

Karnataka State Transport Corporation

Central Office: Bengaluru

Press Note

Sub: Driver and Conductors suspended by KSRTC when officers found in Airavat Club Class, Operated from Bangalore-Vijayawada transporting 04 Bag of Silver lamps worth of about 15 lakhs illegally on a surprise check.

A continuous and surprise checking programs are being conducted by KSRTC regularly. If found suspicious behaviour of the crew on certain routes, a surprise checks will be conducted under the leadership of the concerned Divisional Controller.

On 10.01.2019, surprise line checking was conducted by Bangalore Central Division team led by Sri. G.T Prabhakara Reddy, Divisional Controller, Smt.Ramya C.K, Divisional Security Inspector and Sri. Chalapathi H.M, Traffic Controller. The Line checking team checked the vehicle no KA-57 F-2844 of Depot-04 operated between Bangalore –Vijayawada at 20:58 near Hosakote toll.

Sri. N.Narayanappa Driver-cum-conductor Batch No: 4205C and Sri. Krishnamurthy H, Driver, Batch No: 781 were on duty. While on checking all the tickets issued to the passengers were in order and later, when the luggage compartment were checked, 04 Bags were found without luggage tags of KSRTC. On enquiry about the bags, the duty Conductor said that the luggage is without passenger luggage. When the duty driver and conductor were enquired further, they said the 4 bags contain 699 Silver lamps weighing about 40.950 Kg which is approximate worth of Rs.15 lakhs. Immediately the same was confiscated for further enquiry.

In the above said bus, totally 45 passengers were travelling and all seats were full. Hence, before proceeding for line checking, an additional Driver and Driver-cum-Conductor were taken with the Line checking team. The Line checking was done without inconvenience to the passengers by taking all the precautionary measures. During the course of surprise check the duty driver and conductor were involved in transit of unauthorised luggage. Therefore immediately they were withdrawn from the duty and the Driver and conductor were taken along and all the passengers were safely reached to Vijayawada.

Later on, at 22:30 Divisional Controller, KSRTC, Bangalore Central Division informed the Officials of the Commercial Tax Department. Immediately commercial tax department officials visited the Bangalore Central Division office on 11.01.2019 at early hours 02:00am in quested & verified all the silver lamps. The silver lamps

were handed over to the Commercial Tax Department. The duty Driver and Driver-cum-Conductor of the said vehicle have been suspended from the duty.

Managing Director of KSRTC, Sri Shivayogi C Kalsad, IAS, congratulated Sri. Prabhakara Reddy G.T, Divisional Controller, Smt. Ramya C.K, Divisional Security Inspector and Sri. H.M Chalapathi Traffic Controller of Bangalore Central Division, Bangalore.

Managing Director has directed that more number of surprise/incognito line checking shall be conducted in all the division's of KSRTC to avoid such lapses and also stated that Driver, Driver-cum-Conductor and Conductor not to involve in any such illegal activities. He said if any crew found involved in such illegal activities, stringent disciplinary action will be initiated.

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Public Relation Officer