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चेन्नै मंडल/CHENNAI DIVISION

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Prioritising Safety of train operations, Chennai Division of Southern Railway undertakes rail safety measures at regular intervals. On 18.02.2024 (today), a block of 4 hours 15 minutes has been permitted in Chennai Beach- Tambaram section to carry out the maintenance works.

During the block, Rail Levelling works, Checking of Rail joints, packing of ballasts, welding works, clearing unwanted vegetation and other track upgradation works using heavy machinery was carried out. As this crucial line block had to be necessarily carried out during the daytime, 44 EMU services had to be cancelled during the period. These track maintenance works are inevitable in view of the upcoming summer season.

However, to cater to the demands of passengers, Chennai Division had written to CMRL & MTC requesting operation additional services on account of cancellation of train services for the maintenance work. Acceding to the request, additional bus services were run on the route today.

**Line blocks and Safety**

One of the safety measures adopted for prevention of accidents is the regular maintenance of rails. The rails have to be monitored on a regular basis as it is exposed to severe weather conditions due to continuous movement of trains. Railways conduct these safety drives on a regular basis to prevent derailments. To conduct the checks, Line Blocks are given in the section in which the work is to be carried on. The checks are essentially to strengthen the tracks and track parameters in short.

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