

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

No. U/P.694/Notice Board/MDU/2026

Divisional Office
Personnel Branch,
Madurai, dt.21.05.26

ALL CONCERNED
Madurai Division

**Sub: Regulation of Pasting of Posters and Display of Notices in
Railway Premises – Strict Compliance – Reg.**

Ref: 1. This Office letters No. U/P.694/Union/Policy/2019 dt.15.11.2019, 24.11.2020
2. No.U/P.694/Union/Policy/2022 dt.13.12.2022,
3. No. U/P.694/Notices/Letters dt.08.03.2023 and
4. No. U/P.694/Notice Board/MDU/2025 dt.15.04.2025.

1. Attention of all Recognised and Unrecognised Trade Unions/Associations and their office bearers is drawn to the instructions issued from time to time, as cited in the references above, regarding the pasting of posters, banners, flex boards and wall writings in Railway premises. Despite repeated circulars, it has been observed that posters, banners, flex boards and Thatti boards continue to be pasted/erected in undesignated locations across the Madurai Division, spoiling the aesthetic appearance of Railway premises and creating a shabby look. This practice is in direct contravention of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras (Madurai Bench) in W.P.(MD) No. 6260/2019 and subsequent orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
2. All Recognised Trade Unions and Associations are permitted to display notices, hand bills and other union materials **only on the Notice Boards** specifically allotted/provided for the purpose at Stations, Office buildings and Depots. Notice Boards have been provided at prominent places, easily accessible to employees and the travelling public. All concerned are strictly directed to confine display of notices to these allotted Notice Boards only. Pasting of posters, banners or any material in any other place within Railway premises is **strictly prohibited**.
3. In terms of the Indian Railways (Penalties for Activities Affecting Cleanliness at Railway Premises) Rules, 2012 framed under the **Railways Act, 1989**, any person found pasting posters, writing on walls, or erecting flex boards/Thatti boards in undesignated areas of Railway premises renders himself/herself liable to penalty. Further, under Section 163 of the Railways Act, 1989, the Railway Administration is empowered to take necessary action for maintenance of Railway property and removal of unauthorized encroachments and displays. Action under the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1966 may also be invoked as appropriate.
4. In the event of non-compliance, the following course of action shall be taken without any further notice:
 - (a) A fine of **Rs. 500/-** per poster/flex board/Thatti board shall be imposed irrespective of its size.
 - (b) Cost of removal, cleaning and restoration of the defaced premises shall be recovered from the salary of the office bearer(s) of the concerned Union/Association responsible.
 - (c) Disciplinary action shall be initiated against the offenders at the divisional level who are responsible for unauthorized display of material in Railway premises.
5. All Station Supervisors and Depot In-charges of all Departments are directed to bring these instructions to the notice of every employee working under their control, under clear acknowledgement. They are further directed to submit a monthly report to the Personnel Branch regarding any posters found pasted outside designated Notice Boards, along with

photographs, to enable recovery action. Supervisors who fail to report such instances shall also be held liable.

6. "Stick No Bills" stickers shall be prominently displayed at all Railway buildings and premises across the Madurai Division to discourage unauthorized pasting. All posters/wall writings found in undesignated or unauthorized spaces shall be removed immediately to maintain cleanliness and the aesthetic appearance of Railway premises.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Compliance shall be ensured strictly and any violation will be viewed seriously.

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All Branch Officers – for information and necessary action please.
DSC/MDU – For information and necessary action please.
All ADENs/MDU Divn – For information and necessary action
IPF/DRM office outpost/MDU – For information and necessary action.
All SSEs/JEs/Works, All Depot Supervisors – For information and necessary action.
All CSWIs/SWIs, All Ch.OSs/Bills/PB – for information and necessary action
Website / Notice Board