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**CHENNAI BEACH - CHENNAI EGMORE 4TH LINE PROJECT GAINS
MOMENTUM**

**THE VITAL PROJECT WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR OPERATION OF MORE
SOUTH BOUND TRAINS FROM CHENNAI EGMORE**

**MRTS SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN CHINTADRIPET AND
VELACHERY ONLY TO FACILITATE CHENNAI BEACH - CHENNAI EGMORE
4TH LINE WORKS**

DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER HOLDS PRESS MEET TO BRIEF MEDIA

Chennai Beach – Chennai Egmore 4th line (4.3 Km) is an important project proposed to be implemented at an estimated cost of Rs. 279 Crore. Southern Railway has taken up the much-needed project to develop Chennai Egmore as an alternate terminal for North-bound trains thereby decongesting Dr MGR Chennai Central. **The 4th line between Chennai Beach – Chennai Egmore will improve the operational efficiency paving the way for introduction of additional passenger services and freight trains.**

Shri B. Viswanath Eerya, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai held a Press meet to brief media in this regard today, 24th August 2023.

Addressing the media persons, the Divisional Railway Manager elaborated on the suspension of traffic in Chennai Beach – Chintadripet MRTS section. The DRM apprised press about the benefits of the 4th line project between Chennai Beach and Chennai Egmore also detailing the efforts of Railways to help commuters in coordination with State transport authorities.

Temporary suspension of MRTS services from Chennai Beach to Chintadripet to facilitate Chennai Beach – Chennai Egmore 4th line works

The Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) EMU services will remain temporarily suspended in Chennai Beach – Chintadripet MRTS section effective 27th August 2023 .

The suburban services presently running in the Chennai Beach – Chintadripet MRTS section will remain suspended for a period of 7 months to facilitate 4th line works between Chennai Beach and Chennai Egmore. With effect from 27th August 2023, the MRTS services will continue to remain operational in Chintadripet – Velachery section.

Presently, 122 EMU trains services are being operated in Chennai Beach – Velachery MRTS section. **Upon suspension of traffic between Chennai Beach – Chintadripet, 80 MRTS EMU services (40 pairs) will be operated between Chintadripet and Velachery. The remaining services which are presently Cross sectoral, will be operated from/to Chennai Beach.**

Chennai Division of Southern Railway appeals to rail users to cooperate with Railways in the smooth implementation of the vital 4th line project between Chennai Beach–Chennai Egmore. Further, deliberations are being held State Government for operation of additional MTC buses connecting Chennai Beach – Chintadripet stretch to alleviate the concerns of rail users using MRTS trains.

The schedule of EMU services effective from 27th August 2023 between Chintadripet – Velachery MRTS section is attached for reference.

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