

MUKHYA MANTRI GRAMIN PARIVAHAN YOJNA

Roads are the lifeline in Himachal Pradesh, Himachal Road Transport Corporation and Private Bus Operators are providing transport connectivity to the State on inter-state routes as well as within the State. As of now, HRTC is plying routes with an approximate annual coverage of 16.00 crore kms. It has been experienced in the past that private operators are reluctant to take up routes in rural areas and HRTC is discharging its social obligations to provide connectivity in the remotest areas of the state. On many of these routes, the load factor is fairly low; however, HRTC is operating bigger buses in such areas also, rendering its operation further unviable.

In the recent years, due to expansion of road network in the State and construction of new roads funded under different schemes of the Government of India as well as the state Government, there is an increasing demand from the people of these areas to provide them adequate transport connectivity. How-ever, it is not feasible for HRTC to cope up with the increasing demand for buses, since HRTC has not been able to increase its fleet strength due to financial constraints.

It is felt that most of these new routes can be served better and in a more viable manner, if smaller size vehicles commensurate with load factor on a particular segment are plied on such routes.

The numbers of rural unemployed youth have also been on the rise in the state and these youth are on the look out for better employment avenues. With some support from the State Government these rural unemployed youth can adopt operation of buses on the above mentioned routes as a means of self employment. This would be useful for additional livelihood creation in the rural areas on one hand and would also allow HRTC to channelize its operations on the main roads and increase and improve its services on main routes with better passenger satisfaction.

Thus, the “**MUKHYA MANTRI GRAMIN PARIVAHAN YOJNA**” aims to achieve the said objective. The scheme will be called **‘MUKHYA MANTRI GRAMIN PARIVAHAN YOJNA (MMGPY)’**

1. **Short, title and commencement:** - (i) This scheme shall be called the **MUKHYA MANTRI GRAMIN PARIVAHAN YOJNA (MMGPY)**
 - (ii) The scheme shall come into force from the date appointed by the State Government through publication in the official gazette.
 - (iii) It shall extend to the whole State of Himachal Pradesh.

2. **DEFINITION:-**

In this scheme unless there is anything repugnant to the meaning or context thereof, the following expression shall mean as follows:-

- (i) “Act” means the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 as amended from time to time.

- (ii) “Rules” shall mean the rules made under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
- (iii) “Director” means the Director of Transport, Himachal Pradesh
- (iv) “Government” means the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- (v) “Rural area” means the area other than Nagar Panchayat, Cantonment, Municipal Corporation/Municipal Committee.
- (vi) “Rural roads” means the roads other than National/State highways.
- (vii) “Permit” means the permit for Stage Carriage issued under the provision of Motor Vehicles Act & rules there under.

3. ADVERTISEMENT OF ROUTES: -

- (i) The focal points have been identified on all the main sectors in the State from where connectivity to different rural areas can be provided. Himachal Road Transport Corporation would provide adequate services up to these focal points, transport connectivity to peripheral villages would be provided by private operators. The STA/RTA shall advertise routes under this scheme for which route permits shall be offered to ply buses/vehicles with a seating capacity of 17 , 22 and 29 seats.
- (ii) Route permit would be issued based on bidding on the amount of Special Road Tax (SRT) offered for that route and the applicant offering highest amount of SRT for a route will be issued permit for that route.

However token tax shall be payable by the permit holder.

4. OPERATION OF THE SCHEME: -

- (i) The beneficiary of the scheme would be bound to deploy new bus conforming to the latest emission norms as prescribed and operate on the assigned routes for a minimum period of five years.
- (ii) The revenue will be collected by the party.
- (iii) The buses under the scheme would be allowed to display advertisement.
- (iv) If the selected applicant fails to provide satisfactory service to the assigned area, the permit offered under the scheme shall be cancelled.

5. APPLICABILITY: -

- (i) The scheme shall be applicable to the rural roads/Remote areas of the Pradesh.
- (ii) General conditions of the permit shall be applicable to the permit holder under this scheme.
- (iii) The time table will be allotted by the Transport Department keeping in view routes being operated by HRTC/private operators.
- (iv) For those routes on which no HRTC bus plying or those from where HRTC discontinues its operation. All consessional pass holders will be entertained by these route permit holders under the scheme, in lieu of which the State Government will provide a fixed monthly amount of Rs.1000/- for 17 seater, Rs. 1500/- for 22 seater and Rs. 2000/-

for 29 seater bus to the party. This fixed amount would be disbursed in the prescribed manner on producing an undertaken by the route permit holder that he has provided concessional travel facility to the pass holders. Any deficiency on this account would make the route permit holder liable for penal action as prescribed by the STA/RTA.

- (v) The selected applicant will sign an agreement with Secy. STA/RTA to the effect that he will ply the bus on the route so allotted satisfactorily for at least a period of five years failing which his route permit shall be liable to be cancelled.

6. COLOUR PATTERN: -

The colour pattern of the vehicle under this scheme shall be “Green” with 10 c.m. wide White colour strip and the vehicle shall be painted with the name of the scheme “MUKHYA MANTRI GRAMIN PARIVAHAN YOJNA (MMGPY) on both sides of the vehicle below the window glasses of the body. The front wind screen shall be having strip of 6” (six inches) written with tape numbers “MUKHYA MANTRI GRAMIN PARIVAHAN YOJNA (MMGPY)”

7. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES: -

- (i) The STA/RTA shall invite applications and consider the cases under this scheme for plying the buses.

8. MONITORING OF THE SCHEME:-

The implementation of the scheme shall be monitored at Distt. level by the Committee to be constituted as under :-

Distt. Level Committee:-

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| 1. | RTO | Chairman |
| 2. | Regional Manager | Member |
| 3. | Traffic Manager | Member |

State Level Monitoring Committee:-

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| 1. | Secretary (Transport) to the govt. of HP | Chairman |
| 2. | Director Transport | Member |
| 3. | MD, HRTC | Member |
| 4. | Secy, STA | Member Secretary |

These committees shall meet at least once in a quarter and review Implementation of the scheme.

(In order to ensure better implementation of this scheme and for commitment of facilities, convenience and safety of the passengers the operator (Party) will be required to produce a certificate from concerned RM duly counter signed by the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat of concerned area to the effect that the vehicle was plying regularly on the route and is providing satisfactory services on quarterly basis to the RTA.)