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Directorate of Transport
Himachal Pradesh Shimla- 171004

To

All the Regional Transport Officers,
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated:-Shimla, 171004

.....19/11/2023

Subject:- Proceedings of the meeting of State Transport Authority held on 10.10.2023.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the proceedings of the meeting of State Transport Authority, H.P. held on 10.10.2023 for information and its necessary compliance.

You are, therefore, requested to implement the decision of the State Transport Authority in letter and spirit and furnish the compliance report in respect of the item(s) pertaining to your office within fortnight.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

Secretary, State Transport Authority-cum-
Additional Commissioner Transport,
Himachal Pradesh

Copy to:-

1. The Under Secretary (Transport) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 for information please.
2. The Special Pvt. Secretary to the Principal Secretary (Ipt.) to the Govt. of H.P with a request to apprise the worthy Chairman STA, HP accordingly.
3. The Additional Commissioner Transport (Road Safety), HP Shimla-4 for information.
4. Assistant Controller (F&A), Directorate of Transport, H.P Shimla with a request to make necessary arrangement of meeting as per scheduled fixed above.
5. Sh. Ashok Kumar S/o Late Sh. Suram Singh, VPO-pandoga, Distt. Una, Himachal Pradesh.
6. Mrs. Anjana Dhiman w/o Shri Mast Ram Dhiman, VPO-Ladda, Tehsil Ghumarwin, District-Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.
7. Sh. Baldev Thakur S/o Shri Labh Singh, Village-Khandla, PO-Kummi, Tehsil-Balh, District-Mandi, Himachal Pradesh
8. Shri Sunil Dutt Sharma S/o Shri Roshan Lal, Village-Badaran, PO-Jhollan, Tehsil-Nadaun, District-Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (STA), H.P. HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI R.D. NAZEEM, IAS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (TRANSPORT) - CUM-CHAIRMAN, STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY, HIMACHAL PRADESH, ON 10.10.2023 AT 12.30 PM AT HOTEL HOLIDAY HOME SHIMLA.

The following members were present in the meeting: -

1.	Sh. Anupam Kashyap, IAS	:	Member STA-cum-Director Transport
2.	Sh. Ashok Thakur	:	Member STA (Non-official)
3.	Sh. Anjana Dhiman	:	Member STA (Non-official)
4.	Sh. Baldev Thakur	:	Member STA (Non-official)
5.	Sh. Sunil Dutt Sharma	:	Member STA (Non-official)
6.	Sh. Ashish Kohli, HAS	:	Member Secretary, STA-cum-Secretary, State Transport Authority

At the outset Member Secretary, STA welcomed the Chairman, STA and the members/non-official members of the State Transport Authority in the meeting. Member Secretary of the STA apprised all the members about action taken on the decisions taken in the last meeting of STA held on 24.06.2023. Thereafter, with the permission of the chair, the following agenda items were taken into consideration for discussion:-

Item No. 1: To consider grant of Contract Carriage Permits/All India Tourist Permits in r/o Motor Cab/Maxi Cab/Buses (Annexure-1).

Decision: The item regarding grant of contract permits were discussed in detail as per the provisions of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988. The non-official members of the STA pointed out that before the grant of contract carriage permits in the State some benchmark needs to be established in terms of carrying capacity of the area of operation of contract carriage vehicle in the State. However, as per the contention raised by the



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non-official members, it was desired by the Chairman that the non-official members will examine the issue of carrying capacity of the area of operation of contract carriage vehicles in detail and other connected issues and will submit their valuable suggestions to the Secretary, STA for incorporating in the agenda items for the next meeting, so that an appropriate decision for the grant of 3562 permits can be considered for sanction.

Further, it was also decided by the authority to collect the information from RTO(s) that how many applicants have purchased the vehicles against the permission granted by STA in its previous meeting held on 24.06.2023 and thereafter explore the possibility for grant of the early permits in favour of all pending & new applicants as soon as possible.

Besides above, the decision taken in last meeting of STA held on 24.06.2023 [vide agenda item No. 1 & Item No. 7 (i)] to restrict one operator for maximum 5 contract carriage permit in favour of Taxi/Maxi category has been reviewed by the authority and keeping in view the large public interest the authority has decided to remove such restrictions along with direction to keep it open for all operators.

Item No. 2: Ex-post facto approval in respect of cases approved by the Chairman STA on single file dated 20.09.2023 & 19.09.2023 for the grant of vehicle purchase permission under Contract Carriage Permits in r/o Motor/Maxi Cab/Buses (Annexure-2).

Decision: Item approved.



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Item No. 3: Request of M/s Maggu Tourist Company for grant of Contract Carriage Permits in their favour.

Decision: The authority re-examined the previous decision of STA dated 18.08.1995 carefully as per provision of the section 40 of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 read with Rule 47 (e) and 4 of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 and observed that there is a provision to register any type of vehicle on production of proof of Place of Business in the State.

It was observed by the Authority that if non- Bonafide Himachalis are allowed to register their vehicles in the State of H.P., then there will be a massive increase in Government revenue viz GST, Token Tax, SRT and Permit fee etc. The Rule, 47 (e) of Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 provided the provision for documentation for proof of address for registration of vehicle prescribed in Rule 4 of CMVR, 1989.

Hence, the authority decided that the following parameters shall be considered for registration of other state vehicles:-

1. Proof of principal place of business in the State of H.P.
2. Permanent residence proof of the operator (within state or outside state whichever is applicable)
3. In case of rent agreement, valid address proof of the 2nd party e.g. Aadhar Card.
4. In case of Firm/Company, the copy of certification of registration issued by the Competent Authority.
5. The owner of the vehicle has to pay advance tax (Token/SRT) as per provision of the H.P. Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1972 for which the decision shall be taken by the concerned RTO at his/her own level.



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Item No. 4: Auto Rickshaw (Annexure-4).

Decision: After detailed deliberation, the authority has decided to allow the replacement of Petrol/Diesel Autos by giving relaxation in terms of the previous decision of STA dated 24.06.2023 in favour of those operators who have given permission to purchase the petrol/diesel Autos by the respective RTOs on or before **10th October, 2023**. The authority further decided that only BS-VI norms Auto (Petrol/Diesel) shall be allowed for replacement except non-attainment cities where the only e-Auto replacement shall be granted.

It was further decided that the respective RTA's may take decision to register e-auto/e-rickshaws in non-attainment cities in H.P. to decarbonize its transport sector and promoting ecotourism through a combination of renewable energy supply and EV adoption.

In addition to above after detailed discussion, the Authority further decided that the cases related to the transfer of permits of Auto Rickshaw will be decided by the respective RTA's on case to case basis as per the provision prescribed in the Motor Vehicle Act/Rules.

Item No. 5: Consideration of ~~Ex-Post-Facto~~ approval and grant of new temporary interstate stage carriage route permits in favour of HRTC (Annexure-5 & 5-1).

Decision: The authority has accorded the following approval under section 87 (1) (C) of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 in favour of HRTC in large public interest:-

- (i) Ex-post facto approval for the grant of 8 numbers Temporary Interstate stage carriage route permits (Annexure-5).
- (ii) 25 numbers new Temporary Interstate stage carriage route permits (Annexure-5-1 & 5-3)



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Item No. 6: Stage Carriage Bus Fleet.

Decision: After detailed deliberations, the Authority has a clear view that there is massive possibility of misusing the stage carriage buses under fleet operation if the same are allowed in favour of any operator without any specific guidelines/criteria. Hence, it was decided to constitute a Committee of following officers of Transport Department including Non-official STA members to fix the criteria for Stage Carriage Bus fleet under the chairmanship of Secretary, STA HQ:-

- (i) RTO Rampur
- (ii) ARTO Parwanu
- (iii) ARTO Paonta Sahib
- (iv) Supdt. STA HQ

Item No.7: Grant of Private Service Vehicle (PSV) Permit in the name of individual and countersignature of PSV permit issued by other State(s) in the name of individual.

Decision:- The matter was discussed in detail and after detailed deliberation it was approved by the Authority that the PSV permits issued by the neighboring states in favour of individual to enter in H.P. after paying counter signature fee or relevant tax etc. deemed to be valid as per the provision of HP Motor Vehicle Rules, 1999 and HPMV Taxation Act, 1972 so that the transport services in industrial areas may not suffer in any case.

Further, it was also decided that the respective RTA's in H.P. shall consider the application of individual to grant PSV permit as per analogy of neighboring States (Haryana, Chandigarh & Punjab) which will definitely increase the revenue to the State exchequer in term of Route permit fee, Token Tax & Special Road Tax.

Item No.8 Regarding replacement permission of buses with decrease & increase in the seating capacity under Stage Carriage Permit category.

Decision: After detailed discussion, the Authority came to a conclusion that the cases related to replacement of buses with increase



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and decrease in the seating capacity under stage carriage permit will be decided by Chairman RTA as per report of the Regional Transport Officer concerned on case to case basis and as per the provision prescribed in the Motor Vehicle Act/Rules.

Item No.9 Regarding transfer of permits of Stage Carriage Buses.

Decision: After detailed discussion, the Authority came to a conclusion that the cases related to the transfer of permits of Stage Carriage Buses will be decided by the respective RTA's on case to case basis as per the provision prescribed in the Motor Vehicle Act/Rules.

Item No. 10 Selection of agency on nomination basis for the Scheme for implementation of "Development, Customization, Deployment and Management of State- wise vehicle tracking platform for Safety & Enforcement as per AIS 140 Specifications" in States/UTs under Nirbhya Framework for vehicles registered prior to 01st January, 2019.

Decision: After detailed discussion, the Authority came to a conclusion that the Passenger commercial vehicles registered prior to 01st January, 2019 in the State of H.P. needs to be fitted with VLTD for Safety & Enforcement purpose as per AIS 140 Specifications" under Nirbhya Framework.

Further, keeping in view the public interest, it was also decided that before making it compulsory to the vehicles registered prior to 01.01.2019, negotiation in respect to the cost of VLTD with empanelled manufacturers is required as cost of these devices are very high. Hence, Authority has decided that Addl. Commissioner Transport, Road Safety Cell will negotiate the matter with empanelled manufactures and place the revised proposal before STA in its next meeting for further consideration and decision.

The meeting ended with vote of thank to and from the Chair.



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