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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERATE KERALA	
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Abstract.

Transport Department - Granting of Stage Carriage permits to the vehicles having four wheels- Discontinued - orders issued.

TRANSPORT (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(P)No. 67/2011/Tran

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram. 31.11.2011

Read:- Judgment dated, 21.10.2004 of the Hon'ble High Court in W.P.(c)No. 2973/03 and connected cases.

ORDER

As per the judgment read above the the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala directed the state Government to examine the various pros and cons of issuing stage carriage permits to the vehicles having four wheels and pass appropriate orders thereon in accordance with law after hearing the Bus Owners' Association.

As per the direction in the judgment, the Secretary (Transport) heard the representatives of the Bus Owners' Association on 2.3.2005. Government have *examined* the matter in detail and found that operational cost of a mini/medium or heavy stage carriages does not differ much, except in the initial investments. Vehicles with six wheels also will serve the same purpose, which has lower centre of gravity and more area of contact with the road and hence more stability and reduce chances for overturning. Passengers especially the standing passengers may not be a stable load and hence the weight of the passengers may tilt the centrifugal force while negotiating curves or even while overtaking a vehicle. Overloading of vehicle cannot be controlled with the existing infrastructure of the

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department in all times. Vehicle with certain description of standards, restrictions, minimum comfort, maximum safety to the passengers with various facilities under rules alone can be allowed to be used as stage carriage operations.

After examining the various pros and cons of the matter, it is felt there is no need to issue stage carriages permits to the vehicles having four wheels. In the instances, granting of stage carriage permits to the vehicles having four wheels is discontinued with immediate effect.

The judgment read above is complied with accordingly.

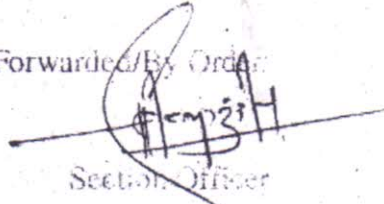
By order of the Governor,

**DR. K. ELLANGOVAN,**  
Secretary to Government.

To

- The Advocate General, Ernakulam (with covering letter).
- ✓ The Transport Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Managing Director, K.S.R.T.C., Thiruvananthapuram.
- All Regional Transport Officers (through the Transport Commissioner)
- The Director of Information and Public Relations - for publication in the Government Website.

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Section Officer