

No. STA/Meeting/23.10.2024/3rd/2024- 2/082
O/o the Directorate of Transport (HP) Shimla- 04
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To

All the Regional Transport Officers,
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated: Shimla 171004

28/10/2024

Subject: Proceeding of the meeting of State Transport Authority held on 23.10.2024.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the proceedings of the meeting of State Transport Authority, H.P. held on 23.10.2024 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,



**Secretary,
State Transport Authority
-cum-Addl. Commissioner Transport
Himachal Pradesh**

Copy to :-

1. The Under Secretary (Transport) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 for information please.
1. The Special Pvt. Secretary to the Principal Secretary (Transport) to the Govt. of H.P. for information and further necessary action.
2. The Assistant Controller (F&A) Directorate of Transport, HP, Shimla-4 for information and further necessary action.
3. Shri Ashok Thakur S/o Late Shri Suram Singh, VPO-Pandoga, Distt. Una, Himachal Pradesh
4. Mrs. Anjana Dhiman w/o Shri Mast Ram Dhiman, VPO-Ladda, Tehsil-Ghumarwin, District-Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh
5. Sh. Baldev Thakur S/o Shri Labh Singh, Village-Khandla, PO-Kummi, Tehsil-Balh, District-Mandi, Himachal Pradesh
6. 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 23.10.2024 AT 12.00 NOON AT HOTEL HOLIDAY HOME SHIMLA.

The following members were present in the meeting: -


1. Sh. D.C. Negi, IAS : Member STA-cum-Director Transport
2. Sh. Ashok Thakur : Member STA (Non-official)
3. Ms. 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. Naresh Thakur, HAS : Member Secretary, STA-cum-Secretary, State Transport Authority

At the outset Member Secretary, STA welcomed the Chairman and members of the STA in the meeting. The Member Secretary apprised all the members regarding functions of State Transport Authority as per Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the Rules made thereunder. Thereafter members were apprised about departmental activities in brief. The following items were taken up for discussion as per the agenda placed in the meeting as per Annexure A: -

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

Decision: The authority considered the proposal and approved grant of permits to applications received till 23.10.2024.

Members raised the concern that many applicants are applying for grant of permits, however, it is observed that quite a large number of applicants do not purchase vehicles against the issued permits. Hence, it was decided by the Authority that the Department will place a detailed proposal before STA in it's next meeting to fix parameters to weed out non-serious applicants.


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Item No. 2: Delegation of power in favour of RTO concerned to allow decrease and increase the seating capacity of buses (Annexure-B).

Decision: The authority considered the proposal and after detailed deliberations it was decided to approve the item with following conditions: -

- (i) The Secretary, RTA concerned will allow replacement permission of a bus, with decrease in seating capacity upto two seats, once in five years only.
- (ii) For increase in seating capacity, the Secretary, RTA concerned after detailed examination, will allow the replacement permission.
- (iii) The RTA concerned will allow decrease in seating capacity of buses upto 10 seats once in five years.
- (iv) Further, in the cases of decrease in seating capacity above 10 seats, it shall be placed before STA for consideration with detailed justifications/recommendations of the RTA concerned.

Item no. 3: Clarification to RTAs for grant of new permits through the process of Draw of Lots (Annexure-C).

Decision: The authority was apprised that there are no clear-cut directions available in the Department about grant of stage carriage permits through the process of draw-of-lots. Even Motor Vehicles Act/Rules and H.P. Transport Policy are also silent in such matter. After detailed deliberations in the matter, the authority decided to approve the item with following conditions: -

- (i) In case there are more applicants in a particular route published by the Department, the selection will be made by draw-of-lots.
- (ii) Only the applicant or his/her authorized representative (with written authority) can participate in the draw-of-lots on his/her behalf.



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- (iii) Secretary of the RTA concerned will make sure that all participants or their representatives are made aware about the terms and conditions for draw-of-lots.
- (iv) In absence of applicant or his/her authorized representatives, all such applications received and accepted till the due date/time shall be considered for draw-of-lots.
- (v) The draw will be conducted randomly, supervised by the Chairman of the RTA, and in the presence of all eligible applicants/representatives.
- (vi) As far as possible, the entire proceeding will be video graphed and the feeds will be saved till one month of draw or as ordered by the Chairman/Competent Authority.
- (vii) In case of any dispute, the decision of the Chairman of the RTA will be final and binding on all parties/participants.

Item No. 4: Consideration of approval for the grant of new temporary interstate stage carriage route permits in favour of HRTC (Annexure-D).

Decision: Item approved.

Item no. 5: Ex-Post-Facto approval regarding grant of interstate stage carriage permits in favour HRTC (Annexure-E).

Decision: Item approved.

Item no. 6: Ex-post Facto approval PSV Permit fleet operation (Annexure-F).

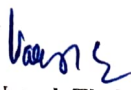
Decision: Item approved.


Item no. 7: Ex-post Facto approval Electric Vehicle (Contract Carriage) Permit fleet operation (Annexure-G).

Decision: Item approved.

Item no. 8: Ex-post-facto approval regarding replacement permission of Auto-rickshaw (Annexure-H).

Decision: Item approved.


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SPOT ITEM

Item No. 1: Grant of Interstate Stage carriage permit in favour of HRTC.

Decision: After discussion the authority decided to grant 15 new Interstate Stage Carriage Route permits on temporary basis for four months in favour of Himachal Road Transport Corporation as recommended by RTO Una vide letter No. TPT-RTA (U) HRTC Correspondence/2024-25(Vol)-1478-79 dated 19.10.2024 under the provision of section 87 (1) (c) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Additional Discussions held in the meeting

Shri Baldev Thakur, Non-official STA member apprised the authority, that there are no traffic signals/lights installed on Nerchowk-Dadaur-Nagchalla Chowk National Highway (Four-Lane) by the NHAI/HPPWD or District Administration due to which it has turned into a danger road and also become an accident prone area. He further apprised that even the speed limits of vehicles need to be re-fixed by the concerned authority on the said National Highway (Four-Lane).

Decision: After detailed discussions, it was decided to refer this matter to the Lead Agency/Road Safety Cell of the Transport Department, H.P. for further action in the matter.

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

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