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Rule 396 of Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 prohibits carrying anything which extends beyond the rear most vehicle body such as iron rods/angles/sheets etc. hanging beyond the body of vehicle. The vehicles carrying goods with load projection either in the side or rear of the vehicle are causing fatal accidents and taking valuable lives of people. The recent case is a major accident happened near Vallam in Trichy to Thanjavur NHAI road on 14.07.2017 in which one Tata Ace vehicle laden with iron rods and angles projecting beyond rear body of the vehicle was hit by a State Transport Corporation bus killing 11 persons. This subject was discussed in the Road Safety review meeting held on 22/08/2017 by the Hon'ble Minister for Transport and decided that Rule 396 of Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 is to be enforced strictly and no vehicle should be allowed on the road carrying the loads hanging either in the side or rear of the vehicle. Accordingly instructions have been issued to the Police Department that in all such cases of vehicles, if any fatal accident is caused, then F.I.R will be registered against the consignor and consignee of the goods and they will also be prosecuted for causing death along with driver of the vehicle.

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