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COMMERCE & TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 31st August, 2016

SUBJECT:— POLICY ON TRANSPORT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN- 2016.

1.0 PREAMBLE:

Safety of the school children continues to remain a major challenge and cause for deep concern to every parent in India. Keeping this in view, it is felt that a comprehensive Policy on transport of school children should be framed in the State.

2.0 VISION:

Policy adheres to the safety standards prescribed by the authorities from time to time. It involves the Transport Department, Police, Educational Authorities, School Authorities, Parents Associations and the N.G.Os to ensure that safety of school going children is given prime importance and is not compromised in any situation.

The policy shall act as a guide in times to come and would instill in minds of the parents a strong belief that lives of their children would be safe and secure at every moment during commuting.

3.0 OBJECTIVES:

The policy shall:—

- Propose a suitable framework for ensuring safety of school children by adopting and integrating best practices in other States;
- Seek the involvement of both Government and Non-Government bodies and personnel for its smooth implementation;
- Devise an inbuilt mechanism for frequent evaluation and delivery assessment.

4.0 REQUIREMENTS & IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

1. Standard Requirements of school buses/vehicles:

(1) Identification:—

- It shall be mandatory for all school buses to have an external colour of Golden Yellow. This colour shall be as per IS-5-1994.(as amended from time to time)
- On all sides of the bus below the window level, a 150mm wide band of Golden Brown colour shall be provided
- The inscription " School Bus" shall be painted in the front and rear top of the school bus in bold and visible letters in case it is owned by the school; if the bus is a hired one ,then the inscription "On School Duty" shall be clearly indicated.
- Following diagram of rectangular size 40 cm x 30cm shall be painted in Golden Yellow colour with black back-ground on both the exterior sides in the front and rear bottom of the school bus .



- On the left rear side of the School Bus, particulars of name and address of the School, contact phone number, mobile phone number etc. shall be printed.
- Name of the School shall be written horizontally in a conspicuous manner at top of the front and rear ends and on both sides of the School Bus .
- In the rear right side of the School Bus, contact numbers of the Bus in-charge, Administrator of the School, local Regional Transport Officer and Police authority of the School Level Transport Committee should be printed. A separate e-mail ID shall be created and displayed for registering the complaints.

(2) Construction & Maintenance of School Buses.

- **Type of Body:** Every School Bus shall be semi- salon type with steel body and no vehicle shall be covered with canvass hood/roof.

- **Entrance-cum-exit:** In every School bus, there shall be one entrance-cum-exit in the front left side. Hand-rails shall be fixed firmly along the steps in the front door. It shall be provided with a suitable door.
- **Doors:** In every School Bus, the door for the entrance-cum-exit shall be well maintained to ensure safe locking and unlocking ; the doors must always remain closed when the bus is in motion.
- **Foot Board:** In every School Bus, first step of the foot board shall be at a height not exceeding 300 mms and not less than 250 mms from the ground level and all steps shall be fitted with non-slip treads. In case the School Bus is used exclusively for conveyance of the differently abled students, the steps shall be suitably amended to suit their convenience.
- **Driver's Cabin:** In every School Bus, grilled partition shall be provided to separate driver cabin.
- **Seats:-** In every School Bus, all the seats shall be firmly fixed to the floor board by bolts or studs and nuts and fastened by some efficient device to the floor board so as to prevent from coming loose. All seats other than the ones facing the passenger step well shall be forward facing.
- **Bag racks:** In every School Bus suitable grilled provision shall be made for bag racks under the seat for keeping things of the students. The racks shall be of dimensions not less than 350 mm depth, 500 mm width and clear height of 300 mm.
- **Floor Board:** In every School Bus, the floor boards shall be so fitted as to exclude dirt and dust. If any part of the floor board caves or weakens, no patch work shall be done. Instead, the entire length and breadth of that stretch of the floor board shall be replaced by new floor board.
- **Windows:** Every School Bus shall be provided with windows on each sides of size not less than 55 cms x 70cms.
- **Window grill:** In every School Bus, three horizontal steel bars shall be fixed on the bus exterior along the windows in such a manner that the distance between adjoining bars does not exceed 5 cms.
- **Emergency Exit:** Every School Bus shall be fitted with an emergency exit door at the rear right side or at the rear wind screen with quick release latches mechanism which can be operated from inside and outside of the Bus.