

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

To

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DT: 29.09.2026

All Port Users

CIRCULAR NO : 1994 / 2026

Sub: Slippery condition of Port roads within Harbour Traffic Police Station limits, VSP City on account of spillage of cargo – Occurrence of road accidents – Preventive measures to be taken by Trade – reg.

Ref: Letter dated 08.09.2026 received from the Sub-Inspector of Police, Harbour Police Station, Visakhapatnam.

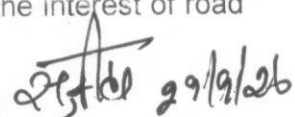
The Sub-Inspector of Police, Harbour Police Station, Visakhapatnam has reported that the Port roads within Harbour Traffic Police Station limits are turning slippery, resulting in fatal and non-fatal road accidents. This has been attributed mainly to dust and spillage of cargo such as coal, urea and other fertilizers from vehicles that are not properly covered with tarpaulin sheets, compounded by overloading of lorries/tippers, which renders the spilled material slippery during rains and foggy conditions.

The above roads are extensively used by employees of VPA, Indian Navy, Naval Dockyard and HSL, and it has been observed that accidents occur not merely due to vehicular defects or driver error, but also on account of the slippery condition of the Port roads.

In the interest of road safety and to prevent recurrence of such accidents, all Trade members, operating within the Port are advised to strictly comply with the following:

- i. Vehicles carrying coal, urea, fertilizers and other similar cargo liable to spillage shall be adequately covered with properly secured tarpaulin sheets before entry into, and during movement within, Port premises;
- ii. Vehicles shall not be loaded in excess of the permissible/rated carrying capacity;
- iii. Drivers of cargo vehicles shall exercise due caution, maintain safe speed, and observe extra care while plying on Port roads, particularly during rains and foggy weather; and
- iv. Vehicles deployed for cargo movement should be properly maintained at all times.

All concerned are requested to give this circular wide publicity among their staff, drivers and transport contractors, and to ensure strict compliance in the interest of road safety within the Port.


TRAFFIC MANAGER

C/- P.S to Chairperson for favor of information of Chairperson.

C/- P.S to Dy. Chairperson for favor of information of Dy. Chairperson.

C/- Jt. Director (R&P) for information and request to post the circular in Port Website.

C/- President, Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association for information please.

C/- President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association, for information please.

C/- President, Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association for information please.

C/- Shipping Asst. (Traffic Department), to circulate the above to Trade through e-mail.