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Talking loudly on phone inside trains may land you in jail for 6 months

CHENNAI – 21 Nov, 2026 Indian Railways has warned passengers that talking loudly on the phone or playing music on speaker mode inside trains may attract a fine of up to Rs 1,000 and imprisonment for up to six months. On Friday, Eastern Railway has issued instructions to all its divisions to prevent noise-related nuisance at stations and inside trains, following directions from the Railway Board.

The zonal railway has advised passengers not to play music or videos on their mobile phones using speaker mode, make loud or prolonged phone calls, or keep their ringtone volume too high. Such activities can disturb fellow passengers, particularly those travelling in AC coaches.

"Passengers have been advised to refrain from playing music or videos on mobile phones in speaker mode, engaging in loud or prolonged telephone conversations,



and keeping mobile phones on high-volume ringtones. Such activities often cause inconvenience to fellow passengers and disturb the peaceful atmosphere in railway compartments, particularly in AC coaches," the ER said in a statement.

According to Eastern Railway, passengers creating a nuisance may face action under Section 145 of the Railways Act, 1989, as amended.