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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA Transport (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O. (P) No. 26/2020/Tran.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 19th May, 2020

S. R. O. No. 333/2020

WHEREAS, the Government have issued directions to the State Transport Authority and the Regional Transport Authorities in the State regarding the fixing of fares and freights for stage carriages vide notification issued under G.O. (P) No.4/2018/Tran. dated 26th February, 2018 and



published as S.R.O. No.109/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.468 dated the 26th February, 2018;

AND WHEREAS, the stage carriages in the State cannot operate services in accordance with the directions issued under the said notification due to the various restrictions imposed on transportation in the wake of Covid 19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS, the stage carriages can be operated keeping social distancing among the passengers in the buses and carry passengers only not more than fifty per cent of the seating capacity of the stage carriage;

AND WHEREAS, it is not viable and the operators of stage carriages can not operate the buses as per the existing directions issued under the said notification during the period in which the social distancing is to be maintained;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala, after considering all aspects, including the necessity of keeping social distancing in the buses and as such loss of income to the bus operators due to the lesser number of passengers that can be carried in a stage carriage, and that it is necessary to stay the operation of the said notification during the period of social distancing and also to modify the said directions issued to the State Transport Authority and Regional Transport Authorities in the State during the said period;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) and staying the operation of the directions, other than clause F thereof, issued under the said notification, during the period of social distancing, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following amendment to the said notification, namely:-



AMENDMENT

In the said notification, after clause I, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“J. Fare during lock down and social distancing period in relation to Covid 19 pandemic.

Notwithstanding anything contained in previous paragraphs and clauses A to E and G to I, the provisions there under shall not apply during the period of lock down or the restrictions and requirement of keeping social distancing declared by the Government in the wake of Covid 19 pandemic and as such the Government of Kerala hereby direct the State Transport Authority and Regional Transport Authorities as follows:-

DIRECTIONS

Subject to the regulations, guidelines, norms or orders issued by the Government in relation to the Covid 19 pandemic, the State Transport Authority or the Regional Transport Authorities, as the case may be, shall fix the rates of fares of the Stage Carriages in the State as follows, with effect from 00.00 hours on the 20th day of May, 2020.

(a) **Minimum Fares**

The minimum fare for which a ticket will be issued for all Ordinary / Mofussil services, including City / Town services, shall be 12.00 rupees and the maximum distance that can be travelled in minimum fare of 12.00 rupees shall be fixed as 5 km.



(b) **Calculation of Fares**

Over and above the minimum distance, fares will be calculated at the existing PER KM rate rounding off the fraction to the nearest rupee, to the lower rupee when the fraction is between 1 and 49 paise and to the next higher rupee when the fraction is between 50 and 99 paise. The PER KM rates are to be applied over and above the minimum fare. For example, for a distance of 10 kms the fare of ₹ 12.00 will apply for a distance of first 5 kms. and for the rest of the distance i.e, next 5 kms., the revised rate of ₹ 1.10 PER KM will apply. Thus the fare for the second 5 kms will be ₹ 5.50. This shall be added to the minimum fare of ₹ 12.00 and total amount of ₹ 17.50 shall be rounded to ₹ 18.00.

(c) **Students Concessions and other concessions**

Full time regular students not engaged in any other calling or profession studying in any recognised educational institution for a recognised course and full time students not engaged in any other calling or profession studying privately in any institution and who have registered their names in any of the Universities in India as a student for a particular course or private study admitted by a University in Kerala, travelling in a stage carriage for a distance not exceeding 40 kilometers for a single journey for the purpose of attending classes, from residence to institution, shall be eligible for concession in City / Town and Ordinary Mofussil Services and Limited Stop Ordinary Services during the entire period of such course including all holidays.



All such students and those other passengers eligible for any concession of fares shall be liable to pay 50% of the full fares applicable to the distance to be travelled by them. For rounding off the fractions to nearest rupee, the method specified in sub-clause (ii) above will be applicable:

“Provided that the student or such other passenger shall produce Identity Cards in the Form prescribed by the Government or such other competent authority which allowed the concession.”.

By order of the Governor,

K.R. JYOTHILAL

Principal Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Government have issued directions to the State Transport Authority and the Regional Transport Authorities in the State regarding the fixing of fares and freights for Stage Carriages vide notification issued under G.O.(P) No.4/2018/Tran dated 26th February, 2018 and published as S.R.O.No.109/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.468 dated 26th February, 2018. Since the operators of stage carriages cannot operate the buses as per the existing directions issued under the said notification during the period in which the social distancing as per the Covid 19 pandemic is to be maintained, Government have decided to amend the



said notification taking into account the necessity of keeping social distancing in buses and as such the loss of income to the bus operators due to the lesser number of passengers that can be carried in the stage carriages in the State.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

