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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Transport (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) No. 37/2020/Tran.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 2nd July, 2020

S. R. O. No. 452/2020

WHEREAS, the Government have issued directions to the State Transport Authority and the Regional Transport Authorities to fix the rate of fares of various classes of stage carriages in the State with effect from 00.00 hours on the 1st day of



March, 2018, as per Notifications published as G.O.(P) No. 4/2018/Tran. dated 26th February, 2018 and published as S.R.O. No. 109/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 468 dated 26th February, 2018, G.O. (P) No. 5/2018/Tran. dated 28th February, 2018 and published as S.R.O. No. 111/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 480 dated 28th February, 2018, G.O.(P) No. 6/2018/Tran. dated 28th February, 2018 and published as S.R.O.No. 112/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 481 dated 28th February, 2018, G. O. (P) No. 7/2018/Tran. dated 28th February, 2018 and published as S.R.O. No. 113/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 482 dated 28th February, 2018;

AND WHEREAS, representations have been received by the Government of Kerala from various organizations representing the private stage carriage operators that, fares for stage carriages be revised in view of the rise in the price of diesel and other factors which affect the operational cost since the last revision effected on the 1st day of March, 2018;

AND WHEREAS, the Government, after examining the demand, referred the matter to the Justice Ramachandran Committee constituted vide G.O.(Ms.) No. 61/2010/Trans dated 19th August, 2010, for advising the Government on fare revision among other things;

AND WHEREAS, the Justice Ramachandran Committee submitted its interim report dated 25th June, 2020, after considering the situation in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, the preventive measures including social distancing and also the hike in the price of diesel and other operational costs in the bus industry;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala, after considering the report of the said Committee and all other aspects including the increase in the cost of



diesel, the necessity of keeping social distancing among the passengers in the buses in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic and the lesser number of passengers that can be carried in a stage carriage and all other factors affecting the operational cost from the last fare revision which came into effect from 00.00 hrs. on the 1st day of March, 2018 and that it is necessary to modify the direction issued to the State Transport Authority and the Regional Transport Authorities by the previous notifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) and in modification of the directions issued in the previous notifications and subject to the regulations, guidelines, norms or orders issued by the Government in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Government of Kerala hereby direct the State Transport Authority and the Regional Transport Authorities in the State as follows:-

DIRECTIONS

Subject to the regulations, guidelines, norms or orders issued by the Government in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic, 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 on and from 00.00 hours on the 3rd day of July, 2020.

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 clauses D and E hereunder:-



<i>S.I</i>	<i>Classes of Stage Carriage Services</i>	<i>Covid-19</i>
<i>No.</i>		<i>Special</i>
<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)</i>
(i)	Ordinary/Mofussil Services including City/Town services	90 Ps
(ii)	City Fast services	94 Ps
(iii)	Fast Passenger/Limited Stop Fast Passenger Services	95 Ps
(iv)	Super Fast Services	98 Ps
(v)	Express/Super Express Services	107 Ps
(vi)	Super Air Express	117 Ps
(vii)	Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper Services	125 Ps
(viii)	Luxury/High-Tech and Air conditioned Services	150 Ps
(ix)	Single Axle services	181 Ps
(x)	Multi Axle services	250 Ps
(xi)	Low Floor Air Conditioned services	187 Ps
(xii)	Low Floor Non Air Conditioned services	100 Ps

B. Rates of Fares for Ghat Roads

The rates of fares for various classes of services payable for Ghat roads 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 upto 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, irrespective of the distance travelling:-

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Classes of Stage Carriage Services</i>	<i>Covid-19 Special Fares (in ₹)</i>
<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)</i>
(i)	Ordinary/Mofussil Services including City/Town services	8.00
(ii)	City Fast services	10.00
(iii)	Fast Passenger/Limited Stop Fast Passenger Services	14.00
(iv)	Super Fast Services	20.00
(v)	Express/Super Express Services	28.00
(vi)	Super Air Express	35.00
(vii)	Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper Services	40.00
(viii)	Luxury/High-Tech and Air conditioned Services	60.00
(ix)	Single Axle services	60.00
(x)	Multi Axle services	100.00
(xi)	Low Floor Air Conditioned services	26.00
(xii)	Low Floor Non Air Conditioned services	13.00



The maximum distance that can be travelled in a minimum fare of ₹ 8 for Ordinary/Mofussil services including City/Town services shall be fixed as 2.5 Kms and in a minimum fare of ₹ 10.00 for City Fast Service shall be fixed as 2.5 Kms and in a minimum fare of ₹ 14.00 for Fast Passenger/Limited Stop Fast Passenger services shall be fixed as 5 Km. and in a minimum fare of ₹ 20.00 for the Super Fast services shall be fixed as 10 Km. and in a minimum fare of ₹ 28.00 for Express/Super Express services shall be fixed as 10 Km and in a minimum fare of ₹ 35.00 for Super Air Express service shall be fixed as 10.00 Kms. and in a minimum fare of ₹ 40.00 for the Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper services shall be fixed as 15 Km. and in a minimum fare of ₹ 60.00 for the Luxury/High-Tech and Air Conditioned services and single axle services shall be fixed as 20 Kms. and in a minimum fare of ₹ 100.00 for the Multi Axle services shall be fixed as 20 Kms and in a minimum fare of ₹ 26.00 for the Low Floor Air Conditioned services shall be fixed as 5 Kms and in a minimum fare of ₹ 13.00 for the Low Floor Non Air Conditioned services shall be fixed as 2.5 Kms.

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 kilometers 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 the minimum fare and excluding the maximum distance that can be travelled in a minimum fare. For example, for a distance of 10 Kms, the fare of ₹ 8.00 will apply for a distance of first 2.5 Kms and for the next 2.5 Kms, the revised rate of 90 paise per Km. will apply. Thus the fare for the second 2.5 Kms will be ₹ 2.25. This shall be added to the minimum fare of ₹ 8.00 and the total amount of ₹ 10.25 shall be rounded to ₹ 10.00. In the case of Fast Passenger services and Super Fast Services, over and above the minimum fare, PER KM. fare at the revised rate shall be charged rounding the fraction to next higher rupee. In the case of Super Express, and Super Air Express services over and above the minimum fare, PER KM. fare at the revised rate shall be charged rounding the fraction to next higher multiple of ₹ 5.00 and in respect of Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper services, Luxury/High-Tech and Air Conditioned services, Single Axle services, Multi Axle services over and above the minimum fare, PER KM. fare at the revised rate shall be charged rounding the fraction to next higher multiple of ₹ 10.00 and in the case of Low Floor Air Conditioned services, over and above the minimum fare, PER KM. fare at the revised rate shall be charged rounding the fraction to next higher multiple of ₹ 2.00 and in the case of Low Floor Non Air Conditioned services, over and above the minimum fare, PER KM. fare at the revised rate shall be charged rounding the fraction to next higher multiple of ₹ 1.00.



H. Fare during approved Festival Occasions.

In respect of services operated in connection with the festival occasions mentioned in the Schedule, the operators may realize 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 recognized educational institution for a recognized 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 kilometers 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) The minimum fares for the Students Concession Ticket shall continue to be the existing ₹ 1. The minimum fare of ₹ 1 will apply for the initial 2.5 kms. and above the minimum distance of 2.5 kms., 25% of the actual increase in the fare for each stage with respect to the previous notifications, issued under G.O.(P) No. 38/2014/Trans dated 19th May, 2014 published as S.R.O.No. 297/2014 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1262 dated 19th May, 2014, revised and fixed for Ordinary/Mofussil Services including City/Town/Services, will be added to the students existing fare fixed for a distance of 5 Kms. As per notification issued under G.O.(P) No. 65/2012/Tran. dated 9th November, 2012 and published as S.R.O.No. 784/2012 in the Kerala Gazette Extra ordinary No. 445 dated the 9th



November, 2012 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, provided the fare amount so fixed shall not be less than the fare fixed for the previous stage. Therefore, a student travelling a distance of 2.5 kms, shall be issued a ticket of ₹1 and a student travelling upto 7.5 kms. shall be issued ticket for ₹ 2. Likewise, student travelling a distance upto 12.5 kms. will be issued a ticket for ₹ 3 only:

Provided that the students shall produce Identity Card in the Form prescribed by the Government or such other competent authority for claiming the concession.

SCHEDULE

[See Clause (H)]

<i>Sl. No</i>	<i>Name of Festival</i>	<i>Period/Month</i>	<i>No. of days</i>
(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.	Attukal Ponkala Festival	February/March	2
10.	Ayroor Cherukolpuzha Hindu Matha Convention	February	8
11.	Beemapally Mosque Festival	October/November	5
12.	Cherthala Pooram	March/April	2



13.	Edathua Church Festival	April/May	5
14.	Festival at Chandanapally Church	May	1
15.	Festival at St.Mary's Church,	September	2
	Makkapuzha		
16.	Festival at St.Mary's Church, Thankey.	March	2
17.	Guruvayoor Ekadasi	January/February	3
18.	Haripad Utsavam	April/May	3
19.	Irinjalakuda Utsavam	April/May	5
20.	Kanichukulangara Temple Festival	February/March	2
21.	Kannamaly Church Festival	March	1
22.	Kannampara Vela	May/June	2
23.	Karkidaka Vavu	July/August	2
24.	Kollengode Tookam	March/April	3
25.	Kottarakkara Ganapathi Temple	April/May	11
	Utsavam.		
26.	Kottiyoor Festival	May/June	7
27.	Kumarakoil Thrikkalyanam	March/April	3
28.	Kuthiyottam Festival of Nedumangad	March	1
29.	Makaravilakku at Sabarimala	January	25
30.	Malayattur Church Festival	March/April	8
31.	Mandalapooja at Sabarimala	November /December	55
32.	Mandakattu Kodai	February/March	10
33.	Mannarasala Ayilyam	October/November	3
34.	Manjanikkara Church Festival	February	2
35.	Maramon Convention	February	8
36.	Marthoma Convention at Kottarakkara	January/February	8
37.	Medavishu at Sabarimala	April	10
38.	Meena Bharani Festival at Kodungalloor	March/April	7
39.	Meena Bharani Festival at Sarkara devi	April	3
	Temple.		
40.	Mullackal Temple Festival	December/January	3
41.	Nehru Trophy Boat Race, Alappuzha	August /September	1
42.	Oachira 12 Light Festival	November	13
43.	Recognised Exhibitions at various places	For the period of	
		duration of exhibition	
44.	Sivarathri at Aluva	January/February	3
45.	Sivagiri Theerthadanam	December/January	4



46.	Sree Velliyoorkavu Temple Festival	March	16
47.	St.Mary's Magdaelana's Church, Pallithura.	September	3
48.	Thalassery Jaganatha Temple Festival	March	2
49.	Thriprayar Ekadasi	December/January	2
50.	Thrissur Pooram	April/May	3
51.	Veli Church Festival	March/April	2
52.	Vettucadu Church Festival	March/April	1
53.	Vishu at Kulathupuzha	April	2

This notification shall come into force on the 3rd day of July, 2020.

By order of the Governor,

K.R JYOTHILAL

Principal 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 in the State taking into account the situation in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, the preventive measures including social distancing and also the hike in price of diesel and other factors which affect the operational costs of stage carriages and based on the Interim Report submitted by Justice Ramachandran Committee constituted vide G.O. (Ms)No.61/2010/Tran. dated 19th August,2010, for advising Government on fare revision.

The notification is intended to achieve the above objects.

