



ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Lr No. OP4/COVID(01)/2021-MED

O/o the VC&MD,
RTC House,VJA,
Dt. 29.04.2021.

To

All Executive Directors (zone) &
All Regional Managers,
A.P.S.R.T.C.

Sub: COVID- Reiteration of instructions on maintenance and operation of buses in view of sudden surge in covid cases- Reg.

- Ref: 1. This office letter no. OP4/COVID(01)/2020-MED dated 24.03.2020
2. Lr no .OP4/CVOID(02)/2020-MED dated 20.05.2020, 22.05.2020 , 01.06.2020, 24.9.2020 & 22.04.2021
3. G.O RT no. 175 Health, Medical & family welfare (B2) department, dated 26.04.2021
4. Lr no. T1/535(07)/2020-OPD-T, dated 27.04.2021 of ED(O)

In view of sudden surge in Covid cases, the movement of public is drastically fallen resulting in curtailment of operations. Further the Govt of AP also advised vide GO cited at 3rd reference to operate buses only with 50% of registered seating capacity duly maintaining social distance and taking all precautions as per covid protocol. Accordingly ED(O) vide reference 4th cited issued instructions on operation of buses.

As the Covid cases are spreading widely and exponentially, it is the need of the hour to take all precautions as per covid protocol to contain the spread of covid. Further as many buses will be held up idle at depots due to low demand and proper precautions are to be taken to keep all the buses in condition. Since the buses are available at garage, minor repairs and upkeep improvement can also be taken up.

Though clear instructions were given vide references 1st & 2nd cited during the first wave of corona in 2020, proper care was not taken by the maintenance staff giving scope for occurrence of some fire incidents and early failure of batteries resulting in huge financial burden on the corporation. ***NSP depot bus AP37Z0230 got burnt due to short circuit and the exact reason for the incident could not be fixed since the main wiring harness was completely burnt. This was clearly failure of maintenance staff in taking precautions with regard to disconnecting the battery cables of idle vehicles. Further, proper care was not taken to keep the batteries in bench charging resulting in failure of batteries at low life resulted in shortage of batteries and running of the buses in push start condition for many days since the firms also failed to make supplies on time due to lock down of the firms.***

Hence, instructions on maintenance of buses are once again reiterated as here under for strict compliance:

- Buses shall be utilised under rotation basis so that all buses will be in condition at all times
- Battery cut off switch shall be kept off for all idle buses besides removing the battery cable
- All the battery chargers shall be kept in working condition
- The batteries of idle buses shall be kept in bench charging to avoid battery cells discharging
- Care to be taken not to spray Sodium hypochlorite solution on ignition key & ECU area
- Long idle buses shall be moved from the parked position from time to time to avoid tyre damage
- For AC buses kept idle, the bus shall be kept in running with Ac put on weekly once for 15 minutes to keep the system in condition and avoid leakage of refrigerant gas.
- Every bus shall be despatched only after disinfecting and care to be taken to disinfect the buses in the middle of service also or at the other end bus station.
- Arrange for inspection of the buses in true spirit as per the checklist communicated vide Ir no OP2/621(1)/2020-MED dated 10.08.2020 and attend the defects identified.
- Leg operated non contact type hand sanitizers to be kept in condition
- All preventive maintenance activities i.e Sch 2,3,4, Oils and filter changes shall be carried out without any backlog
- As the operations are less and kms operated are less, the available man power may be utilised for improving the upkeep of buses i.e attending minor body repairs, body dents , upholstery items and painting.
- PVG and EXP 3 seater to be ear marked 'X' to facilitate social distancing

Hence, all Executive Directors(Zones) and Regional Managers are requested to implement these guidelines without any deviation and see that all buses are maintained in good condition.


29/4/21
Executive Director(E)

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