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Sub: **ACCIDENTS: Observance of 'Zero Accident Fortnight'**
from 01.08.2011 to 15.08.2011 -Instructions Issued - Reg.

INTRODUCTION:

Road Accidents are very unfortunate incidents which occur mostly due to human error. APSRTC being Public Transport Organization it is under the watchful eyes of scores of people.

If we compare the accidents those occurred during the year 2010-11 with that of the previous year, it is observed that, on an average 8 accidents occur every day resulting in atleast 3 deaths and injuries to about 12 people besides causing heavy damages to the buses and properties. Even this year (2011-12 up to June), 3 ghastly accidents have already occurred resulting in death of 19 people and causing injuries to 20 people.

Owing to these high incidences of ghastly accidents, Corporation has come under adverse criticism by the print and electronic media. Thus the rise in ghastly/fatal accidents resulting in the death of occupants of both buses and other vehicles is a major cause of concern and there is an imminent need to take up concrete measures to contain accidents.

Accidents not only result in loss of precious life of innocent people besides leaving many maimed for longer duration shattering the dreams of many families but also loss in the form of compensation and damages to the properties of the Corporation.

In the year 2010-11, Corporation has paid Rs.39.53 crs towards accidents' compensation, and the same is very high.

The analysis of accidents reveal that majority of the accidents (58% in the year 2010-11) occurred on account of rash and negligent driving and that too mostly during day time and while buses traversing on plain roads, which could have been avoided had our Drivers been attentive and cautious while driving the buses and show concern to the human lives.

In this regard, Corporate Office has issued several guidelines / instructions 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 for prevention of accidents. However, Field Managers / Traffic Incharges are callous in implementing these guidelines in true spirit, resulting in unabated occurrence of ghastly accidents, few of which are cited as under:

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- On 12.04.11, Express bus no.AP28Z-3919 of Tandur Depot, proceeding from Mumbai – Tandur was involved in accident with a stationed lorry MH 25F 8265 1702 at Boramani village (10 KM from Sholapur), where in 6 bus passengers died and 11 bus passengers injured.
- On 03.06.11, Pallevelugu bus AP11Z-9444 of Rayachoti Depot proceeding from Rayachoti - Gurrakonda was involved in an accident, where in the bus was hit by an auto AP 04 V 0910 at an up gradient portion of the road with a slight curve. As a result 7 auto passengers died on the spot, 5 more including auto Driver sustained injuries.
- On 28.06.11, Pallevelugu (PHB) bus no.AP23U-9134 of Medak Depot proceeding from Medak to Siddipet was involved in an accident with an on coming auto AP 23U 6360 at Burugupally village, where in 6 auto passengers died and 4 other auto occupants sustained injuries.

STEPS TAKEN TO COMBAT ACCIDENTS:

Corporation has initiated various measures to avert accidents for implementation as listed here 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 to the drivers at Zonal Staff Training Colleges.
4. A Two level training program (Induction level, Refresher level) to train Hire Bus Drivers on par with RTC Drivers
5. Optimum utilization of Safety Driving Instructors at all Units for road safety aspects.
6. Conducting one day crash training program at Regional Head Quarters to accident prone drivers on behavioral, psychological aspects and on remedies for over coming stress.
7. Periodical Medical Examination to all (RTC+PHB) Drivers with out back log.
8. Payment of Safety Driving Allowance to the eligible drivers and yearly Road Safety Awards to the drivers who possess best track record of road safety.
9. A separate 'Depot Cash Award Scheme' has been instituted for the Depot Managers and their team of Supervisors for maintaining accident free Record for a continuous period of six months.

ROAD SAFETY AUDIT:

As per circular instructions (no.12/2010-OPD© dt.18.3.2010), a team of Senior Officers from the Corporate office conducted Road Safety Audit in CTR, VSP. RR, WL, KRI, NZB, MDK, PKSM and GNT Regions so far. During the audit, it was observed that, majority of the Depots in the Regions are not following the guidelines issued by the Corporate Office for prevention of accidents.

NEED FOR ORGANISING 'ZERO ACCIDENT FORTNIGHT':

Successively, for the past 21 years, Corporation is observing 'Road Safety Week' during the 1st week of January every year at all the units to bring awareness amongst drivers on Road Safety aspects. Mainly as a measure to enlighten the drivers and to recapitulate the Road Safety concepts, it is proposed to organize '**ZERO ACCIDENT FORTNIGHT**' from 01.08.2011 to 15.08.2011. The importance of observing 'Zero Accident Fortnight' is to ensure that all the precautions are taken at every step so as to prevent any type of accident.

ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDER TAKEN DURING ZERO ACCIDENT FORTNIGHT:

AT DEPOT LEVEL:

1. The DMs shall ensure that all the Drivers (including Hire bus Drivers) are sensitized by the Traffic In-charge before proceeding on duty.
2. Bhadratha feature ...n (CDs already supplied to all Depots) to be shown to the drivers in batches covering all the drivers in the Depot during the fortnight.
3. Wide Publicity to be given on Road Safety aspects through distribution of pamphlets / Banners till the conclusion of the fortnight.
4. Posters (supplied from Corporate office) depicting ghastly accidents to be displayed at conspicuous place like Control chart, bus station etc.
5. Pledge (copy enclosed) to be taken by the Drivers daily before proceeding to duty, during this fortnight.
6. DMs shall ensure that all Drivers including PHB drivers shall be educated on good driving habits, during this fortnight and also ensure distribution of pocket size cards containing 'Bhadrata Sukhti' and 'Safe driving habits' (supplied from Corporate office).
7. The DMs shall ensure recital of 'Bhadratha Sukhti' by all the drivers before proceeding on duty.
8. Medium size cutouts on '**Zero Accident Fortnight**' be exhibited from 1st to 15th Aug, '11 at Bus Depots and Bus Stations.
9. Guest lectures on Road Safety are to be organized at Depot level during lunch / change over time inviting 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.
10. Appreciation letters, cash awards to be distributed on 15.08.2011, during the celebrations of Independence day, in the presence of a gathering of drivers and staff on the lines communicated already for conducting Road Safety Week during January every year.

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11. 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.,
12. **Payment of 'Safety Driving Allowance' to be ensured to all eligible drivers without dues before the beginning of 'Zero Accident Fortnight'.**
13. The DMs / In charges 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.
14. 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.
15. The DMs shall ensure that all drivers (RTC+PHB) shall invariably undergo Periodical Medical check up at APSRTC Hospitals, before commencement of the fortnight and there shall be no back log.
16. DMs must ensure not to book contract drivers on all express and other special type services.
17. 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, of late, this has become the prime contributor for increased number of fatal accidents.
18. The DMs shall direct one accident prone driver every day to RM for counselling (with full data of the Driver).
19. DMs shall ensure that Safety Driving Instructors shall train exclusively accident/damage prone drivers during this fortnight.

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 to 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.

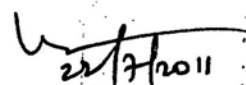
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

Chief Medical Officer is advised to issue instructions to all the Medical Officers to complete Periodical Medical Examination to all drivers before the beginning of 'Zero Accident Fortnight'.

CONCLUSION:

Field Officers shall take all possible steps to ensure that 'Zero Accident Fortnight' concludes without a single accident by bringing awareness among the drivers.

The EDs of Zones shall keep up the tempo of the 'Zero Accident Fortnight' throughout the fortnight 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 Fortnight, without fail.

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VICE CHAIRMAN &
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

To
All Regional Managers,
All Depots Managers
APS RTC.

Copy to Director (V&S), ED (A&P), ED(E&IT), FA, CAO for information.
Copy to ED(T&C) & Secy., to Corporation, for information and n/a.
Copy to all EDs of Zones for information and n/a.
Copy to Secretary to Hon' ble Chairman for information.
Copy to PA to VC & MD for information.
Copy to CMO/ Tarnaka Hospital, Hyd for n/a.
Copy to Supdt / Tarnaka Hospital, Hyd for n/a.
Copy to Jt. Director (V&S) for information.
Copy to all HODs for information.
Copy to all DY.CTMs / DVMs / DY.CMEs for n/a.
Copy to all Principals of ZSTCs for n/a.

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