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**CHENNAI DIVISION ISSUES URGENT PUBLIC APPEAL AGAINST
STONE PELTING ON TRAINS; WARNS OF STRICT LEGAL ACTION**

Chennai Division of Southern Railway issues a strong appeal to the general public following recent incidents of stone pelting on moving trains. Such unlawful acts pose a serious threat to passenger safety, endanger railway staff, cause damage to railway property and disrupt train services.

Stone pelting is a grave safety hazard. Stones thrown at moving trains can shatter window panes, resulting in serious injuries and potential permanent harm to passengers, including children and senior citizens. These incidents also create fear and distress among commuters.

The public is hereby informed that stone pelting is a punishable offence under the Railways Act, 1989:

Section 152: Throwing stones or any object at a train with intent to cause harm is punishable with imprisonment which may extend up to ten years or even life imprisonment.

Section 154: Acts endangering the safety of passengers are punishable with imprisonment and/or fine.

Parents, teachers and social activists residing near railway tracks are requested to counsel and sensitize children and youth regarding the serious consequences of such acts. Community participation is essential in preventing these incidents.

Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) have intensified patrolling in vulnerable locations across the Chennai Division. Surveillance through CCTV and other monitoring mechanisms has been strengthened to identify and take action against offenders.

Passengers and members of the public are requested to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity near railway tracks to the Railway Helpline 139.

Chennai Division of Southern Railway reiterates its commitment to ensuring safe and secure travel for all passengers. Cooperation of the public is essential in safeguarding lives and railway property.

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