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To
**The Principal Chief Electrical Engineer,
Southern Railway,
Chennai.**

**The Divisional Railway Managers,
Trichirapalli / Madurai Division,
Southern Railway,
Trichirapalli / Madurai.**

Sir,

Sub : Synopsis of problems facing by AC Coach Accompanying Staff of TPJ/MDU – reg.

It is represented that the AC Coach accompanying staff are experiencing much hardship due to the following problems while accompanying in the AC coach.

- 1) Intercity Express leaving for TVC from TPJ at 7.10 hrs and reaching TVC 15.30 hrs.
 - From TVC the same coach leaves at 17.30 hrs and reaching Guruvayur next day at 1.00 am and again leaving morning 3.15 hrs and reaching at TVC 10.10 hrs. Again the same coach starts from TVC 11.45 hrs and reaching TPJ at 20.00 hrs.
 - Totally two days and one night journey. Total working hours is 39 hrs.
 - The AC coach accompanying staff was not provided any seating arrangements. During the journey time they have to stand in front of toilets/doors only. Many passengers use to entrain and detrain.
- 2) Uzhavan Express leaves from Tanjavur at 21.40 hrs reaching Chennai at 4.30 am, the same coach leaves from Chennai for Rameswaram at 19.15 hrs and reaching Rameswaram at 8.30 am. The same coach again leaves from Rameswaram at 17.00 hrs and reaching Chennai 7.30 hrs. Again the same coach leaving for TJ from Chennai at 22.30 hrs and reaching TJ next day morning. Totally four nights journey.

After working the above train the accompanying staff are not allowed to stay back in the coaches for the past 10 days by Rameswaram Supervisors. They have to leave the coaches. No accommodation was arranged at Rameswaram and Chennai. Hitherto the accompanying staff were allowed to stay in the coaches as per the instructions of the CE / HQRS.

While accompanying there was no provision in the seating arrangements. The Entire journey they have to stand in front of toilets / doors. No place to keep the belongings, cables, log books etc.

- 3) Similarly the accompanying staff facing the same problem while working Mannargudi to Bhagat Ki Kothi Express.
- 4) Madurai division AC coach accompanying staff while working the Cholan / Rockfort / Pandiyan Express are facing similar problems.

We therefore request you to kindly take necessary action to mitigate the hardship of the accompanying staff for their peaceful working.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to : DP & DS of TPJ & MDU Division.