

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Transport (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No. 65/2012/Tran. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 9th November, 2012.*

S.R.O.No. /2012.-WHEREAS, representations have been received by the Government of Kerala from Kerala State Road Transport Corporation and various organizations representing the Private Stage Carriage Operators that, fares for Stage Carriage be revised in view of the rise in the price of diesel, and other allied factors which affect the operational cost since the last revision effected on 8th August 2011;

AND WHEREAS, the Government after examining the demand, and discussing the matter with the Private Stage Carriage Operators and Kerala State Road Transport Corporation, referred the issues to Justice Ramachandran Committee constituted vide G.O.(Ms.)No.61/2010/Tran, Dated, 19.8.2010, for advising the Government on fare revision among other things;

AND WHEREAS, Justice Ramachandran Committee submitted its report dated, 29th September 2012 after considering the hike in the price of diesel from 14th September, 2012.

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala after considering the report of the said Committee and all other aspects including the request of the petitioners in W.P.(C)No 23157/2012 and W.P.(C)No.23296/12 as directed by the Hon'ble High Court in the judgment dated, 5th October, 2012 in the above Writ Petitions and the increase in the cost of all other factors affecting the operational cost from the last fare revision which came into effect from 00.00Hrs on 8th August 2011 satisfied that conditions have changed since the publication of the Notification issued under G.O. (P)No.45/2011/Tran, dated 6th August, 2011 published as S.R.O.No.477/2011 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1497 dated 6th August, 2011 and G.O. (P)No.49/2011/Tran, dated 12th August, 2011 published as S.R.O.No.487/2011 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1533 dated 12th August, 2011 and that it is necessary to modify the directions issued to the State Transport Authority by the said Notification;

Now, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (i) of sub-section (1) of Section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), and in modification of the directions issued in the said notification, the Government of Kerala hereby direct the State Transport Authority and the Regional Transport Authorities in the State as follows:-

DIRECTIONS

The State Transport Authority or the Regional Transport Authorities, as the case may be, shall fix the rates of fares of the below mentioned categories of Stage

Carriages in the State as follows, with effect from 00.00 hours on 11th November 2012.

A. Rates of fares for the Roads in the Plains

In general, the basis for the rates of fares of various classes of Stage Carriage Services as per head per kilometer shall be as shown below, subject to clause D and E hereunder:-

Sl. No.	Classes of Stage Carriage Services	Fares
(1)	(2)	(3)
(i)	Ordinary/Mofussil Services including City/Town Services	58 Ps.
(ii)	Fast Passenger	62 Ps.
(iii)	Super Fast Services	65 Ps.
(iv)	Super Express Services	70 Ps.
(v)	Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper Services	80 Ps.
(vi)	Luxury/Hi-tech. Services/Air conditioned	100 Ps.
(vii)	Volvo Services	120 Ps.

Stage Carriages issued with Express Permits also shall collect fares applicable to (iii) Super Fast Services.

B. Rates of fares for Ghat Roads

The rates of fares for various classes of services payable for Ghat Road shall be enhanced by 25% of the rates payable for the respective classes of services on roads on the plains specified in Clause A above.

C. Flexi Charge

Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Director Board is permitted to charge a lower fare upto 15% of existing fare in the interstate services for Super Express and other upper class services above Super Express Services in lean season when passenger travel is less and also to charge a higher fare up to 10 % of existing fare in Interstate Super Express and upper class services above Super Express service, during the peak seasons (The peak seasons are April, May, August, September, November, December and January and lean seasons are February, March, June, July and October).

D. Season Tickets

Kerala State Road Transport Corporation is permitted to issue Season Tickets to regular passengers for one month or its multiples allowing concession for 25% of the regular fare. The passenger can avail of the facility for the entire days in a month.

The Season Tickets shall be issued on selected routes by Kerala State Road Transport Corporation. Season Tickets affixing photo of the passenger shall be issued to avoid misuse.

E. Minimum Fares

The minimum fares for which a ticket will be issued in various classes of services shall be as follows :-

Sl. No.	Classes of Stage Carriage Services	Fares
(1)	(2)	(3)
(i)	Ordinary/Mofussil Services including City/Town Services	6.00
(ii)	Fast Passenger	8.00
(iii)	Super Fast Services	12.00
(iv)	Super Express Services	17.00
(v)	Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper Services	25.00
(vi)	Luxury/Hi-tech. Services/Air conditioned	35.00
(vii)	Volvo Services	35.00

The minimum distance that can be travelled in a minimum fare of Rs. 6 for Ordinary/Mofussil Services including City/Town Services/City Fast shall be fixed as 5 k.m. and in a minimum fare of Rs.8.00 for Fast Passenger/ Limited Stop Fast Passenger services shall be fixed as 5.k.m. and a minimum charges of Rs. 12.00 for the Super Fast Services shall be fixed as 10 k.m. In respect of other class of service the minimum charge will be applicable to the distance prevailing against the pre-revised rates.

F. Fixation of Fares

In respect of routes where fare stages have already been fixed, such fare stages shall be retained without changes. However, for the purpose of calculation the distance between two stages will be taken generally as 2.5 kilometres for Ordinary/Mofussil/City/City Fast Passenger/Town Services, since the fare stages are generally fixed not only on the consideration of distance, but also taking into consideration factors like importance of places and convenience of passengers.

G. Calculation of Fares

Over and above the minimum distance, fares will be calculated at the existing PER KM. rate rounding off the fraction to the nearest rupee, to the lower rupee when

the fraction is between 1 and 49 paise and to the next higher rupee when the fraction is between 50 and 99 paise. The PER KM, rates are to be applied over and above minimum fare and excluding the maximum distance that can be travelled in a minimum fare. For example, for a distance of 10 k.ms, the minimum fare of Rs. 6.00 for a distance of first 5Kms. will apply and for the rest of the distance i.e., 5 more kms. the existing rate of 58 paise per Km. will apply. Thus the fare for the second 5 Kms. will be Rs. 2.90. This shall be added to the minimum fare of Rs. 6.00 and the total Rs. 8.90 shall be rounded to Rs. 9.00. In the case of Fast Passenger Service and Super Fast Service, over and above the minimum fare per Km. fare shall be charged at the revised rate rounding the fraction to next higher rupee. In the case of Super Express, over and above the minimum fare per K.M. fare at the revised rate shall be rounded off to the next higher multiple of Rs. 5/- and in respect of all other higher classes of service over and above the minimum fare, per k.m. fare at the revised rate will be rounded off to the next higher multiple of Rs.10/-

H. Fare during approved Festival Occasions

In respect of services operated in connection with the festival occasions mentioned in the schedule, the operators may realise 30% of the rates in addition to the rates of fares fixed for the respective class of services.

I. Students Concession

(i) Full time regular students not engaged in any other calling or profession studying in any recognised educational institution for a recognised course and full time students not engaged in any other calling or profession studying privately in any institution and who have registered their names in any of the Universities in India as a student for a particular course or private study admitted by a University in Kerala, travelling in a stage carriage for a distance not exceeding 40 Kilometres for a single journey for the purpose of attending classes, from residence to institution shall be eligible for concession in City/Town and Ordinary Mofussil Services and Limited Stop Ordinary Services during the entire period of such course including all holidays.

(ii) **Students Concession Fare:** The Minimum fares for the students concession tickets shall be increased from 50 paise to Re.1. for the first stage (2.5 kms). The minimum fare of Re. 1. will apply for the initial 2.5 kms. For the next two consecutive fare stages (5 kms), additional 50 paise will be added to the Minimum fare of Re.1. Therefore, a student travelling a distance of 2.5 kms shall be issued a ticket for Re.1. and a student travelling up to 7.5 kms (3 fare stages) shall be issued ticket for Rs.1.50. Likewise, student travelling a distance up to 12.5 kms will be issued a ticket for Rs. 2.00 only. In other words, for every five Kms over and above the minimum distance of 2.5 Kms, additional 50 paise will be added to the minimum fare.

Provided further that the students shall produce Identity Cards in the form prescribed by the Government as per G.O. (Rt) No.1324/90/PW&T dated the 18th September, 1990, for claiming the concessions.

SCHEDULE

(See Clause (H))

Sl. No.	Name of Festival	Period/Month	No. of Days
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Ambalappuzha Temple Festival	March/April	3
2	Arat at Ettumanoor	February/March	3
3	Arat at Thiruvananthapuram	October/November	1
4	Arat at Thiruvananthapuram	March/April	1
5	Arat at Thirunakkara, Kottayam	March	1
6	Arthunkal Church Festival	January/February	4
7	Ashtami at Vaikom	November/December	3
8	Athirampuzha Church Festival	January/February	2
9	Beemapally Mosque Festival	October/November	5
10	Edathua Church Festival	April/May	5
11	Recognised Exhibitions at various places	For the period of duration of exhibition	
12	Guruvayur Ekadasi	January/February	3
13	Haripad Utsavam	April/May	3
14	Kanichukulangara Temple Festival	February/March	2
15	Kollengode Thookam	March/April	3
16	Kumarakoil Thrikkalyanam	March/April	3
17	Makaravilakku at Sabarimala	January	25
18	Malayattur Church Festival	March/April	8

19	Mandakkattu Kodai	February/March	10
20	Mandalapooja at Sabarimala	November/December	55
21	Manjanikkara Church Festival	February	2
22	Mannarasala Ayilyam	October/November	3
23	Maramon Convention	February	8
24	Meena Bharani at Kodungalloor	March/April	7
25	Mullakkal Temple Festival	December/January	3
26	Oachira 12 Light Festival	November	13
27	Cherthala Pooram	March/April	2
28	Sivagiri Therthadanam	December/January	4
29	Sivarathri at Aluva	January/February	3
30	Veli Church Festival	March/April	2
31	Vettucadu Church Festival	March/April	1
32	Vishu at Kulathupuzha	April	2
33	Thrissur Pooram	April/May	3
34	Irinjalakuda Utsavam	April/May	5
35	Thriprayar Ekadasi	December/January	2
36	Thalassery Jaganatha Temple Festival	March	2
37	Kannampara Vela	May/June	2
38	Kottiyoor Festival	May/June	7
39	Kottarakara Ganapathi Temple Utsavam	April/May	11
40	Attukal Ponkala Festival	February/March	2
41	Karkidaka Vavu	July/August	2
42	Nehru Trophy Boat Race, Alappuzha	August/September	1
43	St. Mary Magadaelana's Church, Pallithura	September	3
44	Festival at St. Mary's Church, Makkapuzha	September	2
45	Marthoma Convention at Kottarakkara	January/February	8
46	Ayroor Cherukolpuzha Hindu Matha Convention	February	8
47	SreeVelliyoorkavu Temple Festival	March	16
48	Kuthiyottam Festival of Nedumangad	March	1
49	Festival at St. Mary's Church, Thankey	March	2
50	Kannamaly Church Festival	March	1
51	Meena Bharani Festival at Sarkara Devi Temple	April	3
52	Medavishu at Sabarimala	April	10
53	Festival at Chandanapally Church	May	1

This Notification shall come into force on the 11th day of November, 2012.

By order of the Governor,

ELIAS GEORGE,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Government have decided to enhance the fare rates of Stage Carriages and student concession fare in the State taking into account the study conducted by the Justice Ramachandran Committee constituted vide G.O.(Ms.)No.61/2010/Tran, Dated, 19.8.2010, for advising the Government on fare revision

This Notification is intended to achieve the above object.