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Sub:**ROAD SAFETY WEEK**: Observance of '**Zero Accidents Week**'
from 23.7.08 to 29.7.08 – Issue of Instructions – Regarding.
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INTRODUCTION: APSRTC is a single largest State Transport Undertaking in India and also in the world with 20253 buses transporting around 132 lakh passengers, daily with a work force of 1.13 Lakhs.

On review of accidents scenario in the State, it is observed that on average 123 accidents are taking place daily in the State leading to 36 fatalities and injuries to 126 persons.

In APSRTC, on an average 8 accidents are taking place every day resulting in 3 deaths and injuries to 13 persons, besides heavy damage to the buses. The rate of accidents increased from 0.10 in 2004-05 to 0.11 in 2005-06 and in 2007-08, it further increased to 0.12 and same trend is being continued till May '08.

Corporation pays Rs.36 crores per annum towards accidents compensation which is almost equal to total commercial revenue realized per annum. This high accident rate is attracting adverse criticism from press and Electronic media, **besides loss of life of innocent people** and loss of revenue to the Corporation in the form of compensation.

The analysis of accidents reveal that majority of accidents are on account of rash and negligent driving and that too during day time and on plain roads which can be avoided if the drivers are cautious in driving the vehicles and show concern to the human lives.

NEED FOR ORGANISING 'ZERO ACCIDENT WEEK :

Corporation is observing 'Road Safety Week' in the month of January every year at all of the units educating drivers on safety aspects and creating awareness on the importance of Road Safety. Keeping in view the spurt in no. of serious accidents due to gross negligence of drivers, **urgent steps at field level need to be under taken immediately to contain the rate of accidents.** As one of the measures to enlighten the drivers and recapitulate the road safety concepts in the minds of the drivers, it is proposed to organize 'ZERO ACCIDENT WEEK' from 23.7.08 to 29.7.08. **The importance of observing 'Zero Accident Week' is that accidents occurrence should be a rare factor and every precaution be taken to avoid accidents.**

STEPS TAKEN TO COMBAT THE ACCIDENTS:

Corporation has initiated various measures to avert accidents.

1. Refresher training is being imparted to the drivers at Zonal Staff Training Colleges.
2. Posting of Safety Instructors at all Units.
3. The drivers are subjected to medical examination periodically.
4. One day crash training programme to all the drives on behavioral, psychological aspects and on remedies for over coming stress.
5. Safety driving schemes are in vogue in the form of monthly special allowance and yearly road safety awards distributed to the drivers who possess best road safety track record.
6. Recently a separate 'Depot Cash Award Scheme' has been instituted for the Depot Manager and his team of Supervisors to maintain Accident Free Record for six months continuously.

ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDER TAKEN DURING ZERO ACCIDENT WEEK:

AT DEPOT LEVEL:

1. Bhadratha feature film (CDs supplied at all Depots) to be shown to the drivers in batches covering all the drivers in the Depot during the week.
2. Continue to organize sessions on Road Safety at Depot level during lunch / change over time with eminent personalities. The drivers should be explained on miseries experienced by the dependents of the deceased.
3. Continue to give wide Publicity on Road Safety through distribution of pamphlets / Wall Posters / Banners till the conclusion of the week.
4. Medium size cutouts on 'Zero Accident week' from 23rd to 29th July, '08 to be displayed at Bus Depots and Bus Stations.
5. The DMs shall ensure recital of 'Bhadratha Sukthi' by all the drivers before proceeding on duty by what ever means that they may think is better.
6. Continue to check vehicles for effective maintenance with special emphasis on brakes, steering, tyres, lighting system, working condition of passengers door latches (lock) etc.,

7. Ensure payment of 'Safe Driving Allowance' to all eligible drivers with out dues before start of 'Zero week' itself (compulsorily).
8. The DMs/Incharges of the Traffic & Mechanical wings should move on line to check driving habits of the drivers such as over speeding, rash driving, driving in inebriated condition and rest by the crew at Rest Rooms at night halt places.
9. Alcoholic Breath Analyzers shall be put in to best use to check the drivers under the influence of alcohol.
10. The DMs shall ensure that all drivers undergo Periodical Medical check up at APSRTC Hospitals, before commencement of the week it self.
11. Ensure contract drivers are not booked on all express and above type buses.
12. The DMs shall direct one accident prone driver every day to the RM for counseling (with full data of the Driver).

AT REGIONAL LEVEL:

1. RMs shall ensure that the instructions given by the Corporate office are implemented.
2. DY.CMEs to inspect vehicles at Depots on safety aspects of buses.
3. RMs shall ensure that the DY.CTMs / DVMS shall move on the routes to check the driving habits of drivers, facilities at crew rest rooms etc.,
4. RMs shall counsel the accident prone drivers directed by DMs to create awareness amongst the drivers.

AT ZONAL LEVEL:

The EDs of Zones shall visit Depots under their control to participate in the meetings organized at Depot level, interact with DMs, Supervisors, Drivers and mechanical staff to elicit their views on increased accidents and counsel them on the steps to be taken in time to avoid accidents. They may also visit Bus Stations to check crew rest rooms on availability of facilities and ensure crew take adequate rest.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

Chief Medical Officer to issue instructions to the Medical Officers to complete Periodical Medical examination before the start of 'Zero accident week'.

CONCLUSION:

All Field Officers shall take every step that is required and 'Zero Accident Week' goes without a single accident and the process of educating the drivers is a continuous process and ensure accidents are avoided by every means and at any cost.

The EDs of Zones shall ensure the tempo of the 'Zero Accident Week' is maintained all through the Week and the process continues there after. A BRIEF REPORT ON EFFORTS PUT IN BY EVERY ONE IN THIS REGARD BE SENT IMMEDIATELY after the week without fail, for detailed discussion in the 1st week of Aug'08 with the undersigned.



**VICE CHAIRMAN &
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

To
All Regional Managers,
All Depots Managers & AMs (T),
APS RTC.

Copy to Director (V&S), FA , CAO for information.
Copy to Secretary to Hon'ble Chairman for information.
Copy to PA to VC & MD for information.
Copy to all EDs of Zones for information and n/a.
Copy to CMO/ Bus Bhavan, Hyd for information and n/a.
Copy to Supdt / Tarnaka Hospital, Hyd for information and n/a.
Copy to all HODs for information.
Copy to all DY.CTMs / DVMS / DY.CMEs for information and n/a.
Copy to all Principals of ZSTCs for information and n/a.