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Office of the Transport Commissioner,
Thiruvananthapuram, dt. 27.8.1991.CIRCULAR NO.23/91

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Sub:- M.Vs. - Travel concession to the physically handicapped persons in the categories the blind, the deaf and dumb and orthopaedically handicapped - Instructions issued - reg.

- Ref:-
1. G.O.(P) No.1/87/PW&T dt. 5.1.87.
 2. This office letters of even No. dt. 28.1.87 and 13.11.89.
 3. G.O.(P) No.29/89/PW&T dt. 7.4.89.
 4. G.O.(P) No.59/89/PW&T dt. 20.6.89.
 5. This office letters of even No. dt. 9.11.89 and 8.12.89.

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Representations are being received from various quarters that the physically handicapped persons in the categories of blind, deaf, dumb and orthopaedically handicapped are not getting the benefit of travel concession in private buses. In this connection, the attention of all Regional Transport Officers is once again invited to the orders of Government on the subject and the directions issued by the State Transport Authority, Kerala thereon from time to time as follows:-

Govt. of Kerala as per Notification G.O.(P) No.1/87/PW&T dated 5.1.1987 published as SRO.No.9/87 have issued necessary directions to the State Transport Authority, Kerala, to fix the rates of concessions for travelling in the State Carriages other than those owned by the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation in respect of physically handicapped persons subject to certain conditions including the following namely:-

1. The physically handicapped persons shall be allowed concession in fares in stage carriages other than those owned by the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation for a distance not exceeding 40 Kilometres for a single journey.

2. The concession fare shall be at the rate of 70% of the prescribed fare, on production of identity cards issued by the Regional Transport Officer/Joint Regional Transport Officer in charge of Sub Regional Transport Offices.

3. The identity cards may be issued on the basis of the Certificate of a Medical Officer not below the rank of an Assistant Surgeon in the Orthopaedic Branch of a recognised hospital certifying that the applicant has not less than 50% (Fifty percent) disability.

The State Transport Authority, Kerala at its meeting held on 19.10.1987 decided to allow a concessional fare at the rate of 70% of the normal fare to the physically handicapped persons travelling in Stage carriages other than those operated by Kerala State Road Transport Corporation. A copy of the Government order and the Directions of the State Transport Authority, Kerala, thereon, were forwarded to all concerned for information and necessary action as per this office letters of even No. dt. 28.1.87 and 13.11.87, referred as 2nd above.

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Government of Kerala, again, as per notification G.O.(P) No.29/89/PW&T dt. 7.4.89 published as SRO.No.591/89 have issued directions to the State Transport Authority, Kerala, in partial modification of the directions already issued in G.O.(P)No.1/87/PW&T dt.5.1.87 published as SRO No.9/87 in the Kerala Gazette Extra-ordinary dt. 5.1.87 for considering the extension of benefit of concessional travel to the physically handicapped persons in the categories of blind, deaf and dumb also. The State Transport Authority, Kerala, has also decided to allow a concessional fare at the rate of 70% in bus fare to the blind, the deaf and dumb in addition to the orthopaedically handicapped. A copy of the Government order and the directions issued by the State Transport Authority, Kerala thereon were also forwarded to all concerned for their information and necessary action as per this office letters referred as 5th above.

Despite of the above orders and directions, many requests are coming in, seeking copy of the orders etc. Representatives from the Associations of the physically handicapped are also being received that the full benefit envisaged in the Government orders are not reaching to the beneficiaries properly.

In the above circumstances, all Regional Transport Officers are requested to adhere all directions issued in this regard without fail. They are also requested to issue appropriate directions to all field officers to have a close watch in this regard, and also request bus operators to co-operate fully with the endeavour of Government.

Sd/-

Transport Commissioner,

To
All Regional Transport Officers X

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Approved for Issue.

Senior Superintendent.

23.10.91