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To

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

Respected Sir,

**Sub : Hardship facing by on duty staff during Pandemic situation.**

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The following are brought to your kind notice for your consideration and necessary action please. CWMs of LW / CW and Supervisors of Openline, Depots have issued instructions to their staff to report duty.

The staff of Chennai Division and CW / LW have represented that the Workmen Special Trains of all three directions are very much inconvenience ie. limited stopping, timings, non-stopping at LW, CW, Perambur Basin Bridge, etc., where good number of staff are working. In this connection, NFIR/SRES represented to DRM/MAS on 02.04.2020 & 07.4.2020, now CWM / CW / PER had written letter dated 08.05.2020 (copy enclosed for ready reference) to revise the timings of Workmen Special and stoppage. Women employees are reaching home late hours at 23.00 hrs. As such it is requested to operate the Workmen Special train as suggested by CWM & Depot Officers of Sr.DME / DSL / TNP, ADME / TNP, CDO / BBQ and DME / GSN. Trivandrum and Palaghat divisions are running Workmen Special Trains on their workers convenient. But Chennai Division despite requests the timings have not changed.

In the pandemic Covid-19 situation and virus spreading rapidly, the essential staff however managing to come for duty. Many workspots have not disinfected, wash rooms are in very bad shape, it should be cleaned frequently.

There is a clear instruction under PBC 58/2020 PCPO letter dated 2.5.2020 that the staff who are suffering from Cardio problems, diabetes, BP, Cancer who are under immune suppressive medication who crossed 55 yrs and pregnant women employees need not be called. It is requested once again to be followed meticulously by respective depots / shops.

Therefore, NFIR/SRES requests you to kindly take necessary action please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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