

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR,
OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER,
J&K, JAMMU**

CIRCULAR

Whereas this office has from time to time issued instructions for operating school buses to the authorities of the schools,

Whereas the Hon'ble supreme Court has issued guidelines for plying of school buses ferrying school kids from time to time for safety of students,

Whereas it has been found that the Schools are not adhering to the guidelines and instructions, therefore through the medium of this circular all the School authorities/ managements operating in the UT of J&K are once again directed to ensure following the guidelines issued by this office for operating school buses in letter and spirit failing which necessary strict action as warranted under Motor Vehicles Act 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 and amendments thereof shall be initiated against erring schools-

- 1) All the school buses shall be mandatorily fitted with CCTV cameras. This shall be done by or before 31st of Jan 2025. School authorities shall also ensure that any vehicle outsourced by them or the parents ferrying school students shall also have CCTV camera.
- 2) All the school buses shall be fitted with speed limiting devices and at no point these should be tampered with.
- 3) School authorities shall ensure police verification of all the Drivers and conductors employed by them and a list of all drivers and conductors shall be shared with concerned RTO/ARTO. Any person charged with drunken driving/ rash driving/ for jumping red light should not be employed.
- 4) School authorities shall ensure regular medical checkup of all drivers. Though they should try to have full body check ups the major areas should be eye sight, ears, responsiveness etc.

- 5) No student should be allowed to enter the institution if he/she comes to the school driving his/her own vehicle. Further parents of such students should be counselled.
- 6) There should be no overloading of School Buses/ vehicles ferrying students at any point of time.
- 7) School authorities shall ensure timely return of students from picnics and other visits to avoid rash driving and driving during late hours of the day.

Sd/-

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Copy to the:

1. Principal Secretary to Government, Hr. Education Department, J&K Jammu.
2. Secretary to Government, Transport Department, J&K Jammu.
3. Inspector General of Police, Traffic, J&K for information.
4. Deputy Commissioners (All).
5. Director School Education, Jammu / Kashmir for information.
6. Sr. Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Jammu/Srinagar for information.
7. Regional Transport Officer, Jammu/Kashmir/Kathua for information & with the directions to submit the audit report to this Commissionerate by or before 10th Feb 2025.
8. All Assistant Regional Transport officers for information & with the directions to submit the audit report to this Commissionerate by or before 10th Feb 2025.

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