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From

Transport Commissioner,
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To

Secretary,
All Regional Transport Authorities,
Kerala.

Sir,

Sub:- MVs Dept- To decide the life span of Stage Carriages operated as Limited Stop Ordinary Services in the State in view of the Government Order No. G. O. (MS) No. 45/2015/Tran dated 20/08/2015 - Reg.

Ref:- Decision of Kerala STA meeting held on 18.11.2015 in Department Item.

Persuant to the direction contained in GOP No.45/2015, the STA, Kerala resolves to issue norms with regard to the age of stage carriages operating in the state as LSOS. STA feels it necessary to fix the age of the vehicle as 10 years for LSOS. The resolution taken by STA, Kerala dated 18.11.2015 is also attached herewith.

All RTAs are hereby directed to take appropriate decision. The decision shall be implemented w.e.f. 01.04.2016.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Transport Commissioner
Thiruvananthapuram

Approved for issue,



Senior Superintendent



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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE
TRANSPORT AUTHORITY, KERALA HELD ON
18/11/2015 AT 11 AM AT THE TRANSPORT
COMMISSIONERATE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

Present:- 1. Sri. Tomin J Thachankary IPS - Chairman
Transport Commissioner, Kerala
2. Sri. Manoj Abraham IPS - Member
Inspector General of Police
Traffic and Road Safety Management
3. Adv. P A Salim - Member

Department Item

- Agenda:-**
1. To decide the life span of Stage Carriages operated as Limited Stop Ordinary Services in the State in view of the Government Order No. G. O. (MS) No. 45/2015/Tran dated 20/08/2015.
 2. To issue directions to the RTAs to issue appropriate timing for the operation of the ordinary limited stop services operating in the State in view of the G. O. (MS) No. 45/2015/Tran dated 20/08/2015.

D1/U.O Note D2/STA/2015

Decision:- The STA was directed vide GO (MS) No. 45/2015 dated 20/08/2015 to issue appropriate orders on the age of the buses being operated as ordinary limited stop services. It was also ordered that the Regional Transport Authorities will grant appropriate timing for the operation of ordinary limited stop services. Both the matters were discussed by the STA in detail.

(1) Ordinary service is the one which is permitted to operate on a route not more than 140 kms in route length. Private Stage Carriage services such as Fast Passengers, Express, Super Fast and other super class services are permitted to continue service on the respective routes as LSOS irrespective of the distance traveled, contrary to the provisions of Rule 260 (A) of the KMV Rules 1989. Ordinary services plying on short routes are enabled to cover an average daily distance of 250 Kms where as super class services by private operators operate more than 400 Kms per day.

In the interest of public safety and convenience, vehicles plying on longer routes shall be of lesser age and of sound condition. With a view to achieve this objective, the STA decided to fix **the life of ordinary S/C service with Limited Stops as 10 Years from the date of original registration of the vehicle.**

(2) Kerala Motor Vehicle Rules 1989 is conspicuous by the absence of the term "Limited Stop Ordinary Services". Different classes of stage carriages have been defined in Rule 2 as per the amendment in Rule 2 vide G.O. (P) No. 72/2013/Tran dated 16/07/2013 where under no such service like LSOS has been defined. Therefore, LSOS needs to be reckoned as ordinary service only with limited number of stops in between termini, as specified by the concerned operator himself. There is no stipulation by the authority on the number of stops on the routes. Elimination of certain stops preferably near educational institutions, old age homes and at places where commuters are lesser in number would not enable such service to traverse at

faster speed. On the other hand, an ordinary service with limited stops shall be meant for rendering safer and more convenient service to the public. Reduction of running time so as to ply at greater speed on public road would lead to unhealthy competition between ordinary service and LSOS and dangerous overtaking which will affect the safety of public. Therefore, the running time for such service shall be on par with other ordinary services only. More over, in view of the absence of the term "LSOS" in any of the statute books, no running time other than that fixed for the ordinary service is permissible by law.

The existing norm for fixing running time for ordinary service is generally 2.5 mtrs for a distance of one Kilometer. Modification of running time fixed by the STA resolution No. D3/875/STA/2005 is underway. Hence **Adjourned.** Till the finalization of the same, the said stage carriages shall be allowed with the existing running time and stops.

Sd/-
Chairman and Members
State Transport Authority, Kerala