

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

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Office of the VC & MD,
Mushirabad, Hyderabad 20

CIRCULAR No.14/2008-OPD(C), dt. 6.6.08.

Sub: **ACCIDENTS**: Growing incidence of accidents by buses of APSRTC - Issue of instructions to avoid accidents - Reg.

- Ref:
1. Circular No. 22/05-OPD(C), dt. 3.9.05.
 2. Circular No. 92/03-OPD(C), dt.18.11.03.
 3. Circular No. 42/03-OPD(C), dt. 5.6.03.
 4. Circular No. 20/99-OPD(C), dt. 27.3.99
 5. Circular No. 37/97- OPD(C), dt.1.11.97

On review of accidents that occurred during the period from Jan'08 to April'08, it is observed that 233 fatal accidents have taken place resulting in death of 45 bus passengers and 236 other road users. In the recent past ghastly accidents have also occurred at various places where no. of deaths are more than four or five **which were prominently highlighted in the daily News Papers and electronic media.** It has been established that most of these accidents occurred on account of negligence of our drivers.

You are aware that loss of human life due to accidents hit the family condition of the bereaved and their lives are shattered to winds, besides denting the image of Corporation in the eyes of public.

Instances have also come to the notice of this office that some of the drivers are driving the vehicles under the influence of Alcohol and resulting in serious fatal / major accidents.

Instructions have been issued vide cir 5th cited on procurement of Breath Alcoholic Analysers and to be put to use at Bus Depots and Bus Stations. Despite these instructions to test the drivers at Depots before proceeding to duty and at Bus Stations, the Field Managers are taking the matters in callous manner.

The following instructions are therefore reiterated once again for strict implementation.

I. Breath Alcoholic Analyser tests:

1. Steps be taken to provide Breath Alcoholic Analysers at all Depots, at important Bus Stations / Traffic Points and to all squads.
2. All Breath Alcoholic Analysers shall be in working condition at any point of time. Repairs be carried out immediately wherever not working for intensive utilisation.
3. **The drivers shall be subjected to the tests at the Depots before proceeding on duty and at the originating bus station, as well as at the enroute Bus Stations / Traffic points to ensure safe driving.**

4. The Controller / designated Supervisor shall conduct the test and make an entry in the log sheet and obtain signature of the Driver concerned in the register to be maintained for this purpose.
5. The Field Managers shall surprise change over points and Rest rooms at frequent intervals to avoid consumption of alcohol in rest rooms.
6. The T T Is of all squads shall also exercise checks enroute to apprehend the drivers in drunken condition.
7. The Depot Managers have to identify the drivers addicted to drugs, alcohol etc and counsel them individually and by calling their family members and explain the consequences of drunkenness.
8. The RMs/DY.CTMs have to check the registers during their inspection of Depots / Bus stations/ enroute Bus Stations / points.

II. General Instructions:

- i) The Depot Managers shall circulate the existing instructions on steps to be taken by the drivers to avert accidents such as speed control, cautious driving, negotiating blind curves, not to drive the vehicle in neutral etc., through pamphlets.
- ii) Depot Managers shall also take following measures.
 - a) The drivers identified as accident prone be subjected to rigorous drilling on safety aspects.
 - b) The Safety Instructors shall follow in the buses of these drivers and maintain the record of their driving habits.
 - c) The DMs shall prepare the list of above 45 yrs drivers and below 45 yrs drivers and direct them for periodical medical examination as per the circular instructions.
 - d) Commensurating punishment to be awarded to the drivers responsible causing fatal and major accidents.
 - e) As a self practice by all drivers ensure recitation of "Bhadratha Sukthi" either aloud or within themselves before proceeding on duty.
 - f) Conduct suitable training classes at the Depots.

All the Depot Managers are advised to adhere to the above instructions. In any of the fatal / major accidents **if the driver is found drunk, severe disciplinary action shall be initiated against the concerned for lack of proper supervision.**


**VICE CHAIRMAN &
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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

Copy to : Director (V&S), FA, CAO; and all EDs - for information.

Copy to : All RMs / HODs for information.

Copy to : All DY.CTMs / DVMs for infmn. & n/action.

Copy to : All Principals of ZSTCs for information.