

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Office of the VC & MD
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To
All Regional Managers.
A.P.S.R.T.C.

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Sub:ACCIDENTS - Involving Hired buses - Regional
Managers to initiate action - Instructions
Issued - Regarding.

Of late, an increasing trend in accidents involving
Hired Vehicles is noted which is a matter of concern. You
are aware that Corporation decided to take vehicles on Hire
and the percentage of Hired Vehicles is on the increase.

The following accidents which were reported to the
Corporate Office involving Hired Vehicles adequately
highlight the seriousness of the matter.

1) An Accident took place on route Guntur to
Wishakapatnam near Tadepalligudem on 7-4-1999 involving
Hired Bus AP16W-8568 of Guntur-2 depot with an Ambassador
Car resulting in the death of 2 inmates of the car and
injuries to one person.

2) Hired Bus AP35:3256 of Vizianagaram Depot was
involved in a fatal accident on route Vizianagaram to
Proddutur at Madhupadu village about 21-30 hours on 11-5-
1999 wherein a pedestrian died on the spot and another
pedestrian received serious injuries.

3) A Major accident took place on route Bapatla to
Vijayawada at Chebrolu on 12-5-1999 involving AP16-W: 6399
of Bapatla Depot. A pedestrian died on the spot as a
result.

4) Hired Bus AP93 - U -2696 of Puttur Depot was
involved in a major accident with stationed Lorry on route
Puttur to Vijayawada near Ongole at 5-00 hours on 10-5-1999
wherein 24 persons including Hired Bus crew and Lorry driver
received injuries.

Hence, there is a need to take immediate remedial steps
to curb the rising number of accidents involving Hired buses
in the interest of the travelling public and their Safety
which is of paramount importance to the Corporation.

The following steps are suggested for strict adherence.

- 1) At the outset, verify the Driving Licences of the Drivers engaged by Hired bus operators.
- 2) Maintain constant and close vigil on the driving habits of the Hired bus drivers and their medical fitness.
- 3) A Register to be maintained at Regional Manager's Office and scrutinised by Dy.Chief Traffic Manager, showing the particulars of the Drivers engaged by the Owners of Hired buses in their Region viz., Name, Address, Driving licence details, Experience etc..
- 4) On occurrence of fatal and major accidents, it shall be ensured that the concerned Hired bus Drivers are withdrawn from service immediately by the Owner.
- 5) Ensure that the driver so withdrawn once by the Owner is not reengaged/appointed either by the same Owner or another, at a later date.
- 6) Insist on Regional Manager's Office being informed by the owners without fail on engaging fresh drivers or replacement or disengagement of drivers.
- 7) The Hired Vehicle Owners may be apprised of the above instructions and impress on them the need for ensuring Road Safety.

For any violation of the above instructions by the Owners of Hired Vehicles, penal provisions may be invoked.

Please acknowledge.

[Signature]
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 (OPERATIONS)

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- Copy to Executive Director(A), Executive Director(E), Executive Director & Secretary to Corporation, Director (V&S) for information.
- Copy to Executive Director(Medical) for information and necessary action.
- Copy to FA & CAO for information.
- Copy to all HODs for information.
- Copy to all Dy.Chief Traffic Managers in Zones & Regions for information and necessary action.
- Copy to all Depot Managers for information and necessary action.