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Subject: Regarding declaration of smoking-free public transport and installation of no-smoking signs.

Office Order

In view of the relevant issues, it is informed that the Hon'ble Prime Minister has given special importance to strengthening the immune system with the aim of improving the health services of the country. In view of this, he expressed strong conviction to build a tobacco-free Bangladesh by 2040 to prevent non-communicable diseases. As part of the implementation of his conviction, the recently inaugurated Metrorail has been declared smoke-free. Also, Bangladesh Road Transport Act 2018 has given dawn to make public transport smoke-free.

02. It should be noted that Section 4 of the Smoking and Tobacco Products Control Act, 2005 enacted by the government to improve public health prohibits smoking in public places and public transport. Sub-section 8(1) of the Act also directs every owner, custodian, controlling person or operator of public transport to post "cautionary notices" at one or more places. Sub-section 8(2) of the said Act provides for a fine of not more than one thousand rupees if there is no smoking sign/notice and in case of repeated commission of the same offense by the person, the penalty shall be doubled periodically.

In such circumstances, ensuring compliance with the relevant sections of the Control of Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products Act, 2005: Public transport is requested to take necessary steps to post smoke-free declaration and no-smoking signs as per law.

Signed/
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