

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION



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Office of the VC & MD
Mushirabad, Hyderabad-20

CIRCULAR NO.11 /2006-OPD©, Dt.26-3-2006

Sub:- **ACCIDENTS** – Spurt in accidents – Need to contain the accidents – Instructions / guidelines to be followed – Regarding.

Ref:- Circular No.22/2005-OPD©, Dt.3.9.2005.

Comprehensive instructions were issued vide the Circular cited, on the steps to be taken to ensure safety on roads by minimizing the road accidents by our vehicles.

In spite of the specific instructions to contain the no.of accidents, it is observed from a review of accidents that occurred up to the month of January, 2006, that as many as 728 fatal accidents have occurred involving our vehicles, resulting in to the death of 913 passengers and other road users. It is found that most of these accidents are due to gross negligence and lack of anticipation on the part of our drivers, which could have been averted, had the drivers taken a little more precaution, while driving or reversing the vehicles.

It need not be emphasized that human life is very precious and loss of it, due to road accidents causes untold misery to the kith and kin of the deceased and the entire family will be shattered, if the deceased person happened to be the Bread winner.

Some of the fatal / major accidents that occurred in the recent months are illustrated hereunder:

- (1) On 31-1-2006 at 17.15 Hrs. the Bus of Kurnool-2 depot collided Head-on with the Bus of Adoni depot near Karivepakuthota, 5 KMs. away from Yemmiganur, resulting in instantaneous death of 4 persons, including Sri G.Shivanna, driver of Kurnool-2 depot apart from injuries to 7 passengers. In preliminary enquiry, it is learnt that the accident took place owing to rash and negligent driving of Sri G.Shivanna, who had become the victim of his own deed.

- (2) At about 23.00 hrs on 17.3.2006, the bus AP10Z-203 of Nellore-II depot, Crushed to death, a person sleeping on the road, while the driver Sri. K.Basha C.no. 49106 was reversing the bus at Mypadu T.B.
- (3) In another accident that took place at about 8.30 A.M. on 21.3.2006, near Pregnapur, the express buses of Godavarikhani and Siddipet depots collided Head-on with each other in broad day light, due to rash driving and lack of control, resulting in death of 4 persons which include drivers of the both the buses, & Dy.Supt. (Mech.) of Siddipet depot and a lady passenger. As per the first-hand information received, the accident occurred because of the sheer negligence of Sri N. Raju E.318402 driver of Godavarikhani depot.
- (4) In an accident that occurred at 11.30 hrs. on 21.3.2006 at Warangal Bus station, Sri N.Bala raju E. 675400 driver of Nizamabad -I depot while Reversing the bus, dashed against a person, as a result of which, the left leg of the person was crushed and his condition is very critical.

The manner in which these accidents are taking place gives an impression that the Field Managers have failed in bringing awareness among the Driving Community on the need to follow safety measures, while driving the vehicles on roads. It also indicates that the fatal accidents, and resultant loss of precious human lives, are being viewed very casually and the erring drivers are not being punished suitably to deter other Drivers from involving in such accidents.

Therefore the following instructions are reiterated for strict compliance by the Depot Managers, which shall be looked into invariably by the higher ups, during their periodical inspection of the Depots.

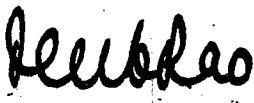
- **While taking the bus in reverse, the driver has to take the help of the service conductor / attendant / cooli, and only after ensuring that nobody is standing / sitting on the rear side of vehicle or on either sides, the driver should reverse the vehicle.**
- **Responsibility has to be fixed on conductors also when such accidents take place such as passengers getting crushed under wheels of buses, while reversing or alighting from moving buses or for permitting roof top travel etc.,**
- **It shall be ensured that the drivers take sufficient rest at rest rooms. Checks shall be exercised periodically on rest rooms by Supervisors / TTIs, to ensure that the crew do not indulge in undesirable activities like gambling, playing cards etc., with out taking sufficient rest during the rest period before proceeding on duty.**

- All the DMs are advised to identify the drivers who are accident prone based on their past record and those who do not possess clean driving habits and they shall be drafted for rigorous training at ZSTCs concerned.
- Breath alcoholic analyzer tests shall be conducted at random on the drivers in depots / Bus Stations by the Enforcement Squads. If the driver is found to be driving the bus in a drunken condition, stringent action shall be taken against such driver.

The DVMs shall invariably verify the accident records of each and every depot under their control during their periodical inspection of the Depots and ensure that the DMs are following the guidelines/instructions in toto in dealing with the fatal and major accidents and review the disciplinary actions taken against drivers involved in fatal accidents.

In future, if it is found that the no. of fatal and major accidents record an increasing trend in any of the depots, it will be viewed as the inefficiency of the Depot Manager concerned and he/she will be dealt with suitably.

Please acknowledge.


**VICE CHAIRMAN &
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

To

**All Depot Managers,
A.P.S.R.T.C.**

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Copy to : all HODs/Head office for information.

Copy to : all RMs for information

Copy to : all Divisional Managers – for infn. & n/action.

Copy to : all Principals of Zonal Staff Training Colleges for information.

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