

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

No.T3/287(43)/2008-OPD-T

O/o the VC & M.D.,
Bus Bhavan: Hyderabad.

CIRCULAR NO.35/2008-OPD-T, DATED: 26.9.2008

SUB:PROHIBITION - Prohibition of Smoking in public Places-
Implementation of COTP ACT 2003 and COTP Rules 2008 w.e.f.
2.10.2008- Issue of Instructions – Regarding.

- REF: 1.Govt.Memo No.3095/PAC/2007 , Dated:5.10.2007. from the
Secretary to Govt., TR &B Department.
2.Govt.Memo No. 3095/PAC/2007-3,Dated: 3.12.2007.from the
Dy. Secretary to the Govt., TR&B Department.
3.This office Lr. no.L2/287(61)/2007-OPD-T, Dated: 18.1.2008.
4.Govt.Lr.No.15461/T.1/2008, Dated: 18-9-2008 from the Joint
Secretary to Govt. and Director, SPIU.

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It is to inform that Govt. through the Letters cited above directed that Smoking is to be prohibited in Public Places w.e.f 2.10.2008 and all the employees and passengers in Buses and Bus stations are to be counseled on this aspect. Accordingly the following instructions are issued for implementation w.e.f 2.10.2008.

I: DISPLAY OF BOARDS IN OFFICES, IN BUS STATIONS & IN OUR BUSES:
All our offices, Bus Stations and Buses will come under the definition of Public Places, it is advised to exhibit " No Smoking " boards with the following words:

NO SMOKING AREA,
SMOKING HERE IS AN OFFENCE.

1. In case, some one smokes here, please lodge a complaint to
Mr./ Mr s(NAME OF THE ENFORCING OFFICER)
 2. Mobile No (CELL NUMBER OF THE ENFORCING OFFICER)
 3. For any violation, punishable fine is up to Rs. 200/-
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II Warning Boards are to be exhibited by all Pan Shop owners whoever are permitted to sell cigarettes and tobacco products in our bus Stations. We have to ensure display of **WARNING BOARDS** by such stall owners with the following words:

- SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS IS A PUNISHABLE OFFENCE.

- AGE PROOF MAY BE REQUIRED.

- TOBACCO CAUSES CANCER
OR TOBACCO KILLS.

- LIST OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

The list of tobacco products available with the pan shop needs to be displayed. If it is not displayed, the authorities under this Act may impose penalty or even order for closure of the shop. Stall owners are to be educated on this. The warning boards are to be exhibited by the stall owners on their own. This work is to be ensured by the respective Depot Managers/ATMs under whose jurisdiction, the Bus station is functioning.

III. COUNSELLING OF PASSENGERS NOT TO SMOKE IN BUSES:

The driver / Conductor shall be educated to counsel the passengers not to smoke in our buses and cause inconvenience to the other passengers in the bus. Depot Managers shall be advised to ensure that all our buses will be having NO SMOKING boards in all buses.

IV: COUNSELLING OF PASSENGERS NOT TO SMOKE IN BUS STATIONS:

An educative Campaign has to be taken in all our Bus Stations to counsel passengers not to smoke in Bus Stations. A Good number of NO SMOKING BOARDS have to be exhibited at each and every platform compulsorily, in three Languages, English, Telugu and Urdu.

All Regional Managers are requested to issue guidelines to the Depot Managers working under the control and a wide publicity campaign may be taken up by publishing small pamphlets, posters, vinyl Banners on prohibition of smoking in public places both by public and Staff including Officers.

Depot Managers must take up this work to counsel all the staff by conducting gate meetings in depots on prohibition of smoking in public places, i.e buses, bus stations, offices, premises of APSRTC. In addition to imposing penalties as per the provisions of the COTP Act, severe disciplinary action shall be taken on the erring staff who resort to smoking while on duty in buses, bus stations, APSRTC premises (Public Places). Depot Manager is the Enforcing Officer for prohibition of smoking in public places and stringent action needs to be taken on the complaints received against smokers in public places.

Therefore all Regional Managers are once again advised to implement the instructions of the Government w.e.f 2.10.2008.

Please acknowledge and send compliance by 30.10.2008 positively.


VICE CHAIRMAN &
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

To
ALL REGIONAL MANAGERS,
A.P.S.R.T.C.

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Copies to ED(A&P),ED (E&IT),Director (V&S),FA, CAO for info and nec.action
Copies to all HODs of Head Office for favour of information and nec. action
Copy to CCM: Head Office for issuing necessary instructions to stall owners.
Copy to WM:Printing press (Miyapur) for information and nec. Action
Copies to All Officers of the corporation for information and nec.action
Copy to General Secretary, NMU,for information and nec. action
Copy to Secretary General, Employees Union, Hyd for information and nec.action
Copy to General Secretary, SWF for information and nec. action
Copy to General Secretary, Security Staff Welfare Association for information
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