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Sub :- General Education-Safety Measures of School Buses/Vehicles-reg

Ref :- 1 Order No. CRMP No. 4029/O2/LA1/2015/KeSCPCR Dated, 29/12/2015 of the Hon'ble Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
2 Letter No.C1/901/TC/2009 Dated, 30/06/2016 of the Transport Commissioner, Kerala

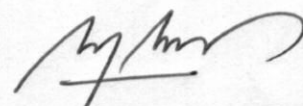
As per reference cited (1) the Hon'ble Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights have directed the Transport Commissioner, Kerala to issue the guidelines for the safety measures of school buses/vehicles. In response to the above order, the Transport Commissioner published the following guidelines regarding the operation of school buses/vehicle.

- 1) If the vehicle used for transportation of school children is a hired vehicle, a board shall be exhibited at the top of the front and rear ends of the vehicle. On the board " On School Duty" shall be written conspicuously in Blue letter on white back ground
- 2) The vehicles should have a First-Aid-Box, as provided under Rule 151 of the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules,1989
- 3) The windows of the vehicle shall be fitted with horizontal grills

- 4) There should be a fire extinguisher in the Bus
- 5) The name and the telephone number of Educational Institution shall be written at a prominent place on the vehicle
- 6) The doors of the vehicle shall be fitted with reliable locks
- 7) There shall be ample space under the seats for keeping school bags safely
- 8) There shall be a qualified Attendant in the vehicle to attend the children.
- 9) Any parent/guardian or teacher shall travel in such vehicle to ensure the safety norms.
- 10) The driver of the vehicle must have an experience of at least 10 years in the class of vehicle in which he intends to carry school children.
- 11) A driver who has been punished/convicted more than twice in a year for offences like red light jumping, violation of lane discipline or allowing unauthorized person to drive should not be employed
- 12) A driver who has been punished/convicted even once for the offence of over speeding, drunken driving and dangerous driving under Sections 279, 337, 338 and 304 A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 shall not be employed
- 13) The details of those who travel in the bus shall be kept in the vehicle and such details should contain name of traveler, name of the guardian address and telephone number/mobile number for contact and the said list shall be properly laminated.

- 14) The vehicle shall be subjected to surprise checking by the school authority/office bearers of Parents Teachers Association in order to watch the behavior/nature of services rendered by the crew of such vehicle
- 15) In every Educational Institution Bus, every seating position for school children shall be at least 265 mm in width and 350 mm in depth
- 16) Every Educational Institution Bus shall be painted in Golden-yellow colour as per IS/5-1994 (as amended from time to time). For school identification, a band of 150 mm wide of 'Golden Brown' colour shall be provided on all sides of the bus below window level.
- 17) Every Educational Institution Bus other than three wheeled vehicle shall be fitted with a Speed Limiting Device with speed limit set at 50 Km/hr.

All Educational officers and Headmasters are directed to comply with the above guidelines scrupulously.



For Director of Public Instruction

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