

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY – MUVATTUPUZHA
HELD AT COLLECTORATE CONFERENCE HALL, ERNAKULAM
ON 23.12.2023 at 11 a.m.

Present:

1. N S K Umesh IAS, District Collector (Ernakulam); Chairman RTA.
2. Dr. Vaibhav Saxena, District Police Chief (Ernakulam Rural), Member, RTA
3. G. Ananthakrishnan, Deputy Transport Commissioner (CZ-2); Member, RTA

Item No. 1

Heard.

1. This is to re-consider the application for fresh stage carriage permit to operate on the route Paingotoor – Mamalakkandam touching Malippara via. Pothanikkad, Pallarimangalam, Adivad, Kozhippilly, Kothamangalam, Neriyaamangalam, 6 Mile and Chelad as ordinary service.
2. This application has been considered by the RTA held on 26.09.2022 in Item No. 3 and the decision was adjourned for want of a re-enquiry report specifying the condition of road.
3. Joint Regional Transport Officer, Kothamangalam has re-enquired the matter with his agency and the report reveals that after rainy season, condition of road has been improved considerably and the road is ready to conduct stage carriage operation. He has further reported that, presently five stage carriage trips are operating between Mamalakkandam and Kothamangalam
4. Further, this authority re-considered this application on 23.01.2023 in Item No. 3 and adjourned the decision on this application for want of concurrence from Sister RTA Idukki.
5. In response to the decision of this authority, Sister RTA Idukki considered the matter in its meeting held on 17.08.2023 in Item 105 and granted concurrence.
6. We have re-considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.
7. As per the route enquiry report, this is an inter-district route with total route length is 65 Kms, in which 16.4 Kms lies in the jurisdiction of Idukki district and 48.6 Kms in Ernakulam district. There is no virgin portion and overlapping with notified route in the proposed route.

8. Therefore fresh regular stage carriage permit on the proposed route is **granted** to a suitable stage carriage subject to settlement of timings. The grantee of the permit is directed to produce the current records of a stage carriage for endorsing the granted permit within thirty days of communication of this decision as per Rule 159[2] of KMV Rules 1989; failing which the grant of the regular permit will be treated as revoked without further notice.

Item No. 2

Heard.

1. This is to re-consider the application for fresh regular stage carriage permit in respect of a suitable stage carriage with seating capacity not less than 38 in all to operate on the route Muvattupuzha – Oonnukal as ordinary service.
2. We have re-considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.
3. Application was previously considered by the RTA held on 17.06.2023 in Item 2 and RTA elaborately considered the matter and adjourned the decision for want of intermediate points and respective time schedule with modified report. Applicant submitted the same and the route enquiry officer has submitted that total route length is 25 Kms and there is an overlapping of 2 Kms with notified routes. As per the report of the officer, it is beyond the permissible limits and objectionable as per the prescribed norms. As per the report of route enquiry officer, at present only two stage carriages are operating on the route Muvattupuzha – Oonnukal via. Puthuppady, Adivad, Varappetty, Pareekanny. Proposed route covers Pareekanny, Koottanvely, Koovallur, Varappetty and Adivad rural places where public transportation facility is less.
4. In the open hearing of this authority, there is objection that the overlapping distance is more than that of permissible limits.
5. This authority also considered the provisions stipulated in G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023. As per Clause 5 (C) of the above notification, for fresh stage carriage permits, maximum overlapping distance is 5 Kms or 5% of total route length, whichever is lesser. In this case, as per the report of route enquiry officer, total overlapping distance is more that of 5% of total route length and which

is objectionable. Hence, application for fresh stage carriage permit on the route Muvattupuzha – Oonnukal is re-considered and **rejected**.

Item No. 3

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for fresh stage carriage permit to operate on the route Koovappady – Perumbavoor – Panamkuzhy as ordinary moffussil service.
2. We have considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.
3. As per the report of the route enquiry officer, total route length is 26.5 Kms and there is an overlapping of 1.2 Kms with notified routes; which is less than 5% of total route length.

However the enquiry officer has observed that the route between Koduval to Vallam and Koovappady to Aimury Junction is narrow and with sharp bend and he has suggested issuing of the permit for stage carriages with wheelbase up to 496 cms.

4. We have also considered the representations for a stage carriage service through the proposed route. We are also of the common opinion that practically it is not possible to grant a stage carriage permit with conditions on physical characteristics of vehicle. One of the objectors has mentioned that portion of the route from Kayyuthiyal Church to Aimuri is passing through Irrigation Canal Bund road and this portion is virgin.

Thus, this authority is of the common opinion that these aspects need to be clarified that

- a) whether stage carriage travel is possible through the proposed route under normal weather condition or not?
- b) whether stage carriage operation is possible through portion of the route from Kayyuthiyal Church to Aimuri or not?
- c) Any virgin portion in the proposed route

Hence, Secretary RTA may enquire above mentioned aspects in detail and place before this authority.

Decision on this application is **adjourned**.

Item No. 4

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for inter-district fresh stage carriage permit to operate on the route Muvattupuzha – Thodupuzha via. Arakkuzha, Pandappilly, Arikkuzha, Manakkad as ordinary moffussil service.

2. We have considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law. Also considered the suggestions in representations from various peoples' representatives.

3. As per the report of route enquiry officer, total route length of the proposed route is 26 Kms; of which 12.4 Kms lies in the jurisdiction of Sister RTA Idukki and 13.6 Kms lies in the jurisdiction of this authority. There is altogether an overlapping of 2.98 Kms with notified route as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023. Route enquiry officer has further reported that the proposed route will be beneficial to the traveling public.

4. We have also considered the provisions stipulated in various notified schemes including that of G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023; clause 5 (c) of the notification restricts this authority to grant a fresh stage carriage permit in which overlapping with notified route is more than 5% of total route length. In this case, as per the report of route enquiry officer, total overlapping is more than 5% of the route length and as per the provisions contained in Section 104 of the Motor Vehicles Act we cannot move further with this application.

5. In the open hearing of this authority representative of KSRTC also vehemently represented their objection against grant of this permit citing the verdict of Hon. Apex court in CA No. 5257/2018.

6. Hence the application for fresh stage carriage permit on the route Muvattupuzha – Thodupuzha is **rejected** as per Section 104 of the Motor Vehicles Act in view of conditions laid down in the G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023.

Item No. 5

Heard.

1. To consider the application for fresh stage carriage permit to operate on the route Thodupuzha - Kothamangalam – Vazhakkulam via. Kallorkkad, Kaloor,

Paingootoor, Oonnukal, Nellimattom, Kothamanglam and return via. Varappetty, Ayavana, Neerampuzha up to Vazhakkulam as ordinary moffussil service

2. We have considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.

3. As per the report of the route enquiry officer, total route length of the proposed inter-district route is 62 Kms. Further, there is overlapping with notified routes as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023; from Vazhakkulam Junction to Bus stand 0.2 Kms and Vengalloor to Kanjiramattom Junction 03.00 Kms. Thus altogether there is an overlapping of 3.2 Kms with notified routes.

4. We have also considered the provisions stipulated in various notified schemes including that of G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023; clause 5 (c) of the notification restricts this authority to grant a fresh stage carriage permit in which overlapping with notified route is more than 5% of total route length. In this case, as per the report of route enquiry officer, total overlapping is more than 5% of the route length and as per the provisions contained in Section 104 of the Motor Vehicles Act we cannot move further with this application.

5. Hence the application for fresh stage carriage permit on the route Thodupuzha – Kothamangalam – Vazhakkulam is **rejected** as per Section 104 of the Motor Vehicles Act in view of conditions laid down in the G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023.

Item No. 6

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for fresh stage carriage permit to operate on the route Vadattupara – Perumbavoor – Pinavoorkudy via. Chakkimedu, Thundam, Bhoothathankette, Chelad, Punnekkad, Kothamangalam, Thattekkad, Kuttampuzha, Thankalam, Odakkaly, Kuruppumpady, Karingazha, Muthamkuzhy, Ramalloor, Uppukandom as ordinary moffussil service.

2. We have considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.

3. As per the report of route enquiry officer, this is an intra-district route with total route length 70 Kms and a distance of 0.5 Kms overlapping with notified route at

Perumbavoor. Average frequency in Perumbavoor – Kothamangalam sector is 2 Minutes and that of Vadattupara – Kothamangalam is 30 Minutes and that of Pinavoorkudy – Kothamangalam is 60 Minutes. He has further reported that the proposed route will be beneficial to the travelling public; however, route between Kothamangalam and Perumbavoor will served with less frequency.

4. In the open hearing of this authority objections against this application are mainly that of timing and which can be settled in timing conference.

5. Therefore fresh regular stage carriage permit on the proposed route is **granted** to a suitable stage carriage subject to settlement of timings. The grantee of the permit is directed to produce the current records of a stage carriage for endorsing the granted permit within thirty days of communication of this decision as per Rule 159[2] of KMV Rules 1989; failing which the grant of the regular permit will be treated as revoked without further notice.

Item No. 7

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for fresh stage carriage permit to operate on the route Kolencherry – Koothattukulam via. Karukappilly, Korankadavu palam, Ramamangalam, Neythusalappadi, Pampakkuda, Areekkal, Mannathur, Oliyappuram as ordinary moffussil service.

2. We have considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.

3. As per the report of route enquiry officer, total route length of this intra-district route is 27.6 Kms. He has further reported that there is an overlapping of notified schemes such as

a) a distance of 0.1 Kms with Muvattupuzha – Ernakulam complete exclusion scheme at Kolencherry and

b) a distance of 0.3 Kms at Koothattukulam with Kottayam – Kozhikkode scheme.

4. Arguments for and against the application during the open hearing of this authority were considered as per law. Objections by KSRTC, that the proposed route objectionably overlaps with clause 4 and 5 c of the notified scheme G O (P) No. 5/2017/Tran. Dated 21.02.2017 is acceptable. Since the scheme is complete exclusion in nature, considering the arguments of the representative of KSRTC and

provisions stipulated in Section 104 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988; the special provisions stipulated in Chapter VI of the Act and various directions contained the verdicts of Hon. Apex Court of India; the provisions contained in G O (P) No. 5/2017/Tran. Dated 21.02.2017 application for fresh stage carriage permit is **rejected.**

Item No. 8

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for fresh stage carriage permit to operate on the route Koothattukulam – Piravom via. Koothattukulam Central Jn., Hospital Jn., Valappu, Kizhakambu, Chambamala, Jose Giri, Jose Giri Church, Nellurampara, VISAT, Elanji, Namakkuzhi, Thazhathumukkada, Kalluvettumada, Palachuvadu, Piravom, Pzhoor School, T.S. Jn., Kalambikkappu Ambalam, Nettoor Hospital, Kavala, Thottoor, Vattappara as ordinary moffussil service.

2. We have considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.

3. As per the report of route enquiry officer, this is an intra-district route with total route length 36 Kms and an overlapping of 0.3 Kms with notified routes at Koothattukulam. He has further reported that the entire route is ill-served and there is no other stage carriage is operating on the entire portion of the proposed route Koothattukulam – Elanji – Vattappara. He has further submitted that the route is beneficial to the travelling public and students.

Objections related to timings can be settled in the timing conference.

4. Therefore fresh regular stage carriage permit on the proposed route is **granted** to a suitable stage carriage subject to settlement of timings. The grantee of the permit is directed to produce the current records of a stage carriage for endorsing the granted permit within thirty days of communication of this decision as per Rule 159[2] of KMV Rules 1989; failing which the grant of the regular permit will be treated as revoked without further notice.

Item No. 9

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for fresh stage carriage permit to operate on the route Koothattukulam – Piravom touching Muvattupuzha via. Kizhakombu,

Chambamala, VISAT College, Elanji, Namakuzhi, Thazhathemukkada, Kalluvettumada, Palachuvadu, Manimalakkunnu, Valiyapadam, Kurizpally, Mannathur, Mentor College, South Marady, 130 Junction as ordinary moffussil service.

2. We have considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.

3. As per the report of route enquiry officer, this is an intra-district route with a route length of 46.9 Kms. This route overlaps with notified routes such as:

- a) Central Junction to Govt Hospital Jn. Koothattukulam - 0.3 Kms
 - 130 Jn. To BOC Jn. Muvattupuzha - 1.9 Kms
- (Kottayam – Kozhikkode)

Thus, there is altogether an overlapping of 2.2 Kms with notified routes as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023. He has further reported that there is no bus service from Koothattukulam to Elanji via Josegiri; VISAT Engineering college; Also there is only one bus service from Koothattukulam to Muvattupuzha via. Mannathoor, South Marady. As per the report, this service is more beneficial to the students and teachers of VISAT Engineering College, Mookambika College and Mentor College of design.

4. In the open hearing of this authority there were only objections related to timing and that can be settled in timing conference.

5. Therefore fresh regular stage carriage permit on the proposed route is **granted** to a suitable stage carriage subject to settlement of timings. The grantee of the permit is directed to produce the current records of a stage carriage for endorsing the granted permit within thirty days of communication of this decision as per Rule 159[2] of KMV Rules 1989; failing which the grant of the regular permit will be treated as revoked without further notice

Item No. 10

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for fresh stage carriage permit to operate on the route Aluva – Piravom via. Choondy, Edathala, Pookattupady, Kizhakkambalam, Pallikkara, Pazhamthottam, Vadavukode, Puthenkuriz, Kadayiruppu, KolencherryChoondy, Ezhakkaranad, Maneed as ordinary moffussil service.

2. We have considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.

3. As per the report of route enquiry officer, total route length is 52 Kms and there are overlapping with notified routes such that:

a) 4.3 Kms from Kolencherry to Choondy in Ernakulam – Muvattupuzha Scheme

b) 0.5 Kms from Puthenkuriz to Kavumthazham in Ernakulam – Muvattupuzha scheme.

c) 2.2 Kms at Aluva town as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023.

Route enquiry officer further reported that aforesaid (a) and (b) are objectionable overlapping as per clause 5 (b) and (c) of G.O. (P) No. 05/2017; 21.02.2017.

4. We have observed that

a) the notified scheme G.O. (P) No. 05/2017; 21.02.2017 is complete exclusion in nature and

b) there is restriction in issuing fresh stage carriage permits with overlapping more than 5% of total route length as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023 Thus as per the provisions stipulated in Section 104 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988; the special provisions stipulated in Chapter VI of the Act and various directions contained the verdicts of Hon. Apex Court of India; the provisions contained in aforesaid Government Orders application for fresh stage carriage permit is **rejected**.

Item No. 11

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for fresh stage carriage permit to operate on the route Adimaly – Aluva via. Neriya Mangalam, Kothamangalam, Odakkaly, Kuruppumpady, Perumbavoor, South Vazhakkulam, Choondy as ordinary mofussil service.

2. We have considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.

3. As per the report of the enquiry officer, the proposed route is inter-district; total route length is 86 Kms and an overlapping of 3.7 Kms as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023. Overlapping is not objectionable.

4. Since the proposed route is inter-district, we are of the opinion that a final conclusion will be taken on this application after obtaining concurrence from Sister RTA, Idukki. We have also considered the provisions contained in Rule 171 (2) of Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules. Being a permit, of inter-district in nature, concurrence from Sister RTA is essential for further proceeding on this application.

Hence, Secretary RTA will seek concurrence from Sister RTA, Idukki and place before this authority.

Hence, decision on this application is **adjourned**.

Item No. 12

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for variation of regular permit in respect of Stage Carriage KL 05 X 2822 operating on the route Perumbavoor – Maradu Mrket via. Chembarakki, Kizhakkambalam, Pallikkara, Infopark, Kakkanad, Irumpanam, Thripunithura

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Trip at 09.19 has to be changed as 09.29 a.m. and traversing up to Pookattupadi and then to Kakkanad via. Thevakkal, Vikas Vani, Athani by curtailing trip via. Kizhakkambalam, Pallikkara, Manakkakadavu

2. We have considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.

3. As per the route enquiry report, this is an intra-district route permit and this involves a curtailment of second trip Pallikkara – Kizhakkmbalam – Manakkakkadavu – Info-Park. Since this involves only curtailment of trip, there is no change in total route length. By curtailing the second trip, the stage carriage is proposing the trip via. Perumbavoor – Pookattupady – Kakkanad via. Thevakkal. Vikasavani, Navodaya. Route enquiry officer has further reported that curtailment of trip is against the interest of travelling public.

4. Thus, this authority considered the observations of the route enquiry officer with due seriousness and we do not want to overrule the same.

We have also considered this application in accordance with the provisions explained in Rule 145 (6) i & ii of Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules; we could not find any such circumstances as explained in aforesaid Rules in the applied route.

Thus, based on the provisions contained in Section 80 (3) of Motor Vehicles Act, Rule 145 (6) i & ii; and also the observations of route enquiry officer, application for variation is **rejected**.

Item No.13

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for variation of regular permit in respect of Stage Carriage KL 10 AE 2873 operating on the route Koothattukulam – Chembankuzhi via. Muvattupuzha, Kothamangalam, Neriyaamangalam so as to extend one trip to Avolichal without changing the existing timings
2. We have considered the application, verified the route enquiry report and other connected files and records. Objections, for and against the application were also considered as per law.
3. As per the report of route enquiry officer, the application involves extension of one trip from Neriyaamangalam to Avolichal utilising the rest time at Neriyaamangalam and without changing the timing of remaining trips.
4. In the open hearing of this authority, there is no other objections other than timings from other en-route operators.
5. Therefore the requested variation of regular stage carriage permit on the proposed route is **allowed** to the stage carriage KL 10 AE 2873 subject to settlement of timings. The permit holder is directed to produce the current records of the stage carriage for endorsing the granted variation within thirty days of communication of this decision as per Rule 159[2] of KMV Rules 1989; failing which the grant of variation will be treated as revoked without further notice.

Item No.14

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for renewal of permit in respect of the stage carriage KL 40 Q 9053 operating on the route Vadakkumpilly - Aluva Permit - No.17/1737/2015 expired on 06.07.2020 in which overlapping with notified route is more than permissible limits as per Clause 5 (c) of G.O.(P) No. 13/2023/Trans. Dtd. 03.05.2023
2. As per the decision of Regional Transport Authority, Muvattupuzha, held on 17.06.2023 in Item No. 56, overlapping with notified routes for stage carriages traversing from Perumabvoor to Aluva was clarified as follows:

- a) At Perumbavoor town – 1.5 Kms and
- b) At Aluva town – 2.2 Kms

Thus, total overlapping with notified routes as per G.O. 13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023 is 3.7 Kms and total route length of this stage carriage is 35 Kms.

3. In the open hearing of this authority, representative of KSRTC vehemently objected the application citing clause 5 (c) of the aforesaid notification. They have also cited the provisions contained in Section 104 of the Act and the special provisions of STUs in Chapter VI of the Act and they have also cited the observations of Hon. Apex court of India in Gajraj Singh case.

“...The authorities should consider their applications in accordance with the law and the prescribed procedure and may grant new permits under Section 72 and later on or before the expiry thereof, to renew it in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 80 and 81, that too on compliance with law, until the scheme is duly modified or cancelled in accordance with law...”

We have also examined the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023; being a stage carriage permit issued after 14.07.2009 and the overlapping distance is more than that of 5% of the total route length this is a clear violation of clause 5 (c) of the approved scheme.

4. Therefore the application for renewal of stage carriage permit in respect of stage carriage KL 40 Q 9053 operating on the route Vadakkumpilly – Aluva is considered and **rejected** as per the provisions contained in Section 81 of the Motor Vehicles Act and also the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023.

Item No.15

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for renewal of permit in respect of the stage carriage KL 44 H 7889 (Old SC KL 40 E 7889) operating on the route Uppukandom - Aluva Permit -No.17/2612/2013 expired on 16.10.2023 in which overlapping with notified route is more than permissible limits as per Clause 5 (c) of G.O.(P) No. 13/2023/Trans. Dtd. 03.05.2023

2. As per the decision of Regional Transport Authority, Muvattupuzha, held on 17.06.2023 in Item No. 56, overlapping with notified routes for stage carriages traversing from Perumabvoor to Aluva was clarified as follows:

- a) At Perumbavoor town – 1.5 Kms and

b) At Aluva town - 2.2 Kms

Thus, total overlapping with notified routes as per G.O. 13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023 is 3.7 Kms and total route length of this stage carriage is 44 Kms.

3. In the open hearing of this authority, representative of KSRTC vehemently objected the application citing clause 5 (c) of the aforesaid notification. They have also cited the provisions contained in Section 104 of the Act and the special provisions of STUs in Chapter VI of the Act and they have also cited the observations of Hon. Apex court of India in Gajraj Singh case.

“...The authorities should consider their applications in accordance with the law and the prescribed procedure and may grant new permits under Section 72 and later on or before the expiry thereof, to renew it in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 80 and 81, that too on compliance with law, until the scheme is duly modified or cancelled in accordance with law...”

We have also examined the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023; being a stage carriage permit issued after 14.07.2009 and the overlapping distance is more than that of 5% of the total route length this is a clear violation of clause 5 (c) of the approved scheme.

4. Therefore the application for renewal of stage carriage permit in respect of stage carriage KL 44 H 7889 operating on the route Uppukandom – Aluva is considered and **rejected** as per the provisions contained in Section 81 of the Motor Vehicles Act and also the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023.

Item No.16

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for renewal of permit in respect of the stage carriage KL 62 A 7803 (Old SC KL 34 D 1512) operating on the route Aluva – Neriya Mangalam - Uppukulam Permit -No.17/227/2017 expired on 29.01.2022 in which overlapping with notified route is more than permissible limits as per Clause 5 (c) of G.O.(P) No. 13/2023/Trans. Dtd. 03.05.2023.

2. As per the decision of Regional Transport Authority, Muvattupuzha, held on 17.06.2023 in Item No. 56, overlapping with notified routes for stage carriages traversing from Perumbavoor to Aluva was clarified as follows:

a) At Perumbavoor town - 1.5 Kms and

b) At Aluva town - 2.2 Kms

Thus, total overlapping with notified routes as per G.O. 13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023 is 3.7 Kms and total route length of this stage carriage is 55 Kms.

3. In the open hearing of this authority, representative of KSRTC vehemently objected the application citing clause 5 (c) of the aforesaid notification. They have also cited the provisions contained in Section 104 of the Act and the special provisions of STUs in Chapter VI of the Act and they have also cited the observations of Hon. Apex court of India in Gajraj Singh case.

“...The authorities should consider their applications in accordance with the law and the prescribed procedure and may grant new permits under Section 72 and later on or before the expiry thereof, to renew it in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 80 and 81, that too on compliance with law, until the scheme is duly modified or cancelled in accordance with law...”

We have also examined the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023; being a stage carriage permit issued after 14.07.2009 and the overlapping distance is more than that of 5% of the total route length this is a clear violation of clause 5 (c) of the approved scheme.

4. Therefore the application for renewal of stage carriage permit in respect of stage carriage KL 44 H 7889 operating on the route Uppukandom – Aluva is considered and **rejected** as per the provisions contained in Section 81 of the Motor Vehicles Act and also the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023.

Item No.17

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for renewal of permit in respect of the stage carriage KL 05 AG 0528 (Old SC KL 35 J 3152; KL 36 0504) operating on the route Aluva – Perumbavoor – Kothamangalam Permit -No.17/1618/2016 expired on 15.06.2021 in which overlapping with notified route is more than permissible limits as per Clause 5 (c) of G.O.(P) No. 13/2023/Trans. Dtd. 03.05.2023

2. As per the decision of Regional Transport Authority, Muvattupuzha, held on 17.06.2023 in Item No. 56, overlapping with notified routes for stage carriages traversing from Perumabvoor to Aluva was clarified as follows:

- a) At Perumbavoor town – 1.5 Kms and
- b) At Aluva town – 2.2 Kms

Thus, total overlapping with notified routes as per G.O. 13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023 is 3.7 Kms and total route length of this stage carriage is 34.5 Kms.

3. In the open hearing of this authority, representative of KSRTC vehemently objected the application citing clause 5 (c) of the aforesaid notification. They have also cited the provisions contained in Section 104 of the Act and the special provisions of STUs in Chapter VI of the Act and they have also cited the observations of Hon. Apex court of India in Gajraj Singh case.

“...The authorities should consider their applications in accordance with the law and the prescribed procedure and may grant new permits under Section 72 and later on or before the expiry thereof, to renew it in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 80 and 81, that too on compliance with law, until the scheme is duly modified or cancelled in accordance with law...”

We have also examined the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023; being a stage carriage permit issued after 14.07.2009 and the overlapping distance is more than that of 5% of the total route length this is a clear violation of clause 5 (c) of the approved scheme.

4. Therefore the application for renewal of stage carriage permit in respect of stage carriage KL 05 AG 0528 operating on the route Perumbavoor - Kothamangalam is considered and **rejected** as per the provisions contained in Section 81 of the Motor Vehicles Act and also the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023.

Item No.18

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for renewal of permit in respect of the stage carriage KL 37 4887 operating on the route Elambakappilly - Aluva Permit - No.17/1886/2009 expired on 30.10.2019 in which overlapping with notified route is more than permissible limits as per Clause 5 (c) of G.O.(P) No. 13/2023/Trans. Dtd. 03.05.2023.

2. As per the decision of Regional Transport Authority, Muvattupuzha, held on 17.06.2023 in Item No. 56, overlapping with notified routes for stage carriages traversing from Perumabvoor to Aluva was clarified as follows:

- a) At Perumbavoor town – 1.5 Kms and
- b) At Aluva town – 2.2 Kms

Thus, total overlapping with notified routes as per G.O. 13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023 is 3.7 Kms and total route length of this stage carriage is 56 Kms.

3. In the open hearing of this authority, representative of KSRTC vehemently objected the application citing clause 5 (c) of the aforesaid notification. They have also cited the provisions contained in Section 104 of the Act and the special provisions of STUs in Chapter VI of the Act and they have also cited the observations of Hon. Apex court of India in Gajraj Singh case.

“...The authorities should consider their applications in accordance with the law and the prescribed procedure and may grant new permits under Section 72 and later on or before the expiry thereof, to renew it in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 80 and 81, that too on compliance with law, until the scheme is duly modified or cancelled in accordance with law...”

We have also examined the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023; being a stage carriage permit issued after 14.07.2009 and the overlapping distance is more than that of 5% of the total route length this is a clear violation of clause 5 (c) of the approved scheme.

4. Therefore the application for renewal of stage carriage permit in respect of stage carriage KL 37 4887 operating on the route Elambakappilly - Aluva is considered and **rejected** as per the provisions contained in Section 81 of the Motor Vehicles Act and also the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023.

Item No.19

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for renewal of permit in respect of the stage carriage KL 06 D 5853 (Previous SCs KL 17 E 1177, KL 40 Q 5028) operating on the route Kothamangalm - Akanad - Aluva Permit -No.17/1752/2014 expired on 30.09.2019 in which overlapping with notified route is more than permissible limits as per Clause 5 (c) of G.O.(P) No. 13/2023/Trans. Dtd. 03.05.2023

2. As per the decision of Regional Transport Authority, Muvattupuzha, held on 17.06.2023 in Item No. 56, overlapping with notified routes for stage carriages traversing from Perumbavoor to Aluva was clarified as follows:

- a) At Perumbavoor town - 1.5 Kms and
- b) At Aluva town - 2.2 Kms

Thus, total overlapping with notified routes as per G.O. 13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023 is 3.7 Kms and total route length of this stage carriage is 54 Kms.

3. In the open hearing of this authority, representative of KSRTC vehemently objected the application citing clause 5 (c) of the aforesaid notification. They have also cited the provisions contained in Section 104 of the Act and the special provisions of STUs in Chapter VI of the Act and they have also cited the observations of Hon. Apex court of India in Gajraj Singh case.

“...The authorities should consider their applications in accordance with the law and the prescribed procedure and may grant new permits under Section 72 and later on or before the expiry thereof, to renew it in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 80 and 81, that too on compliance with law, until the scheme is duly modified or cancelled in accordance with law...”

We have also examined the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023; being a stage carriage permit issued after 14.07.2009 and the overlapping distance is more than that of 5% of the total route length this is a clear violation of clause 5 (c) of the approved scheme.

4. Therefore the application for renewal of stage carriage permit in respect of stage carriage KL 37 4887 operating on the route Kothamangalam - Akanad - Aluva is considered and **rejected** as per the provisions contained in Section 81 of the Motor Vehicles Act and also the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023.

Item No.20

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for renewal of permit in respect of the stage carriage KL 17 A 3940 operating on the route Thannippuzha (Onampilly) - Aluva Permit -No.17/1218/2015 expired on 13.05.2020 in which overlapping with notified route is more than permissible limits as per Clause 5 (c) of G.O.(P) No. 13/2023/Trans. Dtd. 03.05.2023

2. As per the decision of Regional Transport Authority, Muvattupuzha, held on 17.06.2023 in Item No. 56, overlapping with notified routes for stage carriages traversing from Perumabvoor to Aluva was clarified as follows:

- a) At Perumbavoor town – 1.5 Kms and
- b) At Aluva town – 2.2 Kms

Thus, total overlapping with notified routes as per G.O. 13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023 is 3.7 Kms and total route length of this stage carriage is 34 Kms.

3. In the open hearing of this authority, representative of KSRTC vehemently objected the application citing clause 5 (c) of the aforesaid notification. They have also cited the provisions contained in Section 104 of the Act and the special provisions of STUs in Chapter VI of the Act and they have also cited the observations of Hon. Apex court of India in Gajraj Singh case.

“...The authorities should consider their applications in accordance with the law and the prescribed procedure and may grant new permits under Section 72 and later on or before the expiry thereof, to renew it in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 80 and 81, that too on compliance with law, until the scheme is duly modified or cancelled in accordance with law...”

We have also examined the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023; being a stage carriage permit issued after 14.07.2009 and the overlapping distance is more than that of 5% of the total route length this is a clear violation of clause 5 (c) of the approved scheme.

4. Therefore the application for renewal of stage carriage permit in respect of stage carriage KL 17 A 3940 operating on the route Thannippuzha - Aluva is considered and **rejected** as per the provisions contained in Section 81 of the Motor Vehicles Act and also the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023.

Item No.21

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for renewal of permit in respect of the stage carriage KL 58 B 9169 (previous SC KL 41 1947) operating on the route Aluva - Kothamangalam Permit -No.17/3575/2016 expired on 23.12.2021 in which overlapping with notified route is more than permissible limits as per Clause 5 (c) of G.O.(P) No. 13/2023/Trans. Dtd. 03.05.2023

2. As per the decision of Regional Transport Authority, Muvattupuzha, held on 17.06.2023 in Item No. 56, overlapping with notified routes for stage carriages traversing from Perumbavoor to Aluva was clarified as follows:

- a) At Perumbavoor town - 1.5 Kms and
- b) At Aluva town - 2.2 Kms

Thus, total overlapping with notified routes as per G.O. 13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023 is 3.7 Kms and total route length of this stage carriage is 35 Kms.

3. In the open hearing of this authority, representative of KSRTC vehemently objected the application citing clause 5 (c) of the aforesaid notification. They have also cited the provisions contained in Section 104 of the Act and the special provisions of STUs in Chapter VI of the Act and they have also cited the observations of Hon. Apex court of India in Gajraj Singh case.

“...The authorities should consider their applications in accordance with the law and the prescribed procedure and may grant new permits under Section 72 and later on or before the expiry thereof, to renew it in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 80 and 81, that too on compliance with law, until the scheme is duly modified or cancelled in accordance with law...”

We have also examined the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023; being a stage carriage permit issued after 14.07.2009 and the overlapping distance is more than that of 5% of the total route length this is a clear violation of clause 5 (c) of the approved scheme.

4. Therefore the application for renewal of stage carriage permit in respect of stage carriage KL 58 B 9169 operating on the route Aluva – Kothamangalam is considered and **rejected** as per the provisions contained in Section 81 of the Motor Vehicles Act and also the provisions contained in G.O.(P)13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023.

Item No.22

Heard.

1. This to consider the application for renewal of permit in respect of the stage carriage KL 38 7594 operating on the route Aluva - Kolencherry Permit - No.17/2290/2013 expired on 18.09.2023. As per the report of Motor Vehicles Inspector, Perumbavoor, overlapping with notified route is more than permissible limits as per Clause 5 (c) of G.O.(P) No. 13/2023/Trans. Dtd. 03.05.2023.

2. As per the decision of Regional Transport Authority, Muvattupuzha, held on 17.06.2023 in Item No. 56, overlapping with notified routes for stage carriages traversing from Perumabvoor to Aluva was clarified as follows:

a) At Aluva town - 2.2 Kms

Thus, total overlapping with notified routes as per G.O. 13/2023/Trans; Dtd. 03.05.2023 is 2.2 Kms and total route length of this stage carriage reported as 30 Kms.

3. In the open hearing of this authority, representative of KSRTC vehemently objected the application citing clause 5 (c) of the aforesaid notification.

4. However, up on verification of connected records and files, we could observe a difference in route length in view of previous reports in respect of this stage carriage. We also considered the objection of the permit holder in this regard.

As per our considered opinion, a revisit on the enquiry report is highly essential. Hence the Secretary RTA will enquire the matter once again and place the application for renewal of permit in respect of stage carriage KL 38 7594 before this authority, if found necessary. Thus, decision on this application is **adjourned**.

Item No.23

Heard.

1. This is to consider the belated application for renewal of permit in respect of the stage carriage KL 17 U 7500 operating on the route Muvattupuzha – Aluva via. Vazhappilly Nellad, Pattimattom, Kizhakkambalam, Pookattupady, Choondy as mofussil ordinary service with Permit -No.17/101/1998 expired on 03.11.2023

2. We have considered the application and verified connected records in detail. This is a belated application and we have considered the provisions stipulated in Section 81 (1) (2) & (3). Also, verified the enquiry report. As per the report: total route length is 36.9 Kms; and overlapping with notified route is 5.2 Kms; It is also noted that the regular permit was issued before 14.07.2009. Letter from the permit holder to condone the delay in submitting the application is also considered.

3. Therefore, renewal of permit is **allowed** subject to the production of Non-Objection Certificate from the financier, if applicable and subject to the clearance of dues to the government, if any and also production of current records of the vehicle within 30 days of communication of this decision.

Item No.24

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for renewal of permit in respect of the stage carriage KL 40 B 9297 operating on the route Koovappady – Mullamkuzhy via. Elambakappilly, Pappanpady, Thodapparambu, Perumbavoor, Vallam, Aimury,

Koodalappad, Edavoor, Kalady, Neeleswaram, Malayattur, Kadappara as moffusil ordinary service with Permit -No.17/35/2005 expired on 22.05.2020. Renewal of permit was granted on 23.11.2021 and could not produce the records in time since the vehicle was in non-use intimation.

2. The application was submitted in time. As per the report of enquiry officer, total route length is 36 Kms and there is an overlapping of 7.6 Kms with notified routes. However the permit is issued in 2005 and hence there is no legal impediment in renewing the permit. However, as per the submission from the Secretary, RTA the permit holder could not produce current records of the vehicle to endorse the granted permit, since the vehicle is in non-use intimation.

3. Therefore, renewal of permit is **allowed** subject to the remittance of required fee; production of Non-Objection Certificate from the financier, if applicable and subject to the clearance of dues to the government, if any and also production of current records of the vehicle within 30 days of communication of this decision.

Item No.25

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for issuing reserve bus (spare bus) permit to the stage carriage KL 36 0504.

2. We have considered the application and verified connected files and documents. We have also verified the provisions stipulated in Rule 182 of Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989,

“It shall be a condition of every stage carriage permit that an operator having seven or more route buses in operation (including stage carriages operating on temporary permits) shall maintain reserve buses calculated at the rate of one reserve bus for every complete unit of seven route buses.”

He has further submitted the list of stage carriages owned and operated by him such as:

Sl. No	Reg. No.	Permit No.	Validity
1	KL 38 E 5885	KL17/39/2003	07.11.2028
2	KL 34 C 7123	KL17/9/1997	30.03.2027
3	KL 33 G 3229	KL7/2216/2005	01.11.2025
4	KL 40 Q 5028	KL7/36/1997	24.02.2024

5	KL 35 J 1760	KL17/38/2005	08.06.2025
6	Kl 26 5310	KL17/1600/2006	15.02.2026
7	KL 40 Q 9048	KL17/26/1999	05.04.2024
8	KL 40 Q 9053 Under lease agreement	K117/1737/2015	20.12.2023 TP u/s 87(1) d

3. Therefore, application for reserve bus is **allowed** in respect of stage carriage KL 36 504 subject to the provisions stipulated in Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules and Taxation Act and Rules.

Item No.26

1. This is to consider the application for issuing concurrence for variation of stage carriage permit with respect to the stage carriage KL 38 D 6068 on the route West Kodikkulam – Vannappuram via. Thodupuzha, Vandamattom, Mullankuthy and Thennathur as Ordinary Service. As

Vannappuram – Thodupuzha via. Njarakkad, West Kodikulam, Vandamattom, Kodikkulam, Kaliyar and Mullankuthy (Deviating first and second trips from Vannappuram via. Njarakkad) by Sister RTA Idukki held on 11.01.2023 in Item No. 88.

2. As per the report of route enquiry officer, portion of the route from Thennathur Bridge to Njarakkad Kollanpady for a distance of 1.5 Kms lies in the jurisdiction of this authority and there is no overlapping with notified portion. Also, it is reported that there is no virgin portion.

3. Thus, concurrence is **granted** from this authority for the application subject to the right of primary authority to take a final decision on this application for variation of stage carriage permit.

Item No.27

1. This is to consider the application for issuing concurrence for fresh stage carriage permit on the route Muttukad – Bisonvally - Pala via. Anachal, Adimaly, Neriyaamangalam, Kothamangalam, Muvattupuzha, Arikuzha, Pandappilly, Koothattukulam, Uzhavoor, Veliyannoor, Valavoor, Kodakkachira as Ordinary Service from the Sister RTA, Idukki held on 04.06.2022 in Item No. 17.

2. As per the report of route enquiry officer, portion of the route from Neriyaamangalam, Kothamangalam, Muvattupuzha, Arakkuzha, Pandappilly,

Koothattukulam for a distance of 56.6 Kms lies in the jurisdiction of this authority and there is an overlapping of 2.5 Kms with the notified routes as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023 with notified portion.

In Muvattupuzha town from BOC Junction to Latha Stand – 02.00 Kms

In Koothattukulam town from Central Junction to Ramapuram Junction – 0.500 Kms

3. Thus, concurrence is **granted** from this authority for the application subject to the right of primary authority to take a final decision on this application for fresh stage carriage permit.

Item No.28

1. This is to consider the application for issuing concurrence for fresh stage carriage permit on the route Koothattukulam – Adimali via. Kozhippally, Kurisupalli, Palakkuzha, Marika, Vazhithala, Eruttuthodu, Nediyaasala, Kolani, Manakkad Junction,, Highrange Hotel junction, Thodupuzha, Vengalloor, Kaloor H S, Paingootor, Oonnukal, Neriyamangalam, Adimaly, as Limited Stop Ordinary Service from the Sister RTA, Idukki held on 11.01.2023, Item No. 1.

2. As per the report of route enquiry officer, portion of the route from Neriyamangalam – Oonnukal – Paingootor – Perumankandom – Marika-Palakkuzha – Kozhippally Kuriz, for a distance of 33.7 Kms lies in the jurisdiction of this authority (Neriyamangalam – Thaimattomn - 24.9 Km and Marika – Koothattukulam - 8.8 Kms) and there is an overlapping of 0.3 Kms with the notified routes as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023 with notified portion.

In Koothattukulam town from Central Junction to Govt. Hospital Junction – 0.300 Kms

3. Thus, concurrence is **granted** from this authority for the application subject to the right of primary authority to take a final decision on this application for fresh stage carriage permit.

Item No.29

1. This is to consider the application for issuing concurrence for fresh stage carriage permit on the route Rajakkad – Thodupuzha via. Kuthungal, Vattakkannippara, Karimala, Panickankudy, Kambilikandam, Kallarkutty, Adimaly, Neriyamangalam, Oonnukal, Paingootor, Perumankandam and Vengalloor as ordinary service with halt at Karimala from Sister RTA, Idukki held on 17.08.2023, Item No. 3.

2. As per the report of route enquiry officer, portion of the route from Neriya Mangalam – Oonnukal – Paingoottor – Perumankandom – Marika-Palakkuzha – Kozhippally Kuriz, for a distance of 33.7 Kms lies in the jurisdiction of this authority (Neriya Mangalam – Thaimattomn - 24.9 Km and Marika – Koothattukulam - 8.8 Kms) and there is an overlapping of 0.3 Kms with the notified routes as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023 with notified portion. In Koothattukulam town from Central Junction to Govt. Hospital Junction – 0.300 Kms

3. Thus, concurrence is **granted** from this authority for the application subject to the right of primary authority to take a final decision on this application for fresh stage carriage permit.

Item No.30

1. This is to consider the application for issuing concurrence for fresh stage carriage permit on the route Erattayar – Ernakulam Vyttila Hub via. Thankamani, Idukki, Cheruthoni, Chelachuvadu, Kanjikkuzhy, Vannappuram, Paingoottor, Pothanikkad, Pallarimangalam, Adivadu, Kothamangalam, Perumbavoor, Chembracky, Pookattupady, Kangarappady, Kakkanad, Palarivattom By-pass, Medical Centre and Chakkarapparambu from Sister RTA, Idukki held on 17.08.2023, Item No. 4.

2. As per the report of route enquiry officer, portion of the route from Paingoottor, Pothanikkad, Pallarimangalam, Adivadu, Kothamangalm, Perumbavoor, Chembracky, Ambunad for a distance of 52.6 Kms lies in the jurisdiction of this authority and there is an overlapping of 1.5 Kms with the notified routes at Perumbavoor from Kalady Junction to Palakkattuthazham as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023 with notified portion.

3. Thus, concurrence is **granted** from this authority for the application subject to the right of primary authority to take a final decision on this application for fresh stage carriage permit.

Item No.31

1. This is to consider the application for issuing concurrence for fresh stage carriage permit on the route Muttukad – Bisonvally - Pala via. Pottenkad, Kunchithanni, Adit, Anachal, Thokkupara, Adimaly, Neriya Mangalam, Kothamangalam,

Muvattupuzha, Arikkuzha, Pandappilly, Koothattukulam, Uzhavoor as Limited Stop Ordinary Service from Sister RTA, Idukki held on 17.08.2023, Item No. 12

2. As per the report of route enquiry officer, portion of the route from Neriyamangalam, Kothamangalam, Muvattupuzha, Arakkuzha, Pandappilly, Koothattukulam for a distance of 56.6 Kms lies in the jurisdiction of this authority and there is an overlapping of 2.5 Kms with the notified routes at Muvattupuzha for a distance of 2 Kms from BOC to Latha Stand and at Koothattukulam for a distance of 0.5 Kms from Central Junction to Ramapuram Junction. as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023 with notified portion.

3. Thus, concurrence is **granted** from this authority for the application subject to the right of primary authority to take a final decision on this application for fresh stage carriage permit.

Item No.32

1.This is to consider the application for issuing concurrence for fresh stage carriage permit on the route Aluva – Poopara via. South Vazhakkulam, Perumbavoor, Kothamangalam, Neriyamangalam, Adimaly, Thokkupara, Anachal, Adit, Kunjithanny, Rajakkad, Rajakumari as Ordinary Service from Sister RTA, Idukki held on 17.08.2023, Item No. 33.

2. As per the report of route enquiry officer, portion of the route from South Vazhakkulam to Neriyamangalam for a distance of 49.3 Kms lies in the jurisdiction of this authority and there is an overlapping of 1.5 Kms with the notified routes at Perumbavoor for a distance of 1.5 Kms from Kalady Junction to Palakkattuthazham as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023 with notified portion.

3. Thus, concurrence is **granted** from this authority for the application subject to the right of primary authority to take a final decision on this application for fresh stage carriage permit.

Item No.33

1. This is to consider the application for issuing concurrence for fresh stage carriage permit on the route Anakayam – Muvattupuzha touching Purappuzha and Parakkadavu via. Inchiyani, Mangattukavala, KSRTC bus stand, Gandhi Square, Thodupuzha bus stand, Irakkumpuzha, Kolani, Nediyaasala, Iruttuthodu, Marika, Vazhithala, Palakkuzha, Pandappilly, Arakkuzha, Muvattupuzha New Bus Stand, P O Junction, Kacherithazham, Muvattupuzha Old bus Stand, Purappuzha,

Vazhithala, Parakkadavu, Arikkuzha, Thodupuzha as Ordinary Service from Sister RTA, Idukki held on 17.08.2023, Item No. 20

2. As per the report of route enquiry officer, portion of the route from Marika, Palakkuzha, Pandappilly, Arakkuzha, Muvattupuzha – New & Old Bus Stands, P.O. Junction, Kacherithazham for a distance of 19.4 Kms lies in the jurisdiction of this authority and there is an overlapping of 2 Kms with the notified routes at Muvattupuzha from Latha Stand to Nehru Park Junction as per G.O. (P) No. 13/2023/TRANS; Dtd. 03.05.2023 with notified portion.

3. Thus, concurrence is **granted** from this authority for the application subject to the right of primary authority to take a final decision on this application for fresh stage carriage permit.

Item No.34

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for issuing a bus stop near to Palakkuzha Gram Panchayath Office by the Secretary, Palakkuzha Grama Panchayath.

2. We have considered the application and verified the report of route enquiry officer; as per the report:

a) Panchayath Office has been shifted to a new building and a bus stop near to the Panchayath office will be beneficial to the travelling public and employees of the Panchath Office

b) Near-by bus stop is at a distance of 380 Mts and 400 Mts away from the proposed bus stop

c) Total tarred portion of the road is 8 Mts and total width is 13.5 Mts.

d) Proposed bus stop is in Thodupuzha – Kothattukulam Road in a declivable plane; in a narrow road and slanting position of the road increases the risk of accidents.

3. Thus, we do agree with the findings of route enquiry officer and the request is **allowed** with following conditions:

a) construction of a bus bay in both sides of the road is an essential requirement

b) construction of a bus waiting shed with adequate facilities.

c) Approval of location sketch of the proposed bus stop has to be obtained from the concerned Traffic Regulatory Committee.

Item No.35

Heard.

1. This is to consider the application for issuing a bus stop near to Thodupuzha – Muvattupuzha High-way Junction at Avoly submitted through a mass petition signed by 126 residents.

2 We have considered the application and verified connected files in detail including the resolution passed by the Avoli Grama Panchayath Dtd. 13.11.2023 8 (1). The matter was enquired by the Motor Vehicles Inspector, Muvattupuzha and as per the report:

- a) The bus stop will be beneficial for the students and travelling public of the area
- b) Construction of a bus bay is essential for sanctioning a bus stop.

3. Thus, we do agree with the findings of route enquiry officer and the request is **allowed** with following conditions:

- a) construction of a bus bay in both sides of the road is an essential requirement
- b) construction of a bus waiting shed with adequate facilities.
- c) Approval of location sketch of the proposed bus stop has to be obtained from the concerned Traffic Regulatory Committee.

Item No.36

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.37

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.38

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.39

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.40

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.41

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.42

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.43

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.44

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.45

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.46

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.47

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.48

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.49

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.50

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.51

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.52

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.53

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.54

Heard.

Transfer of permit **allowed** subject to the production of no objection certificate from the financier, if applicable and clearance of Govt. dues, if any.

Item No.55

Heard.

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1. This is to consider the interim report submitted by Sri. P.M. Shabeer, Regional Transport Officer, Idukki on representation from Kerala Bus Transport Association (KBTA), Perumbavoor Zone on seeking steps to prevent un-authorised travelling of students in stage carriages availing student travelling facility by integrating digital technology.

Regional Transport Authority, Muvattupuzha considered the matter in 17.06.2023 in Item No. 55 and entrusted the responsibility of co-ordinating this initiative with Sri. P.M. Shabeer, then Regional Transport Officer, Muvattupuzha.

Now he has submitted an interim report for the consideration of RTA. Major points in this report are as follows:

a) Conducted detailed study regarding the subject matter. Digitization of Student Travel Facility is highly useful for the operators as well as the students. This will ensure issue - free movement of eligible students on private stage carriage services in the region. The facility will eliminate misuse of this facility by person who are not eligible for Student Concession on buses. The suggested system will introduce a new method of fare payment system, which are flourishing worldwide. The operators can save certain amount of fare by preventing in eligible travelers and at the same can keep a record on the quantum of concession offered by them.

b) The study revealed that for transformation of existing pattern of fare collection to the digital mode of transaction certain technology based infrastructure built ups are required. They are :

1 Digitization of existing bus routes:

The routes available in the region have to be converted into digital format .The bus stop, Bus stations, Fare stage, Way points etc are to be marked in the digital route. This can be done on 'open street map' network, which is an open source platform. The process of digitization of bus route can be done with the help of NGOs by conducting 'Mapathone' or similar projects. M/s SMART Pro is one of the NGOs expressed interest in this project.

2 . Digital Fare Collection Card cum ID Card

Distribution of digital travel card is another major area of the project. For this, a server needs to be hosted. The Travel Card /ID card Data may be uploaded to the server by concerned school authorities. The RTA Secretary will verify the data and approve the card. The school authorities may take the print in the prescribed manner on prescribed card, which is having digital data as well as payment interface.

3. Selection of Method of Fare Collection Several methods for fare collection are available right now. offline mode, online mode, prepaid card system, using debit card etc are few options available. A detailed proposal may be collected from interested parties and NGOs for selecting the suitable mode of transaction. Interested stakeholders are Master Card, NCM Card, SBI and VISA.

Assistance of NGOs can be availed for successful selection and implementation of the Project.

4. Monitoring System

For the implementation of the new-era ticketing system, strict monitoring of RTA is required. The hosting of Server for data storage also may be under the RTA. The feasibility of cloud storage may be explored.

5. Enforcement Mechanisms

RTA secretary need to conduct extensive Education and Awareness programmes for successful implementation of the projects.

6. Suggested Measures

A model route may be selected for Trail Run. Route digitization may be completed with the help of NGOs like WRI, GIC and SMART PRo and with the full cooperation of bus operators

This authority considered the matter and verified the interim report submitted by the officer concerned. In order to proceed further in this matter, following action points are essential.

a) The matter has to be brought to the notice of Transport Commissioner, Kerala for a concurrence. For this a brief of the proceedings so far happened can be shared by the Secretary, RTA.

b) After availing concurrence from Transport Commissioner, further proceedings can be initiated by constituting a team for this purpose under the leadership of Sri. P.M. Shabeer, RTO, Idukki.

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Ratified works done by the Secretary, RTA, Muvattupuzha under delegated powers as per law.

Proposed date for next sitting of RTA, Muvattupuzha will intimate later.

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