



INDIAN RAILWAY TECHNICAL SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION

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THE GENERAL MANAGER Southern Railway

Respected Sir

Sub: Facilities for the staff working during COVID-19 pandemic.

- 1) Indian Railways Technical Supervisors Association (IRTSA), Southern Railway Zone extends its fullest support and cooperation to Southern Railway in its all-out effort to during COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2) Technical Supervisors & Employees of Southern Railways are working on the forefront risking their lives to keep freight & parcel services operational for ensuring uninterrupted supply of essential commodities and running of passenger specials to transport stranded people from various parts of the country. Apart from these activities, Staff of Southern Railways have taken up many special tasks in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3) In some of the areas particularly in Chennai where pandemic is spreading at higher rates precautionary measures taken by the Administration are found to be graciously inadequate. Your immediate intervention is solicited in providing following facilities, particularly for the staff working in places like BBQ, GSN, TNPM Depot/yard, MAS/MS platform, C&W work shop, Loco works, Electric & Diesel loco sheds, etc
- 4) **Following PPE kit may please be provided once in a week to all staff**
 - a. Hand sanitizer bottle
 - b. Hand wash soap
 - c. Face Mask
 - d. Hand glove
 - e. **N95 mask may be supplied for staff working in coaching depots having more risk of infection.**
- 5) **To increase the immunity power of the employees following actions may please be initiated**
 - a. Serving "Kabasura Kudineer" (herbal drink recommended by Govt of Tamil Nadu) to all employees.
 - b. Supply of vitamin and iron tablets
- 6) **To prevent the disease from spreading following facilities may please be arranged immediately in adequate quantity at the respective work places**

- a. Touch free soap/sanitizer dispensers and hand wash.
 - b. 100% thermal scanning.
- 7) **Disinfection**
- a. Disinfection may be done daily in all work places.
 - b. All rakes may be disinfected before taken up for maintenance. Under gear & pit lines need to disinfected with special care for every rake maintenance, because of presence of human waste and other hazards wastes.
- 8) **PCR Test for Southern Railway Staff:** Arrangements may please be made for conducting PCR test for all the staff of Southern Railway, particularly for the staff working in places mentioned in para-3.
- a. To begin with 10% of staff may be identified for the testing based on their age, health conditions, residential place, work environment, etc.
 - b. All staff who attend duty daily and staff of pit line maintenance may be tested 100%.
- 9) **More number of workmen specials:** Workmen specials operated between AJJ & MAS and back are very much inadequate and it is not possible to maintain social distancing inside the train. The situation becomes still worse when more number of staff are required to attend duty after the introduction of Shramik trains. Hence more number of workmen special may please be operated with EMUs.
- 10) Actions initiated by Southern Railway Administration will boost the morale of all employees and Technical Supervisors.

Thank you

Yours' truly



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Copy for kind information and necessary action

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