

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Office of the VC & MD  
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CIRCULAR NO.25/2001-OPD(C);DATED:30.5.2001

Sub:ACCIDENTS: Increase in the number of serious accidents - Need to reduce the accidents - Re-iteration of instructions on booking of Senior Drivers on Long Distance Services - Regarding.

Ref:1)Circular No.23/93-OPD(C);Dt:12.8.1993  
2)Circular No.45/93-OPD(C);Dt:24.11.1993.  
3)Circular No.38/97-OPD(C);Dt:01.11.1997.  
4)Circular No.9/98-OPD(C);Dt:04.03.1998

Of late, there has been a spurt in ghastly accidents involving the buses of Corporation, resulting in death of many persons, mostly the other road users and damage to property.

The Corporation being a public sector undertaking, wide publicity is given to such accidents by the media, which ultimately tarnishes the image of the Corporation. As such, there is a dire need to reduce the number of accidents so as to make travelling public repose confidence in the services of the Corporation.

Detailed instructions were given as early as August, 1993 vide Circular No.23/93-OPD(C) followed by various instructions vide Circulars 2, 3 and 4 under reference. A gist of above Circulars is mentioned here under:

1) the Drivers on Express / Long Distance Services should have minimum of 10 years of experience in the Corporation and their age should not exceed 55 years.

2) They should have accident free record during the past 3 years.

3) They should maintain good attendance and there should not be any complaints from the Passengers / Colleagues / Supervisors about his behaviour.

4) If sufficient number of drivers with 10 years experience are not available even after transferring the excess eligible drivers from one depot to other in the same division (At present within the region). The qualifying experience can be relaxed by 5 years, but under no circumstances the driver with less than 5 years experience should be booked for express/long distance services.

5) In the Circular 3rd cited, detailed instructions were given on various Safety measures to be adopted not only in respect of long distance services but also for other services to prevent accidents.

6) Senior / Grade-I Drivers shall not be permitted to avoid Express duties and it should be ensured that only Senior / Grade-I driver perform duties on Long distance Express Services in order to reduce the incidence of accidents.

All the above instructions were given to make travel by Corporation buses safe and comfortable. But it is distressing to note that the Field Managers and Supervisors tend to flout these instructions resulting in occurrence of ghastly accidents.

It is therefore reiterated once again that the instructions given vide circulars cited under reference should be implemented without any deviations. It should also be noted that serious disciplinary action shall be initiated against the Supervisors / Officers, who fail to adhere to these instructions. The inspecting officials should also ensure that these instructions percolate down the level and followed without any deviation.

Please acknowledge and report compliance.

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VICE CHAIRMAN &  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

To  
All Executive Directors of Zones,  
All Regional Managers,  
All Divisional Managers,  
All Depot Managers.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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