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Head Office,  
Motor Vehicles Department,  
Thiruvananthapuram,  
Date: 1.6.1998.

CIRCULAR NO. 15 /98

Sub:- Stage Carriages - Fixing of uniform running time -  
Further instructions issued.

Ref:- Circular No.3/97 dated 31.5.1997.

Steps to prevent increase in road accidents were considered by the Government in a meeting held on 7.5.97. It was found that stage carriages (passenger buses) were involved in large number of serious accidents. Shortage of the allowed running time was identified as one of the causes for overspeeding. Lack of uniformity in the time allowed for different stage carriages operating on the same route, (under the permits issued by various RTAs) resulted in competition leading to overspeeding.

With a view to set these right, by exercise of the authority under Rule 127 read with 130 and 140 of the KMV Rules, 1989, the STA, Kerala revised the running time allowed for various categories of stage carriages as follows and issued instructions in Circular No.3/97 dated 31.5.97.

Timings

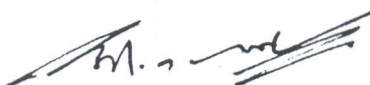
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| a) City/Town Services  | - 3 minutes per K.M.                |
| b) Ordinary Mofussil Services                                    | - 2 minutes and 30 seconds per K.M. |
| c) Limited Stop Ordinary Services (Wayanad and Idukki districts) | - 2 minutes and 30 seconds per K.M. |
| d) Limited Stop Ordinary Services (other districts)              | - 2 minutes and 15 seconds per K.M. |

In the Circular though the RTAs were directed to take appropriate decision to revise timings accordingly, no cut-off date was prescribed for the implementation of the revised timings in the entire State. Lack of uniformity continues to exist as the process of revision of timings is not yet completed.

Now, with a view to avoid likely disadvantage to certain stage carriage operators, due to lack of uniformity in implementation, it is decided to notify a date on which the revised timings will come into force throughout the State. The date will be 1.9.1998.

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Secretaries of RTAS are requested to continue and complete the process of revision of timings as ordered in Circular No.3/97 and implement the revised timings in their jurisdictions uniformly with effect from 1.9.98. Receipt of this Circular will be acknowledged immediately and compliance reported by 5.9.1998.



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