

No. STA/Meeting/27.02.2024/1st /2024-17107  
O/o the Directorate of Transport (HP) Shimla- 04  
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To

**All the Regional Transport Officers,  
Himachal Pradesh.**

Dated: Shimla 171004

29/02/2024

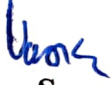
**Subject: Proceeding of the meeting of State Transport Authority held on 27.02.2024.**

**Sir,**

Please find enclosed herewith the proceedings of the meeting of State Transport Authority, H.P. held on 27.02.2024 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.
3. The Special Pvt. Secretary to the Principal Secretary (Transport) to the Govt. of H.P. for information and further necessary action.
4. The Assistant Controller (F&A) Directorate of Transport, HP, Shimla-4 for information and further necessary action.
5. Shri Ashok Thakur S/o Late Shri 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.

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

**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 27.02.2024 AT 3.00 PM AT ARMSDALE BUILDING, H.P. SECRETARIAT, SHIMLA-2**

The following members were present in the meeting: -

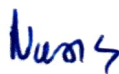
1.	Sh. D.C. Negi, IAS	:	Member STA(Official)-cum-Director Transport
2.	Sh. Ashok Thakur	:	Member STA (Non-official)
3.	Ms. Anjana Dhiman	:	Member STA (Non-official)
4.	Sh. Baldev Thakur	:	Member STA (Non-official)
5.	Sh. Sunil Dutt Sharma	:	Member STA (Non-official)
6.	Sh. Naresh Thakur, HAS	:	Member (Official)-cum-Secretary, STA

At the very outset, the Member Secretary, STA welcomed the Worthy Chairman, STA and other members of the STA present 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 10.10.2023. The minutes of the last meeting was confirmed by all the Members and thereafter, with the permission of the Chair, the following agenda items were taken up for discussion and after detailed deliberations in each case, the decisions are as follows:-

**ITEM NO. 1 To consider grant of Contract Carriage Permits/All India Tourist Permits in r/o Motor Cab/Maxi Cab/Buses.**

**DECISION:** The item was discussed in detail and after deliberations, it has been decided to approve all the applications received upto 26.02.2024 (upto 5 PM) through e-Parivahan Vyavastha Software from RTOs for the grant of vehicle purchase permission under Contract Carriage Permits/AITP in r/o Motor Cab/Maxi Cab/Buses. The detail of the application(s) is as under:-

Name of RTO	Motor Cab			Maxi Cab	Home State Buses HP02	AITP Buses HP01	Total
	4+1	5+1	6+1	7+1 to 12+1			
Bilaspur	80	1	122	48	5	13	269
Chamba	69	0	60	20	7	5	161
Hamirpur	105	0	92	35	2	18	252
Dharamshala (Kangra)	307	1	185	149	19	20	681
Kullu	331	1	189	142	1	21	685
Mandi	205	3	196	76	3	45	528
Nalagarh	13	1	23	4	16	25	82
Rampur	66	7	79	42	7	33	234
Shimla	189	5	169	123	1	46	533
Solan	132	0	118	90	9	40	389
Sirmaur	20	1	18	9	5	6	59
Una	27	2	36	24	2	21	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>1544</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1287</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>3985</b>

  
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**ITEM NO.2:** Regarding correction of mileage with endorsement of Punjab portion mileage 28 Kms for extension of route permit upto Dhangu via Pathankot approved in STA meeting held on 15.11.2021 (Annexure-2).


**DECISION:** The authority considered the proposal of the RTO Kangra at Dharamashala as per recommendation of the RTA Dharamshala for rectification of mileage in favour of following stage carriage route by incorporating the Punjab portion (28 KMs) against modified route as per decision of the STA dated 15.11.2021 (Sr. No. 2 of item No. 6 ) which was left out inadvertently. After going through the aspects of the cases, the Authority approved the item with following particulars of routes and directed the RTO Kangra at Dharamshala to rectify the route permit detail accordingly :-


Sr. No.	Name and Address of operators	Route permit sanctioned	Approved route with corrected mileage
1	Sh Khem Raj S/o Sh Paras Ram, Prop: Vikram Bus Service, H.O. Dhar Baranda, Tehsil Nurpur, District Kangra, HP	Dhangu-Jassur-Talwara-Amb-Una-01RT  <b>NH+SH+RR = Total 88+132+24 =244</b>	Dhangu-Pathankot-Jandwal-Chakki-Jassur-Talwara-Amb-Una-01RT  <b>NH+SH+RR+PB= Total 92+132+00+28 = 252</b>

**ITEM NO. 3:-** Regarding Grant of Permits under Rent a Motorcycle Scheme 1997 (Annexure-3).

**DECISION:** The authority examined the matter carefully as per directions of the Hon'ble High Court dated 01.04.2024 in CWP No.4911 of 2022 titled as "Manali Biker's Association Vs. Union of India & Others" and as per recommendation of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways in virtual meeting dated 10.11.2023.

After detailed deliberation, the authority decided to withdraw All India Tourist Permit issued by the Transport Department of Himachal Pradesh under Rent a Motor Cycle Scheme, 1997 till date and convert the same into Contract Carriage permits under section 74 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 in compliance to the directions of the Hon'be High Court in CWP No. 4911 of 2022 as well as the minutes of the meeting dated 10.11.2023 issued by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways vide letter dated 17.11.2023. For this purpose, all the RTOs in H.P. will issue notices to all the operators and modify all the permits granted under Rent a Motor Cycle Scheme, 1997 as per above decision within one month. The authority further decided that

  
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Transport Department will issue Contract Carriage Permit under Rent a Motor Cycle, 1997.

It was further decided in the meeting that the Government will take up the matter with UT Ladakh Administration in view of the following suggestions of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways:-

- a. *Either get the permit countersigned by the administration of Leh & Ladakh in accordance with sub-section (1) of Section 88 of the MV Act, 1988; or*
- b. *Enter into an agreement with the administration of Leh & Ladakh in accordance with sub-section (5) of Section 88 of the MV Act, 1988*

**Item no. 4:-** Replacement of bus (age) on stage carriage route permit for Ex-post-facto approval. (Annexure-4).

**DECISION:** Item approved.

STA allowed the replacement of bus (age) on stage carriage route permit from 8 to 12 years by amending the previous decision of STA dated 24.06.2023 vide item No. 7 (iii).

**Item No. 5:** Consideration of Ex-post-facto approval for the grant of (42) new temporary interstate stage carriage route permits in favour of HRTC (Annexure-5).

**DECISION:** Item approved.

**Item No. 6:** Ex-post facto approval in respect of cases approved by the Chairman STA on single file dated 29.11.2023 for the grant of vehicle purchase permission under Contract Carriage Permits in r/o Motor/Maxi Cab/Buses (Annexure-6).

**DECISION:** Item approved. The detail of the permit approved on 29.11.2023 is as under:-

Name of RTO	Motor Cab			Maxi Cab	Home State Buses	AITP Buses	Total
	4+1	5+1	6+1	7+1 to 12+1	HP02	HP01	
Bilaspur	70	2	127	69	4	10	282
Chamba	103	1	81	19	2	5	211
Hamirpur	128	1	105	43	4	5	286
Dharamshala (Kangra)	317	0	258	174	17	14	780
Kullu	239	1	91	123	2	4	460
Mandi	215	1	198	90	4	28	536
Nalagarh	17	0	25	16	20	40	118
Rampur	50	4	73	22	9	3	161
Shimla	263	2	237	187	4	60	753
Solan	114	2	76	71	5	27	295
Sirmaur	12	1	20	7	4	18	62
Una	53	1	59	36	9	15	173
<b>Total</b>	<b>1581</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1350</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>4117</b>

  
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## SPOT ITEM

**Item: Life of Contract Carriage Permit upto 15 years (Taxi/Maxi/Buses).**

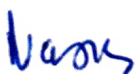
It was apprised by the non-official members of the STA that delegations of passenger transport unions (contract carriage) met them and urged to take up the matter with Government of India to extend the life of contract carriage permits from 12 to 15 years.

It was brought to the knowledge of the authority that under Rule 82 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the maximum period of taxi permit has been fixed 9 years for motor cab and 8 years for other than motor cab. As per All India Tourist Permit Rules, 2023, the maximum period for taxi/maxi cab/bus permits has been fixed for 12 years by the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways, Government of India. Wherein, the power to fix the age limit of any transport vehicle is solely vested with the Central Government as per provision of section 59 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.

After detailed deliberation, on the issue the authority decided that Transport Department will send a proposal to the State Government to further take up the matter with Government of India for consideration.

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

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