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Sub: **ACCIDENTS: Observance of 'Zero Accidents Week'**  
**from 19.7.10 to 25.7.10 -Instructions Issued - Reg.**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

There is increase in no. of ghastly accidents and no. of deaths in the year 2009-10. On an average 8 accidents are taking place every day resulting in 3 deaths and injuries to 12 persons, besides heavy damage to the buses. Owing to these high incidence of ghastly accidents, Corporation has come to adverse criticism in press and electronic media. Thus the rise in ghastly/fatal accidents resulting in the death of occupants both in our buses and other vehicles causing concern and there is an imminent need to undertake effective measures to contain these accidents.

These accidents cause not only **loss of life of innocent people** and leaving many confined to bed for longer duration due to injuries / fractures and putting the lives of dependant family members in deplorable condition, but also loss in the form of compensation and damages to the properties of the Corporation.

In the year 2009-10 Corporation has paid Rs.42.64 crs towards accidents compensation, which is all time high.

The analysis of accidents reveal that majority of accidents occur on account of rash and negligent driving and that too mostly during day time and while buses traversing on plain roads, which can be avoided if only our Drivers are attentive and cautious while driving the buses and show concern to the human lives.

In this regard, Corporate Office has issued several guidelines / instructions to prevent occurrence of accidents such as sensitizing the Drivers before they proceed on duty, booking of regular and experienced drivers on special type buses, effective utilization of Safety Driving Instructors for imparting safe/ defensive driving skills etc. However, Field Managers / Traffic Incharges are callous in implementing these guidelines in true spirit, resulting in unabated occurrence of ghastly accidents and few of which are cited as under:

- On 09.05.10, Express bus no.AP28Z-2381 of Chittoor-II Depot proceeding from Bangalore to Tirupathi involved in an accident with a TATA Ace luggage carrier no. AP 26V 1702 at Ithepally village, where in 13 of TATA Ace passengers died and inflicting injuries to 5 of the bus passengers.

- On 19.04.10, Express bus no.AP28Z-846 of GNT-I Depot proceeding from Macherla to Guntur involved in an accident, where in the bus while overtaking a lorry hit 4 working women who were standing on the road side margin and after hit, the bus plunged into a road side culvert. As a result 4 lady pedestrians died on the spot, 5 bus passengers including bus Driver sustained injuries. **The bus was driven by contract driver Sri K.Eshwar, C.56556.**
- On 08.04.10, Pallevelugu bus no.AP10Z-5506 of Piduguralla Depot proceeding from Regulagadda to Piduguralla involved in an accident with an opposite coming jeep no. AP 24U 7627 near Kamepally, where in 3 jeep passengers died and 4 other jeep occupants sustained injuries.

### **NEED FOR ORGANISING 'ZERO ACCIDENT WEEK :**

As per circular instructions (no.12/2010-OPD© dt.18.3.2010), the team of Senior Officers from the Corporation conducted Road Safety Audit in Chittoor and Visakapatnam Regions. During the audit, it is observed that majority of the Depots in the Regions have not followed the guidelines in toto issued by the Corporate Office for preventing the occurrence of accidents.

Successively, for the past 20 years, Corporation is observing 'Road Safety Week' in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January every year at all the units bringing awareness in drivers on Road Safety aspects. As discussed above, keeping the spurt in occurrence of ghastly accidents due to negligence of our drivers, **urgent steps at field level to contain the occurrence of accidents.** As a measure 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 19.7.10 to 25.7.10. **The importance of observing 'Zero Accident Week' is that accidents occurrence should be a rare factor and every precaution to be taken to avoid accidents.**

### **STEPS TAKEN TO COMBAT ACCIDENTS:**

Corporation has initiated various measures to avert accidents and these are required to be implemented with missionary zeal which are listed as under:

1. Sensitization of Drivers (including Hire Bus Drivers) while proceeding on duty.
2. Booking of regular experienced Drivers to perform special type services.
3. Refresher training is being imparted to the drivers at Zonal Staff Training Colleges.
4. A two level training program (Induction level and Refresher level) is designed for implementation to train Hire Bus Drivers on par with RTC Drivers
5. Optimal utilization of Safety Driving Instructors at all Units by providing reorientation towards road safety aspects and their training at Hyderabad for 15 days covering all Depot SDIs.

6. Issue of instructions for conducting one day crash training program at Regional Head Quarters to all the drivers on behavioral, psychological aspects and on remedies for over coming stress.
7. The drivers are subjected to medical examination periodically and thus cover all Drivers with out back log.
8. Payment of Safety driving allowance is in vogue in the form of monthly special allowance and yearly Road Safety Awards are distributed to the drivers who possess best track record of road safety.
9. A separate 'Depot Cash Award Scheme' has been instituted for the Depot Manager and his team of Supervisors for maintaining accident Free Record for continuous period of six months.

### **ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDER TAKEN DURING ZERO ACCIDENT WEEK:**

#### **AT DEPOT LEVEL:**

1. The DMs shall ensure that all the Drivers (including Hire bus Drivers) are sensitized by the Traffic Incharge only before proceeding on duty.
2. Bhadratha feature film (CDs already supplied at all Depots) to be shown to the drivers in batches covering all the drivers in the Depot during the week.
3. Sessions on Road Safety are to be organized 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 / injured undergoing longer treatment and disabled either permanently or temporarily.
4. Appreciation letters, cash awards to be given before the gathering of drivers and the staff on the lines communicated during January every year for conducting Road Safety week.
5. Wide Publicity to be given on Road Safety aspects through distribution of pamphlets / Wall Posters / Banners till the conclusion of the week.
6. Medium size cutouts on 'Zero Accident week' be exhibited from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July, '10 at Bus Depots and Bus Stations to be displayed.
7. The DMs shall ensure recital of 'Bhadratha Sukthi' by all the drivers before proceeding on duty.
8. Invigorate the activity of attending vehicles duly ensuring effective maintenance with special emphasis on brakes, steering, tyres, lighting system, working condition of passengers door latches (lock) etc.,
9. Payment of 'Safety Driving Allowance' be ensured to all eligible drivers with out dues before start of 'Zero Accident week' itself (compulsorily).

- The DMs/Incharges of the Traffic and Mechanical wings should move on line to check driving habits of the drivers such as over speeding, rash driving, driving in inebriated condition and resting of crew at crew rest rooms and at night halt places.
11. Alcoholic Breath Analyzers shall be put to full use to check the drivers under influence of alcohol at Depots, Bus Stations, crew night halt places enroute.
  12. The DMs shall ensure that all drivers shall invariably undergo Periodical Medical check up at APSRTC Hospitals, before commencement of the week itself and there shall be no back log.
  13. DMs must ensure not to book contract drivers on all express and other special type services.
  13. While counselling the drivers at Depot level on Road Safety, they shall be guided to be cautious and attentive while negotiating sharp curves and while overtaking other vehicles. Drivers must be exhorted to be careful with motor cycle riders duly anticipating their movements as this has of late become prime contributor for increased no. of fatal accidents.
  14. The DMs shall direct one accident prone driver every day to RM for counselling (with full data of the Driver).

**AT REGIONAL LEVEL:**

1. RMs shall ensure that the instructions given by the Corporate office are implemented in toto at all levels.
2. DY.CMEs be directed to inspect vehicles at Depots to ensure break down free vehicles to be supplied to all Drivers and thereby avoid the accidents.
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., and also participate in programmes conducted at Depot level.
4. RMs shall counsel the accident prone drivers directed by DMs to create awareness for ensuring road safety.

**AT ZONAL LEVEL:**

The EDs of Zones are advised to visit as many number of Depots as possible under their jurisdiction duly participating in the meetings organized at Depot level. EDs shall interact with DMs, Supervisors, Drivers and mechanical staff to elicit their views on increased no. of accidents and guide them on the steps required to be taken in time to avoid accidents. They shall also visit Bus Stations to check crew rest rooms to ensure availability of facilities and also to ensure that crew take adequate rest.

**MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:**

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

**CONCLUSION:**

All Field Officers shall take all possible steps to ensure that 'Zero Accident Week' goes without a single accident by bringing awareness in the drivers.

The EDs of Zones shall keep up the tempo of the 'Zero Accident Week' through out the Week and the same spirit continues there after. A BRIEF REPORT ON EFFORTS PUT IN BY EVERY ONE IN THIS REGARD BE SENT IMMEDIATELY after the Zero Accident week without fail for holding detailed discussion in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Aug'10 with the undersigned in the matter.

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28/6/2010

**VICE CHAIRMAN &  
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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All Regional Managers,  
All Depots Managers  
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