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**DRM/ CHENNAI FLAGGED OFF THE FIRST SERVICE
OF PARCEL CARGO EXPRESS TRAIN (PCET) FROM
KORUKKUPET GOODS SHED TO AZARA ON ROUND
TRIP BASIS, TODAY.**

Shri.B.Vishwanath Eerya , Divisional Railway Manger, Chennai flagged off the first service of the Parcel Cargo Express Train(PCET) on round trip basis from Korukkupet Goods Shed to Azara Railway station in Guwahati, today(27.02.2024). Shri. Tej Partap Singh, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Shri M. Bharath Kumar, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager and other Officers and staff were also present during the event.

The PCET will be carrying Car tyres, Chocolates, Fast moving consumer goods, handloom goods electrical, electronic and Coir products. The anticipated minimum revenue from this PCET is Rs. 11.25 lakhs per trip. This PCET contract has been awarded to M/s. AVG Logistics Limited, Delhi for a period of 6 years for a total contract value of Rs.105 Crores. M/s. AVG Logistics Limited specializes in road & rail transportation, reefers/cold chain and warehousing segment with more than 50 branches pan India. Some of M/s. AVG's esteemed customers are Nestle, HUL, DS Group, Apollo Tyres, JK Tyres, ITC and many other retail and multinational companies.

During the first six months of operation, the carrying capacity of the PCET is expected to be 364 tonnes per trip, later increasing to 484 tonnes per trip. The Express train service has been designed to cover the distance of 2500 kms in a swift 72 hrs, ensuring expeditious and seamless connectivity between the two vital locations.

The PCET will be leaving Korukkupet Goods Shed on Tuesdays and will be leaving Azara Railway Station in Guwahati on Saturdays. A minimum of two round trips will be operated per month. The loading / unloading points for this PCET are Nuzvid (NZD), SGTY (Sankrail

Goods Yard railway station (SGTY) and Rangapani railway station (RNI).

Chennai Division is thrilled to inaugurate this groundbreaking initiative that strengthens Indian Railways and Industrial Logistics, contributing to logistical efficiency between Chennai and Guwahati, said Shri.B.Viswanath Eerya, Divisional Railway Manager, after flagging off the train.

Elucidating the benefits of Parcel Cargo Express Train service, the Divisional Railway Manager mentioned, “Our focus on sustainability benefits the environment and leads to positive financial outcomes. This strategic move aligns with our commitment to improving services, and we anticipate a positive impact on both fronts, fostering a sustainable and prosperous future”.

The Divisional Railway Manager further added that the important route (Chennai- Guwahati) on which the PCET is being operated will:

- ❖ Help Railways achieve its Green Vision by reducing carbon emissions.
- ❖ Operationally reduce road congestion.
- ❖ Ensure faster, safer, and reliable movement of goods from South India to North Eastern States.

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