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Sub: ACCIDENTS - Growing incidence of accidents
at Railway Level Crossings involving Corporation
Vehicles - Instructions - Reg.

- Ref: 1. Circular No. 36/94 OPD(C) Dt. 14-07-1994.
2. Circular No. 32/96 OPD(C) Dt. 10-05-1996.
3. Circular No. 73/96 OPD(C) Dt. 24-12-1996.
4. Circular No. 38/97 OPD(C) Dt. 01-11-1997.

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You are aware that a Major accident took place involving AP92-31 of Miryalasuda Depot with Train Engine at Bothalapaalem Un Manned Railway Level Crossing about 08.00 hrs. on 25-09-1998 resulting in death of 19 Bus passengers and injuries to 35 persons.

Instructions were earlier issued vide Circulars cited on enlightenment of the drivers about the steps to be taken for prevention of accidents. Despite issue of specific instructions, drivers and conductors continue to be negligent while going through Un-manned Railway Level Crossings and no serious attention is being paid on this important aspect.

A Committee had been constituted by APSRTC Consisting of Sri P Arjuna Executive Director(E) and Sri A.H.N. Bhaktha, Chief Traffic Manager to enquire into the circumstances and causes that led to the occurrence of the accident and make recommendations to improve Safety.

Based on the suggestions and recommendations made by the Committee the following instructions are reiterated for strict implementation.

1 CONDUCTOR RELATED DUTY

a) The Conductor shall get down the bus and checkup for the on-coming Trains in both directions at each unmanned Railway level crossing and then only allow the driver to start the bus. The Conductors performing duties on such Routes, at the outset shall be counselled suitably by the Chief Inspector / Senior Traffic Inspector of the Depot.

b) The details of unmanned railway level crossings in the Depot jurisdiction shall be noted in MTD-141 Card along with steps to be taken for safe manoeuvring of such crossing. The Depot Managers shall ensure endorsement in all the MTD-141 Cards where the unmanned railway level crossings are located for strict observance of Safety Instructions by the Conductors.

2 DRIVER RELATED DUTY

The driver of the bus must stop the bus to enable the Conductor to get down or make the Conductor get down and check up for the on-coming trains in both directions and should not move the bus until Conductor gives clearance. To this effort the Drivers performing duties on such routes shall be counselled by the Chief Inspector / Senior Traffic Inspector of the Depot.

3 DRIVER'S INSTRUCTION CARD:

Circular instructions do exist that Depot Managers shall prepare the route Maps of night services and long distance services and display them in the Depot Traffic Section for general awareness of the crew and that these Maps may also be given to the Drivers from Depots like that of MTD-141 Cards.

Route maps consisting details of unmanned railway level crossings and the precautions to be taken at those crossings shall also be handed over to the drivers along with the Log Sheets, operating on routes where unmanned railway level crossings exist, on par with MTD-141 Cards issued to the Conductors, and to be returned for circulation, after spell of duty by the drivers.

4 DISPLAY OF THE LIST OF UNMANNED RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS:

All Depot Managers shall prepare a list of manned and unmanned railway level crossings under their jurisdiction along with details of actual location and train timings. This list along with map shall be displayed at the control points where the Conductors and drivers report for duty and at all Bus Stations for the information of the crew.

The location and the precautions to be taken by the crew at the unmanned railway level crossings shall also invariably be incorporated in the MTD-141 Cards in RED.

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5 SAFETY INSTRUCTORS:

The Safety Instructors have to inculcate safety consciousness among the drivers. They shall have close watch on the accident prone drivers (drivers involved in major and minor accidents) and also those drivers who have bad driving habits like rash and negligent driving and with lack of anticipation. The Safety Instructors should inculcate discipline of stopping the buses at Unmanned Railway crossings by the drivers such that the message percolates down.

6 DRIVING LICENCE

Drivers shall be appointed only after obtaining confirmation from the Transport Department authorities on the genuineness of their Driving Licences. The system of first issuing appointment orders to the drivers and later sending the driving licences for verification shall be dispensed forthwith.

7 RAILWAY TRACK AND MOVEMENT OF TRAINS:

The Depot Managers/Regional Managers shall identify all such railway level crossings where the visibility of train movement is poor for the road users.

They shall inspect the track at the unmanned railway level crossings under their jurisdiction periodically and note the places where pruning of branches and bush cutting is needed.

The Railway authorities are to be requested to arrange clearance of over-growth of trees and shrubs on both the sides of tracks at all the unmanned railway level crossings which obstruct the view of the train movement to the road users to ensure safety.

This work shall be consistently pursued with the concerned authorities.

8 ~~ROAD SIGNAGE~~ BRAKERS:

Speed breakers are to be arranged on the road on either side of the road to slow down the speed of the vehicles before ~~reaching~~ railway level crossings. The distance ~~of the road~~ from the Railway track shall be decided ~~based on the~~ the road and condition of the road.

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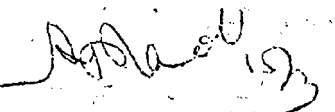
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The Regional Managers/Depot Managers shall contact the local R&B/Panchayat Raj authorities and arrange for laying of speed breakers at all the unmanned railway level crossings under their jurisdiction.

All the Field Managers are hereby advised to follow the above measures to ensure Safety of passengers. Any lapse in compliance of these instructions will be viewed seriously.

Please acknowledge.


VICE CHAIRMAN &
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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All Executive Directors of Zones.
All Regional Managers.
All Depot Managers.

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