been deployed at sensitive locations and RPF escorts travel in ladies compartments during night hours to ensure the safety of women passengers.

## **PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF RAIL USERS/PUBLIC**

1. Don't trespass railway tracks at railway stations or in mid-section. Use Foot Over Bridges (FOBs), Subways, Road Over Bridge (ROB)/Road Under Bridge (RUB), Railway Crossings, etc. to cross Railway Tracks.
2. Don't use mobile phones, while walking near railway tracks or while boarding/alighting trains.
3. Don't gather or indulge in any activity in the vicinity of railway tracks.
4. Don't indulge in any form of photography including taking selfies in the vicinity of railway tracks.
5. Don't stand on the footboard of the train or on the edge of the platforms. Don't board/alight trains on the wrong side at railway stations.
6. Don't board/alight a running train or crowd the entrance of coaches, which interferes with the movement of passengers.
7. Please contact RailMadad Helpline No.139 for any issues regarding security during rail travel or use the RailMadad app.

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