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To
The Principal Chief Engineer,
Southern Railway,
Chennai.

Respected Sir,

Sub : Adhering of Railway Board instructions to contain Covid-19.

Time and again Railway Board have been issuing instructions to all category staff to adopt preventive measure of isolation, but it seems many Track Maintainers of Nagercoil and also other depot staff were called for duties (at Kanniyakumari, nearby Nagercoil three people died due to Covid-19). Yesterday all AXENs of Track Machine Organization gave instructions to SSE & staff to operate the machines otherwise they will be taken up under DAR action.

You are aware that there is no transport facilities, already Curfew / 144 was imposed, total lockdown has been implemented, social distance to be maintained to avoid community spread. All the hotels, shops etc., were closed, even employees did not get drinking water. It is pertinent to mention that no proper mask, sanitizer supplied to our Track Machine staff and also Track Maintainers.

Now, we are facing very crucial stage, next 3 – 4 days are very important days (incubation) to avoid community spread.

NFIR / SRES therefore requests you to kindly take necessary action to prevent community spread and maintain social distance, otherwise our country may become like Italy.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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