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**CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY INTENSIFIES ACTION AGAINST
STONE PELTING ON TRAINS**

The Chennai Division of Southern Railway has stepped up enforcement against stone pelting on running trains, reiterating its **zero-tolerance policy**. This offence is punishable under the **Railways Act, 1989** and poses a serious threat to **passenger safety** and **railway property**.

In coordination with the **Government Railway Police (GRP)**, the **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** has enhanced surveillance, resulting in **over 37 cases** registered under Sections 153 and 154 of the Railways Act, 1989.

Officials have noted that many incidents involve **minors playing near railway tracks**, often treating it as a prank. Such actions can cause serious **injury to passengers and damage the railway assets**. To prevent such incidents, the Chennai Division has implemented the following measures:

- **Increased patrolling** in identified risky areas.
- **Raising awareness** through schools, pamphlets, and community talks.
- **Installation of warning boards** near vulnerable track locations.
- **Encouraging passengers and locals** to report suspicious activity.
- **Educating parents and guardians** to ensure children stay away from railway tracks.
- **Monitoring hotspots** using CCTV or mobile surveillance where possible.

Stone pelting is a punishable offence and **strict legal action** will be taken without exception. Parents and guardians are urged to ensure children do not play near railway tracks. Passengers and the public are requested to remain vigilant and report any stone-pelting incidents or suspicious activities to the **Railway Helpline at 139**.

The Chennai Division emphasizes that **passenger safety is its highest priority**, and sustained enforcement along with public cooperation is essential for safe and uninterrupted train operations.

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