

Sub:- Transport Department – Enforcement Wing – Enforcement on drunk & drive by the drivers of Heavy vehicles and carrying commercial merchandize by contract carriages and other State vehicles plying without registration – rigorous checking of the vehicles - Instructions issued – Reg.

Ref:- Road Safety Awareness Program conducted on 21-07-2019 at Machilipatnam.

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It is informed that during the Road Safety Awareness Program conducted on 21-07-2019 at Machilipatnam, the Hon'ble Minister for Transport has expressed concern over the deaths due to accidents by Heavy Vehicles. The Hon'ble Minister has instructed to take necessary actions to reduce the road accidents and rate of fatality.

1) Enforcement against drunken driving:

As per Section 185 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, whoever while driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol shall be punishable for the first offence with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with a fine which may extend to two thousand rupees or with both and for a second or subsequent offence, if committed within three years of the commission of the previous similar offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to three thousand rupees or with both. Percentage of alcohol in the blood sample of the driver of the vehicle found exceeding 30 mg per 100 ML amounts to offence of driving in drunken state. Breath analyser test is applicable on a person only when he is driving or attempting to drive vehicle.

The Hon'ble Minister felt that, while enforcement against drunken driving by drivers of all classes of vehicles is important, priority shall be given to ensure that no driver of a Contract Carriage / Stage Carriage / EIB / Heavy Goods Vehicle shall be allowed to drive these vehicles in a drunken state as the damage that can be caused by them is huge.

Hence, all the executive staff are hereby requested to kindly give priority to conduct regular enforcement raids against drunken driving by the drivers of heavy vehicles viz., Stage Carriages (including APSRTC), Contract Carriages, Educational Institution Buses and medium and heavy goods carriages, especially during the night times.

2) Enforcement against Contract Carriages:

The Hon'ble Minister further informed that many of the contract carriage buses are carrying commercial merchandise on the top of the buses. Carrying merchandise on top of the bus will lead to imbalance of the vehicle and may cause accidents. Hence, all the executive staff are further requested to focus against such contract carriage buses regularly. They are also instructed to kindly check up all the documents like permit, tax and existence of all safety measures in the vehicles.

3) Checks against vehicles plying in our State without re-assignment:

As per Section 47 (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, when a motor vehicle registered in one State has been kept in another State for a period exceeding twelve months, the owner of the vehicle shall apply to the registering authority within whose jurisdiction the vehicle is, for assignment of a new registration mark and shall present the certificate of registration to that registering authority. As per Rule 96 of A.P. Motor Vehicles Ruls, 1989, when any motor vehicle which is not registered in this State has been kept within the State for a period exceeding thirty days the owner or other person in charge of the vehicle shall send intimation to the registering authority of the area in which the motor vehicle is at the time of making of the report and shall intimate his name and permanent address and his address for the time being; the registration mark of vehicle, permit details etc., It came to notice that many of the Private Service Vehicles, Transport and Non-Transport Vehicles of other States continue to ply in our State without re-registration. The list of such vehicles which are not yet re-assigned in our State is being mailed to you from IT Section. You are instructed to kindly ensure that all these vehicles are properly re-assigned to registration numbers of Andhra Pradesh. The enforcement officials shall also be directed to conduct periodic checks against such vehicles.

All the Deputy Transport Commissioners are requested to kindly bring the above instructions to the notice of all the executive staff for better enforcement of laws.

P.S.R. Anjaneyulu
Transport Commissioner

To

All the Deputy Transport Commissioners

// By order //


Assistant Secretary

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