

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (STA), H.P. HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. R.D. NAZEEM, IAS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (TRANSPORT) -CUM-CHAIRMAN, STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY, HIMACHAL PRADESH, ON 12.04.2022 AT 11.00 AM AT HOTEL HOLIDAY HOME SHIMLA.**

The following members were present in the meeting:-

1. Sh. Anupam Kashyap, IAS : Member STA(Official)-cum-Director Transport
2. Sh. Rakesh Kumar Walia : Member STA (Non-official)
3. Sh. Chaman Pundeer : Member STA (Non-official)
4. Sh. Harpal Singh Gill : Member STA (Non-official)
5. Sh. Ghanshyam Chand, 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. Member Secretary apprised all the members regarding action taken on the decisions taken by STA in its last meeting held on 15.11.2021. Thereafter, with the permission of the chair, the following agenda items were taken up for discussion:-

**Item No. 1 Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting of STA held on 15.11.2021.**


**Decision:** The Minutes of the STA meeting held on 15.11.2021 were perused and confirmed.

**Item No. 2 Consideration on grant of vehicle purchase permission under Contract Carriage Permits in r/o Motor/Maxi Cab/Buses.**

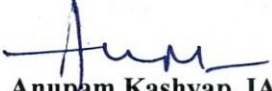
**Decision:** The item was discussed in detail and after deliberations, it was decided to approve all the applications received upto 11.04.2022 through e-Parivahan Vyavastha Software from RTO's for the grant of vehicle purchase permission under Contract Carriage Permits in r/o Motor/Maxi

  
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Cab/Buses as under:-


Name of RTO	Motor Cab			Maxi Cab	Buses	Buses	Grant Total
	4+1	5+1	6+1	7+1 to 12+1	HP02	HP01	
Bilsapur	43	0	17	7	0	2	69
Chamba	38	0	41	11	9	2	101
Hamirpur	63	0	16	6	0	0	85
Kangra	187	0	72	27	18	0	304
Kullu	223	0	33	122	1	1	380
Mandi	103	1	37	20	3	0	164
Nalagarh	5	0	6	3	4	4	22
Rampur	20	0	21	3	0	0	44
Shimla	105	1	54	50	0	9	219
Sirmaur	18	0	4	3	2	2	29
Solan	66	0	19	29	4	5	123
Una	16	0	12	7	0	0	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1575</b>

**Item No. 3 Rejection of wrongly verified application in e-Parivahan Vyavstha (Annexure-C) of agenda item.**

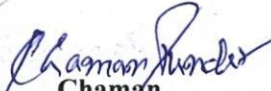
Sr. No.	Application No.	RTO	Remarks
1.	CC/KNG/22/6169	Kangra	RTO has submitted that application No. CC/KNG/22/6169 dated 29.01.2022 for taxi permission has been verified wrongly by their office and the same needs to be rejected as applicant had submitted incorrect bonafide certificate.
2.	CC/CTO/22/6557	Shimla	RTO has submitted that application No. CC/CTO/22/6557 has been approved by mistake and forwarded to further action instead of reverting back. Hence requested to cancel this application.

**Decision:**

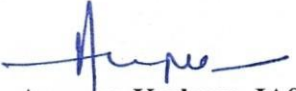
The item was discussed and after detailed deliberations, it has been decided to cancel the application as recommended by the RTO concerned.

  
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**Item No. 4 Ex-post facto approval in respect of cases approved by the Chairman STA on single file dated 29.11.2021 & 02.02.2022 for grant of vehicle purchase permission under Contract Carriage Permits in r/o Motor/Maxi Cab/Buses (Annexure- D 1 & D 2 of agenda item).**


**Decision:** The item was discussed and after detailed deliberations, it has been decided to accord the ex-post facto approval in respect of permissions already approved by the Chairman, State Transport Authority. The detail is as under:-

**Dated 29.11.2021**


Name of RTO	Name of applicant	Application No.	Permit Type
HP71 (Sirmaur at Nahan)	Sh. Jai Singh S/Sh. Anoop Singh, R/O Chassi, Distt. Sirmour, H.P.	CC/SMR/21/4891 (02 Nov 2021)	<b>Omni Bus (Home State)</b>


**Dated 02.02.2022**

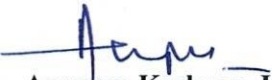
RTO	Motor Cab			Maxi Cab	Buses HP-02	Buses HP-01	Grand Total
	4+1	5+1	6+1	7+1 to 12+1			
Bilsapur	36	0	20	5	0	0	61
Chamba	35	0	14	10	1	0	60
Hamirpur	42	1	18	7	0	0	68
Kangra	137	0	46	23	0	0	206
Kullu	107	0	6	20	0	0	133
Mandi	68	1	34	9	0	0	112
Nalagarh	3	1	5	5	14	9	37
Rampur	20	0	12	10	0	2	44
Shimla	71	3	32	29	1	4	140
Sirmaur	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
Solan	35	0	12	6	2	5	60
Una	21	0	15	5	10	5	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>983</b>

  
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**Item No. 5 Ex-post facto approval in respect of cases approved for grant of licence under Rent a Motor Cycle Scheme, 1997.**


**Decision:** The item was discussed and after detailed deliberations, it has been decided to accord ex-post facto approval to grant license/permit in favour of 26 applicants (for 305 Vehicles) as per detail mentioned in agenda item.

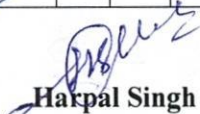
**Item No. 6 Consideration of Ex-Post Facto approval regarding grant of temporary interstate stage carriage route permits in favour of HRTC (Annexure-F of agenda item).**

**Decision:** The item was discussed and after detailed deliberations, it has been decided to accord ex-post facto approval for the grant of 7 (Seven) interstate stage carriage route permits on temporary basis as per provision made under section 87 of M.V. Act, 1988 in favour of HRTC subject to adjustment of time table in such a manner that there shall be no heart burning among the operators and there remain equitable distribution of passengers among them, as mandated by Hon'ble High Court in the CWP No. 1297 of 2015 with CWP No. 1313, 1916, and 2100 of 2015.

The details of these temporary routes are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Route	HP Mileage Hills			HP Mileage Plains			HP Total Mileage (A)	Other State Mileage							Other State Total (B)	Grand Total (A+B)	Name of HRTC Unit		
		NH	SH	RR	NH	SH	RR		PB	HR	UK	CT U	DL	UP	R J				J&K	
1	Shimla to Katra via Bilaspur-Kangra 02 ST	592	00	00	00	00	00	592	76	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	284	360	952	Taradevi
2	Awahdevi-Chandigarh via Tarkawari-Patta- Bhotana-Una 01RT	18	120	40	00	40	00	218	224	00	00	10	00	00	00	00	00	234	452	Hamirpur
3	Hamirpur-Baddi via Dhaneta-Bangana- Una-Nalagarh 02ST	24	100	00	00	92	00	216	98	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	98	314	-do-

  
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4	Sujanpur-Chandigarh via Hamirpur-Bhota-Una 01RT (Volvo Bus)	32	168	00	00	40	00	240	224	00	00	10	00	00	00	234	474	-do-
5	Nalagarh to Malerkotla via Pinjore, Chandigarh (01 RT)	00	00	16	00	00	00	16	126	34	00	30	00	00	00	190	206	Nalagarh
6	IGMC to PGI Chandigarh	84	04	00	00	00	00	88	15	21	00	00	00	00	00	36	124	Local unit Dhalli Shimla
7	Patahankot to Haridwar via Jassur-Jawali-Nagrota Surian-Dehra-Dhaliara-Amb-Una-Chandigarh-Sahranpur 02 ST	98	0	224	0	0	0	322	286	164	108	40	0	100	0	698	1020	Pathankot


**Item No. 7 Consideration of Ex-Post Facto approval regarding grant of modification in interstate Stage Carriage Route permit in favour of HRTC (Annexure-F-1).**

**Decision:** The item was discussed and after detailed deliberations, it has been decided to accord **Ex-Post Facto** approval for modification of following Stage Carriage route permits in favour of HRTC as already allowed by the Chairman State Transport Authority as per section 80 (3) of MV Act, 1988 on 25.03.2022:-


Existing Route with mileage	Proposed Modification	Extension of Route	Kilometre both side	Permit No.
Dharamshala- Kangra- Dehra- Chandigarh- Dharamshala 01 RT	Dharamshala- Kangra- Dehra- Chandigarh- Airport Chandigarh- Dharamshala 01 RT	Chandigarh to Airport Chandigarh	09 Km	KNG/68/5319
<b>Mileage:-</b> <u>NH SH RR PB CTU TOTAL</u> 88 48 00 112 10 258	<b>Mileage After Modification:-</b> <u>NH SH RR PB CTU TOTAL</u> 88 48 00 121 10 267			

  
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**Item No.8 Consideration by STA for the grant of new temporary Interstate Stage Carriage Routes permits in favour of HRTC (Annexure F-2 of agenda item).**


**Decision:** The item was discussed and after detailed deliberations, it has been decided to accord the approval for grant of 8 (Eight) new interstate stage carriage route permits on temporary basis under section 87 of M.V. Act, 1988 in favour of HRTC subject to adjustment of time table in such a manner that there shall be no heart burning among the operators and there remain equitable distribution of passengers among them, as mandated by Hon'ble High Court in the CWP No. 1297 of 2015 with CWP No. 1313, 1916, and 2100 of 2015.

The details of these temporary routes (new) are as under:-


Sr. No	Name of Route	HP Mileage Hills			HP Mileage Plains			HP Total Mileage (A)	Other State Mileage								Other State Total (B)	Grand Total (A+B)	Name of HRTC Unit
		NH	SH	RR	NH	SH	RR		PB	HR	UK	CTU	DL	UP	RJ	J&K			
1	Baddi- Delhi via Chandigarh (OIRT)	16	00	00	00	00	00	16	47	199	00	22	28	00	00	00	296	312	Nalagarh
2	Shri Naina Devi Ji – Shimla via Koulawala Toba-Dharot- Rajbari- Misewal- Dehni-Bagher- Panjehra- Nalagarh- Baddi-Pinjore- Kalka-Solan- (OIRT)	128	33	00	00	00	00	161	04	25	00	00	00	00	00	00	29	190	-do-
3	Shimla- Malerkotla via Chandigarh- Patiala (OIRT)	77	00	13	00	00	00	90	132	29	00	20	00	00	00	00	181	271	-do-
4	Palampur- Delhi via Sujanpur- Hamipur- 02ST Daily (Volvo)	88	00	196	40	00	00	324	286	382	0	40	56	0	0	0	764	1088	Palampur

  
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5	Palampur-Delhi via Sujanpur-Hamipur-02ST Daily (Volvo)	88	00	196	40	00	00	324	286	382	0	40	56	0	0	0	764	1088	Palampur
6	Palampur-Parwanoo via Sujanpur-01RT Delhi	100	00	148	14 2	0	0	390	96	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	148	538	Palampur
7	Moorang-Haridwar via Rekongpeo-Shimla-Nahan-Dehradun-2ST	688	00	174	0	52	0	914	0	0	22 0	0	0	0	0	0	220	1134	Rekong Peo
8	Chandigarh-Shimla-Chandigarh-IRT	156	00	00	00	24	00	180	00	42	00	20	00	00	00	00	62	242	Rekong Peo

**Item No. 9 Request for consideration of Contract Carriage Permits in favour of M/s Maggu Tourist Company, Sector-7, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Kaushal Complex, Near Phase-I, Sai Road, Baddi, Distt. Solan HP (Annexure-G of agenda item)**

**Decision:**

The item was discussed and after detailed deliberations, it has been decided to postpone the item for next meeting. Further, it was also decided that Secretary STA will re-examine the matter in view of the decisions taken vide Item No. 7 (vii) of the STA meeting held on 18.04.1995 for requirement of residence of Himachal Pradesh / bonafide Himachali for grant of contract carriage permits and submit the report in the next meeting of STA for further consideration and decision of the authority.

**Item No. 10 Regarding variation in issuance of Private Service Vehicle (PSV) Permits by RTA/RTO's. (Annexure-H of agenda item)**

**Decision:**


The item was discussed and after detailed deliberations, it has been decided to adopt the uniform procedure for the grant of permits to Private Service Vehicle (PSV) and it was decided that RTA while considering PSV permits may restrict the operation of such vehicles beyond 25 KMS from place of business and PSV permits issued to specific routes only for the sake of safety of school children especially in case of school buses.

  
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**Item No. 11 Regarding releasing of impounded vehicles and clarification thereof (Annexure-I of agenda item).**

**Decision:**

The item was discussed and after detailed deliberations, it has been decided to send a proposal to the Government for constitution of a Committee of following members under the chairmanship of Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) concerned to examine the matter :-

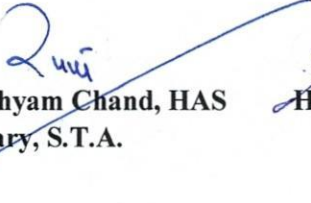
1. SDM concerned	Chairman
2. DSP concerned	Member
3. Works Manager (Tech.) HRTC	Member
4. RTO concerned	Member Secretary


The concerned RTO will collect the list of impounded vehicle from HRTC and placed the same before committee. The said committee will evaluate the cost of impounded vehicles and advertise the same both in Hindi & English newspapers for sale through auction in proper manner. Further the amount received from auction will be deposited in the Govt. Treasury after payment of parking fees in favour of HRTC as notified by the Government vide notification No. TPT-C(9)2/2002 dated 7.6.2004.

**Item No.12: Extension of Grant letter validity during Covid-19 (Annexure-J of agenda item)**

**Decision:**

The item was discussed and after detailed deliberations, it has been decided to accord final opportunity to all operators to purchase/production of bus as per grant letters issued in their favour during COVID-19 only. However, the grant letters validity will be extended only for two months i.e. **upto 30.06.2022**.

  
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**Item No.13: Withdrawn of directions / instructions dated 27.05.2014 issued by the State Transport Authority, Himachal Pradesh (Annexure-K of agenda item).**

**Decision:**


The item was discussed and after detailed deliberations, the authority has decided to issue following directions to the RTA as per sub-section 3 of section 68 of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988:-

1. The cases of more than four years pending for release/renewal of stage carriage permit be placed before RTA for cancellation as per section 86 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.
2. The cases upto four years pending for release/renewal of stage carriage permit be taken up / placed before RTA for release of permits to the concerned operator on demand basis for passing suitable order under section 81 or 86, as the case may be, of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.
3. That the authority shall thereafter pass appropriate order on the matter after hearing the permit holder. The order so passed shall be a speaking order.

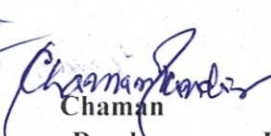
Provided that for each permit which is thereafter renewed, the Authority, shall proceed under subsection 5 of section 86 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and recover, not less than Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) for each months (or part thereof) of delay, over and above three months or six months as the case may be. This proviso shall not apply to any matter, which is sub-judice.


Provided further that, the Secretary of the Authority shall convey to the Government any order covered under this close, within 7 days of passing of such orders.

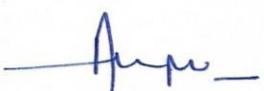
4. The directions issued vide letter No. STA-4-3/98/1047207 dated 27.05.2014 may be suitably amended.

  
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**Item No.14: Regarding permits of Contract Carriage Vehicles / Stage Carriage Vehicles in respect of Electric Vehicles under H.P. Electric Vehicle Policy, 2022 (Annexure-L).**

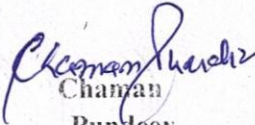
**Decision:**


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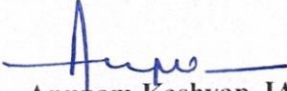
1. That registration of commercial EV's in contract carriage segment should prevail the existing guidelines issued by the STA vide item No. 7 dated 25.08.2021 wherein the maximum four contract carriage permit (seating capacity 4+1) can be granted in favour of one operator. While issuance of such permission in EV segment it would be provided as per contract carriage policy in non-EV's segments. The paying of token tax and permit from Contract Carriage EV Segment has already been exempted by the State Govt. and Govt. of India. However, STA recommends to refer the case to the Government for charging 50% Special Road Tax from such EV operator (s) as adopted in the case of other contract carriage permit as per HP Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1972 as notified by the Government vide notification dated 31.12.2021.
2. That in the case of Goods Carriage EV Segment the prospective operator should approach the RTO for permission which shall be provided by RTO on the basis of first come first serve basis in plain paper without invoking the other formalities as required for obtaining the permit of goods carriage. The paying of token tax and permit from Goods Carriage EV Segment has already been exempted by the State Govt. and Govt. of India. However, STA recommends to refer the case to the Government for charging 50% Special Road Tax from such EV operator (s) as adopted in the case of other goods carriage permit as per HP Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1972 as notified by the Government vide notification dated 31.12.2021.

  
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3. That in the case of Stage carriage EV segment all the prospective operators will have to participate in due course for obtaining a route permit as per regular practice. The paying of token tax and permit from Stage Carriage EV Segment has already been exempted by the State Govt. and Govt. of India. However, STA recommends to refer the case to the Government for charging 50% Special Road Tax from such EV operator (s) as per HP Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1972. While allotting routes preference shall be given to the Electric Vehicles over non-Electric Vehicle(s) and decision to be taken by the STA/RTA.
4. That in the case of PSV/Institutional buses under EV segment, the operator will have to obtain necessary permission for registration of such vehicles from the concerned RTO. The paying of token tax and permit from Stage Carriage EV Segment has already been exempted by the State Govt. and Govt. of India. However, STA recommends to refer the case to the Government for charging 50% Special Road Tax from such EV operator (s) as per HP Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1972. However, all the applications for the grant of permission for PSV / Institutional buses under EV segment shall be placed before the RTA for consideration/approval and preference to Electric Vehicle (s) shall be given over non-Electric Vehicle(s) while deciding the route.


**ANY OTHER ITEM(S) WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**

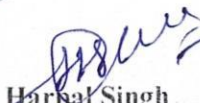
**Item No. 15 Delegation of power u/s 68 (5) of Central Motor Vehicle Act read with Rule 123 of HP Motor Vehicle Rules, 1999.**


**Decision:** The Authority has considered the proposal of Regional Transport Officer Solan as recommended by RTA Solan and after detailed deliberation it was decided to reject the item.

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


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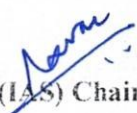
  
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