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Sub: BREATH ALCOHOLIC ANALYSER: Conducting tests on Drivers with Breath Alcoholic Analysers at Depots, Bus Stations and by Checking Squads enroute - Instructions - Regarding.  
Ref:1)Circular No.27/1997-OPD(C):Dt:1.11.1997.  
2)Letter No.C4/2(26)/97-OPD(C):Dt:4.3.1998.

It is reported that on 23.3.1999 about 21.00 Hrs. bus No.AP102-596 (Hi-tech) of Anifabad depot driven by Sri N.Nordi. E.303351 accompanied by co-driver Sri D.Shankar. E.76116 while operating from Anifabad to Hyderabad, the travelling passengers observed the on-duty driver driving the bus to be in drunken condition at Rampur ( 1/2 KM from Karimnagar Bus Station ). The second driver was also found in drunken condition. The passengers stopped the bus and complained against the drivers at Police Station, Town, Karimnagar and also reported the matter at Karimnagar Bus Station. The bus was detained duly making alternate arrangements for the stranded passengers and the drivers were directed to Government Hospital, Karimnagar for medical examination.

You are aware that such an avoidable instance, which has widely reported in the Press, tarnishes the image of our Organisation and acts adversely on our reputation and record in road safety.

Your attention is invited to the Circular cited above, wherein instructions have been issued to conduct tests on the drivers and prevent them from driving under the influence of alcohol by bringing the Breath Alcoholic Analysers to use

Instructions have been specifically issued that all drivers going on line should be subjected to breath analyser test at the originating Bus Station as well as on line, duly detailing the procedural formalities.

The instructions have been reiterated vide letter 2nd cited.

But this unfortunate incident reveals that the instructions are not being followed in true spirit thereby giving scope for an insecure feeling among the travelling public regarding safety of travel in our buses.

The following instructions are therefore reiterated for strict implementation.

1) The drivers going on line shall invariably be subjected to Breath Alcoholic Analyser test at the originating Bus Stations as well as at enroute points. They shall be subjected to the tests even at the Depots to ensure safe driving.

2) Frequent surprise checks enroute shall also be exercised to apprehend the drivers in drunken condition.

3) Steps shall be taken to provide the required number of Breath Alcoholic Analysers at all the depots, important Bus Stations and to the Squads.

4) All the Breath Alcoholic Analysers shall be in working condition at any point of time. To ensure this, repair shall be carried out immediately wherever necessary, for intensive utilisation.

5) The Drivers Rest Rooms at change-over points shall be inspected by the Field Managers at frequent intervals as well as by surprise to avoid consumption of Alcohol in the Rest Rooms and to inculcate healthy driving habits.

6) A record of the tests made in this regard as elaborated in Circular first referred, shall be maintained at Depots, Bus Stations and by Checking Squads. The inspecting authorities shall invariably inspect these records and take corrective action wherever needed.

All out efforts shall be made to prohibit drunken driving duly subjecting the drivers to Breath Alcoholic Analyser Tests and ensure safe driving.

Any violation of these instructions will be viewed seriously. Please send compliance.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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All RMs and DMs,  
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- Copy to all Dy.CTMs of Zones and Regions - for information and necessary action.
- Copy to all Principals, Training Colleges and Dy.CTMs in Regions and Zones - for information and necessary action.
- Copy to all ATMs of Bus Stations and Enforcement Squads, Incharges for immediate action.
- Copy to General Secretary, National Mazdoor Union, APSRTC, Hyderabad - for information.
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- Copy to General Secretary, Supervisors Association, Hyderabad - for information.
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