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Sub: **ACCIDENTS**: Growing incidence of accidents - Precautions to be taken to prevent accidents - Issue of instructions - Reg.

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Time and again instructions are issued to all Field Managers in regard to measures to be taken to curb the occurrence of accidents during night time and on Highways. Despite giving clear instructions to take needed measures and to educate the drivers for safe driving, there is increase in ghastly accidents by APSRTC buses, resulting in death of many persons, mostly the other road users, pedestrians, passengers in the moving vehicles, besides heavy damages to the vehicles and properties.

Publishing of information about accidents of APSRTC by both print and electronic media is tarnishing the image of Corporation. Henceforth, there is dire need to reduce incidence of accidents for building passenger confidence for safe travel in APSRTC buses.

The following four ghastly accidents, with RTC buses published in press indicate the seriousness of the matter and need to prevent them.

1. On 10.12.08, Express bus No. AP28Z-2357 of Gadwal depot proceeding from Gadwal to Hyderabad (via) Pebberu, involved in an accident with a Toofan Jeep no. AP29T-3109 near Natheli in which 6 occupants of the jeep died on the spot and 7 other occupants received injuries.
2. On 10.12.08, Ordinary bus no. AP11Z-2279 of Ibrahimpatnam depot while operating on the route Mall to IS Sadan, involved in a fatal accident with a Motor Cycle no. AP29G-4388 at Khanapur about 1 Km from Ibrahimpatnam towards Hyderabad. As a result 3 persons died on the spot and one pillion rider of the motor cycle sustained serious injuries.
3. On 9.12.08, Deluxe bus No. AP11Z-1410 of Jaggaiahpet Depot, while operating on route Vijayawada to Jaggaiahpet met with accident with Honda City car no. AP28BG-9699 near Keesara Toll gate, as a result 5 occupants of the Honda city car died on the spot and 2 occupants of the car sustained grievous injuries.
4. On 1.12.08, Express bus No. AP28Z-1473 of Guntur-I depot proceeding on the route Guntur to Amaravathi, near Lam village met with accident with an auto no. AP7T-2074, as a result 3 occupants of the auto died on the spot and another 3 occupants sustained major injuries.

Though there are adequate guidelines and measures to be undertaken for containing accidents, they are not being followed meticulously. It is the responsibility of Field Managers to create adequate awareness among the driving community on safety aspects.

Keeping the above accidents in view, following instructions are reiterated for strict compliance.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DRIVERS:

- a) Drivers should reduce speed of buses while approaching school zones, cross roads, Market places, Railway level crossings, culverts and bridges etc. as per prescribed speed limits.
- b) Drivers should not overtake other vehicles on the face of other vehicles coming in opposite direction.
- c) Driver should be careful while overtaking other vehicles. Over taking other vehicles by going extreme to the roads and on wrong side should be avoided.
- d) The drivers must observe passengers while boarding and alighting the bus through side vision mirrors.
- e) The crew should also alert the passengers seated at window side of the bus not to keep their heads or hands out side to avoid accidents with other vehicles passing by:
- f) While taking the bus reverse, the driver should take help of the conductor. It shall be ensured that nobody is standing behind the vehicle or on either sides.

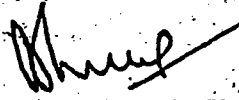
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FIELD MANAGERS:

- 1) Gate meetings have to be conducted regularly by the DMS, AM(T)/Supt(T)s for strict compliance to safety rules in all seasons.
- 2) The drivers on long distance routes shall invariably be subjected to Breath alcoholic test at originating Bus Stations and as well as at enroute points. Surprise element shall be maintained while checking drivers with Breath analysers.
- 3) Necessary instructions to Safety Instructors to follow and watch the driving habits of accident prone drivers and thoroughly educate them on safe driving aspects.
- 4) The Field Managers shall ensure recital of 'Bhadratha Sukthi' by all the drivers before proceeding on duty.

- 5) Bradratha feature film (CD supplied to all Depots) to be shown to the drivers in batches covering all the drivers in the Depot.
- 6) Periodic checks shall be made at change over rooms and rest rooms by Field Managers to ensure that crew do not indulge in undesirable acts like gambling, playing cards etc. duly taking rest at rest intervals before proceeding on line.
- 7) Field Managers shall ensure booking of experienced regular drivers for long distance / night services.
- 8) Stern punishment be imposed on the drivers who cause accidents with rash and negligent driving.
- 9) Directing the drivers for medical check up once in 3 years upto the age of 45 years and thereafter once in a year till retirement shall be followed compulsorily.
- 10) Accident prone drivers have to be sent for training at zonal staff training colleges regularly to create awareness among the drivers.
- 11) Motivational measures are to be implemented to create competitive spirit among the drivers.
- 12) a) Guide lines issued to the drivers be translated into Telugu and printed pamphlets be distributed to as many drivers as possible.
b) The Field Managers shall follow the instructions / guidelines to prevent accidents in true spirit.

All field managers are hereby directed to take all the above measures and ensure reduction in incidence of accidents in the ensuing months.

Please ack.


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