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**CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY INVITES FRESH BIDS FOR
FAVORITE RAIL COACH RESTAURANT AT CHENNAI CENTRAL**

Chennai Division of Southern Railway has announced an **E-Auction on 09th October, 2025 at 14:00 hrs** for the operation of the popular **Rail Coach Restaurant** at **Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station**.

Housed in a refurbished railway coach at the station entrance, this unique dining facility quickly became a **favorite spot for passengers** during its earlier tenure. With the previous contract now complete, Chennai Division is once again inviting interested bidders to operate this high-potential venture.

Spread over **441.71 sq. mtrs.**, the Rail Coach Restaurant offers a **nostalgic railway ambience** along with modern dining comforts, serving **tea, coffee, snacks, meals, and juices** to the station's **over two lakh daily passengers**.

The Rail Coach Restaurant has already proven to be a **successful model** combining heritage, innovation, and strong commercial potential. With the upcoming **five-year license**, we are confident the next operator will continue to **delight passengers** while ensuring sustained business returns.

The **E-Auction process** will be fully **transparent and competitive**, providing bidders the option to operate under **branded F&B franchise tie-ups** to enhance customer appeal and service variety.

Chennai Central welcomes passengers back to a dining experience that blends heritage charm with quality service.

Interested bidders are invited to register and participate in the e-auction on **09.10.2025 at 14:00 hrs**. For further details, please visit the Official Webpage (<https://www.ireps.gov.in>) of Southern Railway.

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