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SUB:MAINTENANCE:- Fitment of larger capacity HSD oil tanks to the Buses operating on Inter State routes  
- Certain instructions issued - Reg

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The Buses operating on Inter State route are topping up HSD oil at the Depots of other State Transport Undertakings basing on the need. We are paying cost of HSD oil along with 10% service charges to neighbouring State Transport Undertakings as per the claims duly following the existing guidelines.

On review of the above aspect, due to the steep & regular increase in cost of HSD oil during the last one year it is noticed that we are paying huge amounts to other State Transport Undertakings as service charges in addition to high cost of HSD oil topped up.

The above issue was examined in detail and it is felt that this can be minimised by providing bigger capacity HSD oil tanks to the Buses operating on Inter State routes to avoid topping up of HSD oil at the Depots of other STUs.

It is also noted that some Depots have already provided bigger capacity HSD oil tanks to their Buses operating on Inter State routes.

At present the Vehicles are supplied with 165 ltrs capacity by M/s Ashok Leyland and 250 Ltrs by M/s Telco as a standard fitment.

There is no possibility to increase further capacity in Telco Vehicles since it is already a tank with bigger Capacity of 250 Ltrs as standard fitment. The capacity of HSD oil tank in Ashok Leyland Vehicles can be increased by fitment of bigger capacity tank duly fabricated by ZWS concerned.

The extension of diesel tank at Depots has to be

carried out with utmost care & by taking necessary precautions. If the diesel in the tank to be welded is not totally drained & flushed with water to expel vapours of diesel, welding may result in explosion & cause serious injuries to persons. Hence it is opined that the activity of extension of tanks to a bigger capacity shall be carried out at Zonal Workshops where this activity can be carried out under strict supervision duly following the precautions.

Hence, the following guide lines are issued for implementation.

- 1) Identify the Vehicles operating on Inter State routes in each Depot which require top up in other STUs on account of long route lengths.
- 2) Place a requisition on the Zonal Workshop for supply.
- 3) The ZWS shall utilise the serviceable HSD oil tanks for fabrication of bigger capacity diesel tanks of 250 Ltrs capacity & supply to Depots.
- 4) All precautions shall be taken at ZWS to prevent any untoward incidents.
- 5) After fitment of larger capacity HSD oil tanks, the DMs shall ensure topping up of HSD oil at the border APSRTC Depots also enroute for both up and down journeys to minimise topping up of HSD oil at the Depots of other STUs.

All Works Managers of Leyland Workshops are advised to ensure fabrication of bigger capacity HSD oil tanks and supply to the Depots as per the indent placed by the Depots immediately.

All the Depot Managers are advised to follow the above guide lines with immediate effect to minimise topping up of HSD oil at the Depots of other STUs.

All Regional Managers and Divisional Managers are advised to ensure fitment of bigger capacity HSD oil tanks to the Vehicles operating on Inter State routes immediately.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the Circular.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR