



दक्षिण रेलवे/**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**
चेन्नै मंडल/**CHENNAI DIVISION**

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STOP BURNING OF GARBAGE NEAR RAILWAY TRACKS:
CHENNAI DIVISION APPEALS TO PUBLIC

Chennai Division of Southern Railway has issued a strong appeal to the general public and commuters to refrain from activities that may lead to fire hazards along railway tracks, particularly during the summer season.

In recent times, instances of burning dumped garbage and dry vegetation near railway lines have been observed. Such actions pose a serious risk to railway safety and operations. Authorities have cautioned that the intense heat and smoke generated from such fires can severely damage high-tension Overhead Equipment (OHE) wires and sensitive signaling systems, potentially leading to disruption of train services and endangering passenger safety.

Chennai Division emphasizes that even a minor act of negligence can result in significant consequences. The public is specifically advised:

- Not to throw dry leaves, plastic waste or other flammable materials near railway tracks.
- Not to discard any ignitable items in railway areas.
- To strictly avoid burning garbage or waste near railway premises.

Such activities are prohibited and punishable under relevant provisions of the Railway Act.

Chennai Division urges citizens to actively cooperate in maintaining a safe and clean railway environment and to report any such unsafe practices to the nearest railway authorities.

Chennai Division of Southern Railway remains committed to ensuring safe, reliable and efficient train operations and seeks the continued support of the public in safeguarding railway infrastructure.

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