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To

**The Chief Engineer,
Track Machine Organisation,
Southern Railway,
Chennai.**

Sir,

Sub : Precautionary measure to control Corona Virus – Covid 19.

You are well aware about the Corona Virus spreading very fast in India. In Southern Railway, Kerala is most affected area where number of Corona affected cases started reporting and many Schools, Colleges, Malls, institutions have closed. Even government buses are in skeleton service. Now our track machines numbering 20 and some of Madurai & also Salem Machines are also working at Kerala area. 150 staff are engaged for the working of above machines.

This epidemic is controlled by precaution as there is no medicine available, we are in crucial stage and every day the affecting trend is increasing. As 800 staff are working in the Track Machine Organisation, almost all are working in outstations away from family, they have to remain in the machines for hours together. Since they are staying in outstations, they have to go out for their food, now they are unable to get even food and also they have to travel up and down all along to report for duty. So we request you to kindly supply mask, sanitizer/soap, etc to the employees for precautions.

In view of the above, we therefore request you to kindly take necessary action to divert the above machines temporarily to other areas, atleast we can able to take some precautionary steps. The next 15 to 20 days are very crucial. We hope we defeat the virus by taking precautions as suggested by our Government of India and also WHO.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(P.S.Suriyaprakasam)
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