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

Sir,

**Sub : Hardship experiencing by Track Machine Staff due to moving of machine  
to other states.**

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It is represented that staff of Track Machine staff numbering more than 10 staff went from Chennai to Vanchi Maniachi to work the machine on the instruction of their Supervisors. But State Authority did not allow to work the machine, all of them were took to quarantine for 12 days. The employees do not have proper clothing, money, etc as they did not expect 12 days quarantine. Their family of the above employees were totally upset and scared about the sudden development. We however counseled the employees and their family.

Now, Madurai Divisional machine No. CSM 962 with staff were instructed to move to Gudur which comes under AP state. You are fully aware that proper permission is required for moving from one district to another district. But the above machine to be moved to other state without any valid permission obtained from the local Collector. When good number of staff of Mechanical, Traffic, Engineering went from Kasarcode area to Mangalore by Workmen Train, after alighting at MAQ station all the employees were took by local Police to the hospital for check up and they were detained at MAQ for 12 days quarantine. Already system needs more manpower to attend the Rolling stock, but the very purpose have got defeated. The moving of machine from MDU to Gudur for working in the other state areas which requires work permit, otherwise employees will be summoned to take away for quarantine. Movement is restricted by respective State Police.

In view of the above it is not advisable to move the staff with machine to other state / boundary, as Chennai is more vulnerable Red Zone

Therefore we request you to kindly consider the above and take appropriate action please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(P.S.Suriyaprakasam)  
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