

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

From
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To
All Zonal Officers.
All Regional Transport Officers. All

Motor Vehicle inspector,
Unit Office& Check Post.

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Sir, Sub: Motor Vehicles- Provision of Emergency Exit-
Avoidance of Fatal accidents- instructions issued.

In light of recent accident involving Air Conditioned Omni Bus which led to demise of 21 passengers, following instruction are issued to the Registering Authority as well as the enforcement authority of this department as measures of precautionary action

- (i) At the time of registration of the vehicle, Registering Authority should strictly follow the instructions given in the second proviso of rule 319 of Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, which envisages provision of emergency exit in Contract Carriage Omni Buses.
- (ii) In case of Air Conditioned Omni Buses provision of Emergency exists should be provided as per the above rule proviso, in addition to that a hammer should be fixed to the reach of the passengers for breaking the glass panel in emergency. Such door should be in operational Condition.
- (iii) The operating crew of the bus should enlighten the passengers about the provision of the Emergency Exit and also about the method of using it at the time of emergency at the beginning of journey. Such door should be in operational Condition.
- (iv) A sign board regarding Emergency Exit should be provided conspicuously and illuminated.
- (v) All the Regional Transport Officers and Motor Vehicles Inspectors should check the Omni Buses plying in their jurisdiction and ensure that the above provisions are complied and submit an action taken report by 30.06.2011.
- (vi) Every' three months all Regional Transport Officers should review the performance of the Omni Bus drivers engaged by the operators in their jurisdiction about their physical fitness, vision, driving skill for such Heavy passenger vehicles.
- (vii) The exit – entrance door, opening, closing control switch should be made available to the reach of the passengers on board, so as to operate in case of emergency apart from the driver. Such door should be in operational Condition.

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Transport Commissioner