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To
**The Divisional Railway Manager,
Madurai Division,
Southern Railway,
Madurai.**

Sir,

**Sub : Opening of Administrative office and depots over Southern Railway – reporting
for duty.**

Ref : PBC 58/20 & PCPO letter dated 02.05.2020.

It is represented that the Supervisors of C&W / Rameswaram gave instruction to their staff to attend duties in two shifts i.e. 06.00 to 14.00 hrs & 14.00 to 22.00 hrs. You are aware that the lockdown period was extended upto 17.05.2020, there were no transport system, the movement of public rigidly restricted, there were no Shops / Hotels. Since the depot is situated in very remote / island place, staff have to commute on their own vehicles atleast 30 to 40 kms.

The two shifts do not suit many employees, after second shift duty 22.00 hrs it is very difficult to go back to their home. It is also noticed that some of staff are in Red Zone (hotspot area) are also called for duty. Though there was clear instruction under above reference that pregnant women employees, employees who are suffering from cancer, cardio problems, diabetes who are under immune suppressive medication, who crossed 50 yrs need not called for duty. The duty staff who are called should be supplied with safety kit of 3 layer mask, sanitizer, gloves, etc. Everyday morning before starting the work all the depots should be disinfected and all other safety precautions to be followed.

The duty hours should be 10.00 to 17.00 hrs to enable employees to come on their own vehicles and go back home due to restriction of movement, police imposing punishment of fine / arrest. Many employees want a Workmen's Special Train (engine with 2 coaches) likewise of TVC & MAS division.

The employees also do not want to stay at home for quite long period, though they are willing to come to duty the Covid-19 pandemic situation compels them to stay at home.

Therefore, NFIR/SRES request you to kindly consider and take necessary action please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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JGS/NFIR & GS/SRES