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

**Sir,**

**Sub : Preventive measures to contain the spread of Covid 19 – reopening of EMU / Carshed and Inspection Shed / AVD.**

Ref : 1. District collector / TRL Lr. Dated 07.02.2020.  
2. Tashildhar / AVD Lr. Dated 12.05.2020.  
3. Sr.DEE/RS/AVD Lr. Dated 12.05.2020.

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It is represented that the staff of Carshed / AVD experienced much hardship due to non-compliance of the above Collector / Tashildhar order despite assurance given.

1. Supervisor gave instructions to their staff to report for duty eventhough they are in Red Zone / containment area.
2. Employees are reporting for duty with great difficulties (ie. without any transport and other arrangements / facilities).
3. At the entry point there were no proper preventive checks.
4. A symptom which causing a major problem even thermal scanning did not show any virus infection of Covid-19.
5. Frequent using materials which carrying spreading of virus Covid-19 some mechanism to be evolved to contain spreading of virus.
6. Disinfecting the workshop premises to be done frequently all the employees should be supplied with 3 layer mask (everyday) and with sanitizer.

7. The nature of work makes difficult for physical distance while testing, assembling and carrying the heavy load equipments. Distancing is unfeasible, wearing gloves at the time of greasing, observing the parts with hands, handling of some tools etc., is not feasible.
8. The employees do not want to stay at home for quite a long period (50 days), though they are willing to come for duty, but they are scarred only rapid spreading of Covid-19 and the strict (rigid) & restriction of movement by Police due to curfew / lockdown.
9. As far as shops outturn is concerned, no burden of back log would be noticed as the parameter for POH remains on the basis of running kilometers of coaches rather than time duration. Hence there is no subject of emerging POH in such a position of coaches absolutely stopping from service since lockdown.

NFIR/SRES therefore requesting you to kindly take necessary action please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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**JGS/NFIR & GS/SRES**