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Sub: **ACCIDENTS: Observance of 'Zero Accident Week' from 16.07.2012 to 22.07.2012** - Instructions Issued - Reg.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Road Accidents are very unfortunate incidents which occur mostly due to human error.

If we take a glance at the accidents those occurred during the year 2011-12, it can be observed that, on an average 7 accidents occurred every day resulting in atleast 3 deaths and injuries to about 8 people besides causing heavy damages to the buses and other properties.

Analysis of the accidents (occurred in APSRTC) reveal that majority of the accidents (59% in the year 2011-12) occurred due to rash and negligent driving on the part of RTC drivers and that too mostly during day time while buses are driven on plain roads. These accidents could have been avoided had our Drivers been attentive and cautious while driving the buses and show concern to the human lives.

Thus the 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.

**STEPS TAKEN TO COMBAT ACCIDENTS:**

Listed here under are various measures initiated by the Corporation for implementation to avert accidents:

1. Sensitization of Drivers (including Hire Bus Drivers) while proceeding on duty.
2. Booking of only regular and experienced Drivers to perform duties on special type / ghat 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 to monitor the effective following of road safety aspects by the drivers.

6. Conducting one day crash training program at Regional Head Quarters to accident prone drivers on behavioral, psychological aspects and on remedies to overcome 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 continuously for a period of six months.
10. Conducting of Road Safety audit in two depots of the region (having highest accident rate) to verify the implementation of instructions for prevention of accidents and to guide further on the lacunae observed.

#### **NEED FOR ORGANISING ZERO ACCIDENT WEEK :**

To bring awareness amongst the drivers on Road Safety aspects and as per the guidelines of Govt. of India, through Ministry of Surface Transport, APSRTC, for the past 22 years, is observing 'Road Safety Week' during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January at all the units.

To keep the aspect of Road Safety afresh in the minds of the drivers and also to enlighten the drivers, APSRTC decided to organize road safety week with the name 'Zero Accident Week' during the third week of July every year. In line with this it is proposed to organize '**ZERO ACCIDENT WEEK**' from 16<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 this year.

#### **ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN DURING ZERO ACCIDENT WEEK:**

##### **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. Wide Publicity to be given on Road Safety aspects through distribution of pamphlets / Banners till the conclusion of the week.
3. **DMs shall conduct gate meetings and ensure that all the Drivers including PHB drivers are educated on good driving habits during this week.**
4. The DMs shall ensure recital of 'Bhadratha Sukthi' by all the drivers before proceeding on duty.

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5. Banners on '**Zero Accident Week**' be exhibited from **16<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012** at conspicuous places in the Bus Depots and Bus Stations.
  6. Guest lectures on Road Safety are to be organized at Depot level during lunch / change over time inviting eminent persons. The drivers should be explained on the miseries experienced by the dependents of the deceased / injured undergoing prolonged treatment and disabled either permanently or temporarily..
  7. 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.
  8. Any pending payments of 'Safety Driving Allowance' to the drivers to be cleared.
  9. 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 also crew rest rooms to ensure that crew takes adequate rest.
  10. Alcoholic Breath Analyzers shall be put to full use at Depots, Bus Stations and crew night halt places to check the drivers under influence of alcohol.
  11. The DMs shall ensure that all drivers (RTC+PHB) have invariably undergone Periodical Medical checkup at APSRTC Hospitals and there is no back log.
  12. DMs must ensure not to book contract and inexperienced drivers on express and other special type services.
  13. While counseling the drivers at Depot on Road Safety, they shall be guided to be cautious and attentive while negotiating sharp curves and while over taking other vehicles. Drivers must be exhorted to be careful with motor cycle riders duly anticipating their movements because as of late, accidents with motorcycles have become the prime contributor for increased number of fatal accidents.
  14. The DMs shall direct (with full data of the Driver) one accident prone driver every day to RM for counseling.
  15. DMs shall ensure that Safety Driving Instructor shall train exclusively accident/damage prone drivers during this week.

**AT REGION 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 are supplied to all Drivers and thereby accidents are avoided.
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 programs conducted at Depot level.

4. RMs shall counsel the accident prone drivers directed by DMs to create awareness for ensuring road safety.

**AT ZONE LEVEL:**

The EDs of Zones are advised to visit as many number of Depots as possible under their jurisdiction and to participate in the meetings organized at Depot level. EDs shall interact with DMs, Supervisors, Drivers and Mechanical staff to elicit their views on increased number 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 all amenities and also to ensure that crew takes adequate rest.

**MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Medical Officer is advised to issue instructions to all the Medical Officers to complete Periodical Medical Examination of all drivers.

**CONCLUSION:**

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

**The EDs of Zones shall keep up the tempo of the 'Zero Accident Week' throughout the Week and the same spirit continues thereafter. A BRIEF REPORT ON EFFORTS PUT IN BY EVERY ONE IN THIS REGARD BE SENT IMMEDIATELY on conclusion of the Zero Accident Week, without fail.**

  
**VICE CHAIRMAN &  
MANAGING DIRECTOR** 2/6

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All Depots Managers,  
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