

No. STA/Meeting/26.06.2024/2nd /2024- 19179
Directorate of Transport (HP) Shimla- 171004
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To

All the Regional Transport Officers,
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated:- Shimla, 171004 03/07/2024

Subject:- Proceedings of the meeting of State Transport Authority held on 26.06.2024.

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith the proceedings of the meeting of State Transport Authority, H.P. held on 26.06.2024 for information and its necessary compliance.

It is, 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,

Naresh

(Naresh Thakur, HAS)
**Secretary,
State Transport Authority,
Himachal Pradesh.**

Copy to:-

1. The Special Private Secretary to the Principal Secretary (Transport) to the Govt. of H.P. for information and further necessary action.
2. P.A. to the Director Transport, HP for kind information of the worthy Director Transport.
3. The Addl. Commissioner Transport (RS) HP, Shimla-4 for information.
4. The Assistant Commissioner (Technical) Directorate of Transport for kind information.
5. Sh. Ashok Thakur son of Late Shri Suram Singh, VPO-Pandoga, District-Una, Himachal Pradesh for information.
6. Shri Baldev Singh son of Shri Labh Singh, Village Khandla, PO-Kummi, Tehsil-Balh, District-Mandi, Himachal Pradesh for information.
7. Mrs. Anjana Dhiman wife of Shri Mast Ram Dhiman, VPO-Ladda, Tehsil-Ghumarwin, District-Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh for information.
8. Shri Sunil Dutt Sharma son of Shri Roshan Lal, Village-Badaran, PO-Jhollan, Tehsil -Nadaun, District-Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh for information.

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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, H.P. ON 26.06.2024 AT 11.00 AM AT HOTEL HOLIDAY HOME, SHIMLA

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. Sh. Baldev Thakur : Member STA (Non-official)
4. Sh. Naresh Thakur, HAS : Member Secretary, STA (Official)-cum-Secretary, State Transport Authority

At the very outset, the Member Secretary, STA welcomed the Worthy Chairman, STA and other members of the STA present in the meeting. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chair, the following agenda items were taken up for discussion: -

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

DECISION: The Authority approved the proposal and further approved grant of permits to applications received till 25.06.2024. It was also approved that the applications fees for grant of permits may be reviewed and authorized the Chairman, State Transport Authority to take a final decision.

Item No.2: Consideration of approval for the grant of new temporary interstate stage carriage route permits in favour of HRTC.

DECISION: The Authority decided to authorize the Chairman, STA to take suitable decision on the above proposal keeping in view the Inter-State Agreement, Motor Vehicles Act/Rules and relevant instructions in this regard.



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Item No. 3:- Stage Carriage Bus Fleet.

DECISION: The Authority considered the proposal for amendments in the Himachal Pradesh Motor Vehicles Rules, 1999 and decided to refer the matter to State Government for further necessary action.

Item no. 4:- Review of STA decision dated 23.11.2019 item No. 17 (i) regarding unemployment condition for grant of permit.

DECISION: The Authority approved the proposal and decided to withdraw the decision of STA taken in its meeting dated 23.11.2019 [item number 17 (i)].

Item No. 5: Regarding grant of 26 E-bus routes, 107 HRTC surrendered routes & 101 general routes as per recommendation of the RTA concerned.

DECISION: The Authority approved the proposal with the following conditions:-

i) HRTC Surrendered Routes:-

For all the HRTC surrendered routes, since these routes are mostly in remote locations and involves heavy investment from transporters and also, in the past it has been observed that many applicants declared successful for grant of such routes fail to operate due to financial constraints, therefore it was decided that for all HRTC surrendered routes, the priority in allocation of permits to ex-servicemen, cooperatives societies, women and unemployed people should not be considered as per clause 6.1 of Transport Policy, 2014.

The Authority decided not to consider the result of draws of lots recommended by RTAs in its meeting conducted on 05.03.2024 on the basis of STA decision dated 23.11.2019 and as per clause 6.1 of Transport Policy, 2014. The Authority further decided to conduct fresh RTA meetings after considering all the eligible

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applicants in relaxation of priorities as contained under clause 6.1 of Transport Policy, 2014 subject to the approval of the State Government.

ii) **E-Bus Routes:-**

The Authority, after detailed deliberations took cognizance of the fact that one E-bus cost around ₹ 1.5 crore which seems to be a heavy investment for an unemployed and other prioritized person as per Transport Policy, 2014. It is most likely that the present successful applicant would not be able to operate E-bus due to heavy investment and lack of experience in the field, this may lead to failure of the route.

Hence, the Authority decided not to consider the result of draws of lots recommended by RTAs in its meeting conducted on 05.03.2024 on the basis of STA decision dated 23.11.2019 and as per clause 6.1 of Transport Policy, 2014. It was further decided to conduct fresh RTA meetings after considering all the eligible applicants in relaxation of priorities as contained under clause 6.1 of Transport Policy, 2014 subject to the approval of the State Government.

Item No. 6: Ex-post-facto approval to amend the decision of STA dated 24.06.2023 vide item No. 5 regarding Auto Rickshaw replacement permission.

- DECISION:
- i) The Authority accorded ex-post-facto approval to the instructions of the Directorate of Transport, Himachal Pradesh issued vide letter No. CT-9-Auto Rickshaw replacement 2024-18833 dated 10.06.2024.
 - ii) The Authority also decided that applications received upto 25.06.2024 for replacement with diesel/petrol Auto rickshaw will only be allowed.

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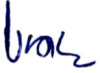
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- iii) The Authority further decided that in future no replacement/new purchase of petrol/diesel Auto rickshaw will be allowed till the final decision of the State Government and till then only replacement with E-Auto rickshaw/CNG will be allowed.
- iv) The Authority decided to refer the matter of replacement and new permits of petrol/diesel Auto rickshaws to the State Government for decision at their level.

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



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