DECISION OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY HELD ON 09.01.2020 AT 11 A M AT THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERATE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present: 1. Smt. R Sreelekha, IPS
         Transport Commissioner
         - Chairman
2. Shri. Gogulloth Lakshman, IPS
         IG, Traffic & Road Safety
         Management
         - Member

Item No.1

Agenda: To consider the application for renewal of Permit No. 9/STA/1989 valid up to 31.12.2019 covered by the S/C KL 14 H 727 on the Interstate route Kasargod to Puthur via Vittal on Single Point tax basis - reg.

Applicant: Sri. Managing Partner, Kasargod Bus Transport Company, Gokul building, M.G. Road, Kasargod 671121

Decision: Heard the counsel for the applicant and perused the connected records. No objectors. The vehicle is not held under any HPA. No departmental action is pending against the vehicle. Hence, the renewal of permit is granted.

R Sreelekha, IPS
(Chairman STA, ADGP & Transport Commissioner)

Gogulloth Lakshman
(IG, Traffic & Road Safety Management)
**Item No.2**

**Agenda:** To consider the application for renewal of Permit No. 6/STA/1989 valid up to 31.12.2019 covered by the S/C KL 14 G 3288 on the Interstate route Kasargod to Vittal via Perla on Single Point tax basis - reg.

**Applicant:** Sri. Managing Partner, Kasargod Bus Transport Company, Gokul building, M.G.Road, Kasargod 671121

**D2/92/17.7/STA/1999**

**Decision:** Heard the counsel for the applicant and perused the connected records. No objectors. The vehicle is not held under any HPA. No departmental action is pending against the vehicle. Hence, the renewal of permit is **granted**.

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**Item No.3**

**Agenda:** To consider the application for renewal of Permit No. 8/STA/1989 valid up to 31.12.2019 covered by the S/C KL 14 J 7076 on the Interstate route Manjeswar to Puthur via Vittal on Single Point tax basis - reg.

**Applicant:** Sri. Managing Partner, Kasargod Bus Transport Company, Gokul building, M.G.Road, Kasargod 671121

**D2/91/17.7/STA/1999**

**Decision:** Heard the counsel for the applicant and perused the connected records. No objectors. The vehicle is not held under any HPA. No departmental action is pending against the vehicle. Hence, the renewal of permit is **granted**.
Item No.4

Agenda: To consider the application for renewal of Permit No. 13/STA/90 valid up to 16.02.2020 covered by the S/C KL 14 J 5484 on the Interstate route Kozhikode to Mangalore via Vadakara, Mahi, Thalassery, Kannur, Kasargod, Kumabala, Kurichipally, Manjeswar, Thalappady and Ullal on Single Point tax basis - reg.

Applicant: Sri. P A Moideenkunhi, S/o G. Abhulla, putla house pulikunnu, Kasargod-671121

D2/712/STA/2010

Decision: Heard the counsel for the applicant and perused the connected records. No objectors. The vehicle is not held under any HPA. No departmental action is pending against the vehicle. Hence, the renewal of permit is granted.

Item No.5

Agenda: To consider the application for renewal of Kerala countersignature of Permit No. 03/STA/1986 valid up to 14.11.2019 operating by the S/C KA 51 AA 6115 covered by regular stage carriage permit No.41/99-2000 renewed up to 14.11.2024 on the Interstate route Mysore to Mananthavady & back (via) Jayapura, Ramapura, H D kote, Kavapura, Bavali (2 STs) on Single Point tax basis - reg

R Sreelekha, IPS
(Chairman STA, ADGP & Transport Commissioner)  

Gogulloth Lakshman
(IG, Traffic & Road Safety Management)
Applicant: Sri.K.T.Rajashekar, Prop SRS Travels, no 321, TSP Road, Opp BMC Road, Kalasipalayam, Bangalore 560002

D2/7821(B)/STA/2010

Decision: Heard the counsel for the applicant and perused the connected records. No objectors. The vehicle is not held under any HPA. No departmental action is pending against the vehicle. Hence, the renewal of countersignature of permit is granted.

Item No.6

Agenda: To consider the application for renewal of Permit No. 47/STA/86 valid up to 20.12.2019 covered by the S/C KL 50 D 3322 on the Interstate route Thrissur to Pollachi via Vaniampara, Vadakkanchery, Alanthur, Koduvayur and Meenakshipuram on Single Point tax basis - reg.

Applicant: The Managing Partner Sri. Senthur Bus service,1/394, Thottingal House ,Thannissery p o, palakkad

D2/17548/STA/08

Decision: Heard the counsel for the applicant and perused the connected records. No objectors. The vehicle is not held under any HPA. No departmental action is pending against the vehicle. Hence, the renewal of permit is granted.

R Sreelekha, IPS
(Chairman STA, ADGP & Transport Commissioner)

Gogulloth Lakshman
(IG, Traffic & Road Safety Management)
Item No.7

Agenda: To consider the application for renewal of Kerala countersignature Permit No. 03/STA/89 valid up to 31.12.2019 S/C KA 19 C 6855 covered by regular stage carriage permit no. 56/1999-2000 renewed up to 31.12.2024 operating on the Interstate route Kumbla to Mangalore and back via Vittal and Puttur (1 RT) on Single Point tax basis - reg.

Applicant: Smt. B Hemalatha J, W/o Jagannath Salian, Abhijith House ,Amith compound Temple Road, Vittal P O

D2/4923/STA/2010

Decision: Heard the counsel for the applicant and perused the connected records. No objectors. The vehicle is not held under any HPA. No departmental action is pending against the vehicle. Hence, the renewal of countersignature of permit is granted.

Item No.8

Agenda: To consider the application for renewal of Permit No. 04/INT/89 valid up to 31.12.2019 covered by the S/C KL 12 D 4140 on the Interstate route Kasaragod to Sullia on Single Point tax basis - reg.

Applicant: Smt. Santha, W/o Late K Prakash, HNO: 26/10,Kasaragod Muncipality, Pulikunjne Kasaragod -671121

D2/18471/STA/2009

Decision: Heard the counsel for the applicant and perused the connected records. No objectors. The vehicle is not held under any HPA. No departmental action is pending against the vehicle. Hence, the renewal of permit is granted.

R Sreelekha, IPS
(Chairman STA, ADGP & Transport Commissioner)

Goguloth Lakshman
(IG, Traffic & Road Safety Management)
Item No.9


Applicant: Sri. K T Rajashekhhar, Prop: SRS Travels, No. 32, TSP Road opp Bangalore Medical college, kalasipalayam, Bangalore-56002

Decision: Heard the counsel for the applicant and perused the connected records. No objectors. The vehicle is not held under any HPA. No departmental action is pending against the vehicle. Hence, the renewal of countersignature of permit for 2 single trips is granted.

Item No.10

Agenda: To consider the application for renewal of Kerala countersignature of Permit No.06/STA/1989 valid up to 04.01.2020 in respect S/C KA 14 B 3468 covered by regular stage carriage permit No.63/1999-2000 renewed up to 04.01.2025 operating on the Interstate route Kasargod to Vittala and back (1 RT) on Single Point tax basis - reg.

Applicant: Sri. V P Abdulkhader, Hassankutty, V R Bulding 23-08-528/3 Mangaladevi-575001

R Sreelekhka, IPS  
(Chairman STA, ADGP & Transport Commissioner)  

Gogulloth Lakshman  
(IG, Traffic & Road Safety Management)

Decision: Heard the counsel for the applicant and perused the connected records. No objectors. The vehicle is not held under any HPA. No departmental action is pending against the vehicle. Hence, the renewal of countersignature of permit is granted.

Item No. 11

Agenda: Peruse the judgment in MVAA no. 35/2018 of the Hon’ble S.T.A.T, Ernakulam regarding to reconsider the application for variation of Permit No. 16/STA/1992 valid up to 28.04.2022 operating by the S/C KL 09 S 7079 on the Interstate route Thrissur to Pollachi via Kollemkodu, Nenmara, Vadakkancherry and Vaniampara on Single Point tax basis - reg


D2/32469(B)/STA/2001

Decision: Heard the applicant and objectors and Perused the Judgement in M. V. A. A. No 35/2018 dated 13-06-2019 of the Hon’ble STAT. KSRTC objected the variation of permit by converting Ordinary service to Limited Stop Ordinary Service placing reliance on the judgment of the Hon’ble High Court in Babu Vs Regional Transport Authority reported in 2003 (2) KLT 216, wherein the Hon’ble High Court has quashed the order of the Tribunal and upheld the order passed by the RTA.

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Gogulloth Lakshman
(IG, Traffic & Road Safety Management)
In the said judgment the Hon'ble High Court has held that "The permits were issued to the appellants on the basis of the existing need. The stops were determined after taking into consideration the needs of the commuters. The convenience of the students was also taken into consideration while granting the permits. Now, if the appellants are allowed to convert the permits as fast passenger services, the number of stops will be reduced, the fare will be higher, the students who are entitled for concession when they travel by ordinary service will be deprived of the benefit. The only advantage that may accrue as a result of the conversion will be a little relief to the long distance passengers, in that they will be able to reach their destination quickly. The R.T.A. analyzed these aspects and found that the common man will be affected if the conversion applied for is granted. The services are intended for the public. The public depend on the ordinary service for their travel. If the number of ordinary services is reduced and fare is also hiked, the common man will be deprived of the benefit that has accrued to him when the buses are being operated as ordinary services. As the learned Single Judge correctly put it, the R.T.A. is aware of the local conditions and his opinion is supported by good reasons. If that be so, there is nothing to interfere with the judgment." STA is of the view that the findings of the said judgment is squarely applicable to the facts of this case.
Since the conversion of Ordinary Service to Limited Stop Ordinary Service will definitely causes difficulties to the traveling public especially to the student's community and short distance passengers and also taking into account the inconveniences of travelling public due to reduction in number of stops, non-availability of concession to students, the application for variation of permit number 16/STA/1992 in respect of stage carriage KL 09 S 7079 from Ordinary Service to Limited Stop Ordinary Service is rejected. The order of the Hon'ble STAT in M.V.A.A. No.35/2018 is complied accordingly.

Item No. 12

Agenda: To consider the application for the grant of license for renting motor cycles - reg.

Applicant: Sri. Saravanan P, Shalom Feather Touch, M G Road, Chummar Building, Munnar- 685612.

D1/e-46092/STA/2019

Decision: Heard the applicant, licence granted for renting motorcycles under 'Rent a Motorcycle Scheme, 1997' subject to the conditions specified in Rule 8 and maintenance facilities prescribed under Rule 5 of the Scheme.

R Sreelekha, IPS
(Chairman STA, ADGP & Transport Commissioner)

Gogulloth Lakshman
(IG, Traffic & Road Safety Management)
Item No. 13

Agenda: To consider the application for the grant of license for renting motor cycles - reg.

Applicant: Sri. Shibu Muhammed Kunju, Proprietor, M/S Nanni Tours and Travels, Cullen Road, Sea View Ward, Alappuzha-688012

**D1/e-73706/STA/2019**

Decision: Heard the applicant, licence granted for renting motorcycles under ‘Rent a Motorcycle Scheme, 1997’ subject to the conditions specified in Rule 8 and maintenance facilities prescribed under Rule 5 of the Scheme.

Item No. 14

Agenda: To consider the application for the grant of license for renting motor cycles - reg.

Applicant: Shri. Rojo C L, Ciljo Associate, 10/685(5), Anchery P O, Thrissur.

**D1/e-19895/STA/2017**

Decision: Heard the applicant, licence granted for renting motorcycles under ‘Rent a Motorcycle Scheme, 1997’ subject to the conditions specified in Rule 8 and maintenance facilities prescribed under Rule 5 of the Scheme.

R Sreelekha, IPS (Chairman STA, ADGP & Transport Commissioner)

Gogulloth Lakshman (IG, Traffic & Road Safety Management)
Item No. 15

Agenda: To consider the application for the change of name in the license for renting motor cycles from Caferides to Explorides Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.- reg.

Applicant: Sri. Sanish Rajappan, Managing Partner, Caferides, 34/381, Eramath House, padivattom, Edappally P O, Kochi-682024

D1/133/2016-TC

Decision: Heard the applicant and perused the connected records. No objectors. Change of name from Caferides to Explorides Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., in the licence obtained under 'Rent a Motor Cycle Scheme, 1997', vide no. 1/MCy/STA/2016 is granted.

Departmental Item No.1

Agenda: To consider the implementation of uniform colour scheme to all Contract Carriages in the State under Rule 264 of KMV Rules.

Applicant: Contract Carriage Operators Association (CCOA), Nalanda Bhavan, Karyavattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

C1/e/112297/2019/TC

Decision: Heard the representatives of various Contract Carriage Operator’s Associations, perused the proposals received and discussed the matter with the officials of KMVD in detail.

R Sreelekha, IPS (Chairman STA, ADGP & Transport Commissioner)

Gogulloth Lakshman (IG, Traffic & Road Safety Management)
At present there is no uniform colour code prescribed to the Contract Carriages plying in the State. It can also be seen that the colour of most of the contract carriages are awesome with figures of film stars, international players, pictures of wild animals, birds and with peculiar type of colour combinations as per the whims and fancies of the painter rather than that of the owner. These gigantic paintings often attract the attention of other road users and causing accidents. Moreover the Honorable High court of Kerala in its judgment in WP (C) No. 24417/2019 dated 01.10.2019 declared that, exhibition of gigantic figures of film stars, writings etc, on the bus body and safety glass shall not be allowed.

Therefore uniform colour code is to be specified taking into consideration of all this factors and road safety concerns.

STA discussed the matter and felt it necessary to implement uniform colour code to Contract Carriages plying in the State and decided to implement the following colour code.

"The Contract Carriage vehicle shall be painted in **white colour** (hex colour value = #ffffff) with a **violet** (hex colour value = #5100a3) ribbon of 10 centimeters width with a **metallic gold** (hex colour value = #eecc5d) ribbon of 3 centimeters width above the violet ribbon (with a gap of 1cm) at the centre of the exterior of the side body. The name if any may be painted at the top of the front side of the vehicle with a normal font with size not more than 12 inch in white colour”

Name of the Operator or any other details if any as prescribed by law may be painted in a column not more than 40 cm height at rear portion of the vehicle and full width of the vehicle.

The above colour scheme will be in force for new Contract Carriages w.e.f **01.03.2020**, and for old Contract Carriages it will be in force at the time of renewal of CF.

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R Sreelekha, IPS  
(Chairman STA, ADGP & Transport Commissioner)

Gogulloth Lakshman  
(IG, Traffic & Road Safety Management)
Departmental Item No. 2

Agenda: To consider the implementation of uniform colour scheme to all fresh water tankers in the State under Rule 264 of KMV Rules.

Applicant: Recommendation from the Kerala Niyamasabha Secretariat meeting dated 05.12.2019.

C1/e/122310/2019/TC

Decision: At present there is no uniform colour code prescribed for fresh water tankers plying in the State. Kerala Niyamasabha Secretariat committee in its conference held at Eranakulam on 05.12.2019, on complaints regarding the supply of contaminated water from the quarries as drinking water, recommended to implement uniform colour patterns to all water tankers in the state according to the nature of water it carries. The committee also recommended to implement GPS for all water tankers compulsorily.

STA discussed the matter and perused the proposals of the Kerala Niyamasabha Secretariat committee and decided to implement uniform colour code to water tankers plying in the State as follows.

a) Fresh water tankers - Blue colour
   (Hex colour value = #0859c6)

b) Other purposes - Light Brown colour
   (Hex colour value = #b5651d)

The State Transport Authority also decided to implement GPS for all water tankers.

The water tankers shall be in the above colour scheme wef 01.03.2020 and the Secretary, RTA shall ensure the same at the time of producing the vehicle for CF or renewal of CF.

R Sreelekha, IPS
(Chairman STA, ADGP & Transport Commissioner)

Gogulloth Lakshman
(IG, Traffic & Road Safety Management)