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To  
**The General Manager,  
Southern Railway,  
Chennai.**

Sir/Madam,

**Sub : Implementation of safety device of Rakshak in Southern Railway for Trackmen – reg.**

Ref : 1) Rly. Bd. Lr.NFIR/PNM No. 2017/Transf.cell/Civil/03 dated 05.02.2018.  
2) NFIR PNM Sub. No. 4/2017.

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- 1) It is sad to mention that Shri. K.B Prasad (TM-II/Pway/PVRD) keyman run over and killed while on duty on 02/08/2019.
- 2) Another keyman named Sri.Karthick TPJ division was runover and killed while performing duty on 07.08.2019.

Incident by incident taking place, but administration has not taken any tangible action for provision of "Rakshak" (the early Train alarming instrument) for Railway Employees. NFIR had already shown the demonstration and also placed agenda in the Railway Board PNM and discussed under Sub. No. 4/2017 and secured Railway Board order vide Lr. No. 2017/Transf.cell/Civil/03 dated 05.02.2018 for provision of safety device (Rakshak).

There has been no instrument to know about train movement for Railway employees who are working at Tracks, especially for Track Maintainers. Employees while working on tracks, their concentration is pre-occupied on their job. Immediate arrangement of providing safety "Rakshak" device should be done at the earliest to avoid such death, since they are patrolling in the poor visibilities, bridges, curves etc.

So kindly initiate immediate steps to introduce "Rakshak" in Southern Railway to save the lives of Track Maintainers.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(P.S.Suriyaprakasam)  
**JGS/NFIR & GS/SRES**

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2) PCPO/S.Rly.  
3) DRM of MAS, TPJ, MDU, PGT, TVC & SA.  
4) GS/NFIR, for kind information and he is requested to take action at appropriate level.