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In order to strengthen the security system and ensure safety for children, Central Board Of Education (CBSE) has made it compulsory for school buses to have the Global Positioning System (GPS) installed in them, which will track the location of the bus.

But, the GPS will have to be approved by Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), as per the latest guideline issued by the CBSE.

The previous year saw 34 school bus accidents registered with the traffic police, as a result of which, around 21 were injured and 1 was found dead. Therefore, all CBSE schools have been demanded to submit an annual safety transport system report approved by the traffic police.

The exact location of the buses will be tracked through the GPS, which will, in turn put the bus journey under the school administration's scrutiny.

Previously, CBSE had made a mandatory speed governor (a device to measure or regulation the speed of a machine, such as engines) installation. But, only a few schools have initiated the installation process.

Anjana Tiwari, additional SP (traffic) informed that so far they have not been approached by any schools to get a report approval.

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