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CHENNAI DIVISION APPEALS TO PUBLIC AND PASSENGERS TO COMBAT STONE
PELTING ON TRAINS

Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Chennai Division has intensified its awareness campaign against stone pelting on trains. A few incidents of pelting stones at Express trains in a few sections over Chennai Division have been reported recently.

Railway Protection Force and GRP personnel are keeping a vigil in such areas. **Pelting stones on trains is a criminal offence under sections 153 & 154 of Railway Act 1989.** Any person by any unlawful act or by any willful omission or neglect, endangers or causes to be endangered the safety of any person travelling on or being upon any railway, or obstructs or causes to be obstructed or attempts to obstruct any rolling stock upon any railway, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years under the section - 153 of Railway Act 1989.

On 23.03.2023 stone pelting was reported on Train No. 22675, Cholan Express between Mailam and Perani stations. In this connection, special vigil was conducted by the Railway Protection Force team between the stations and on 26.03.2024, 03 offenders were arrested. The reason for stone pelting cited by the offenders is for fun sake. These incidents not only cause damages to railway property but in some cases, passengers also get injured.

Most of the offenders in stone pelting case are children playing alongside the railway track, throwing the stone at trains as a part of a game. A total of 78 incidents of stone pelting have been registered over Chennai Division in the last year and 76 persons have been arrested. In the current year, RPF have registered 15 cases and 20 persons have been arrested.

Apart from keeping up vigil, Railway Protection Force counsels the children and their parents and posters and pamphlets have been distributed to the public and passengers to make them aware of the consequences of stone pelting on trains and its repercussions on passenger safety. The rail users and public are requested to report such incidents through helpline number 139.

Indian Railways is serving millions of passenger's daily, connecting cities and towns across the nation. The recurrence of stone pelting poses a significant threat to the infrastructure and undermines efforts to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system for all. Hence, Chennai Division of Southern Railway appeals to public and its passengers to join hands with Railways to combat the stone pelting on trains and Railway property.

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