

Fare Revision Committee

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2. T.Elangovan - Member
3. N.Niyathy - Member
4. Transport Commissioner - Member Secretary

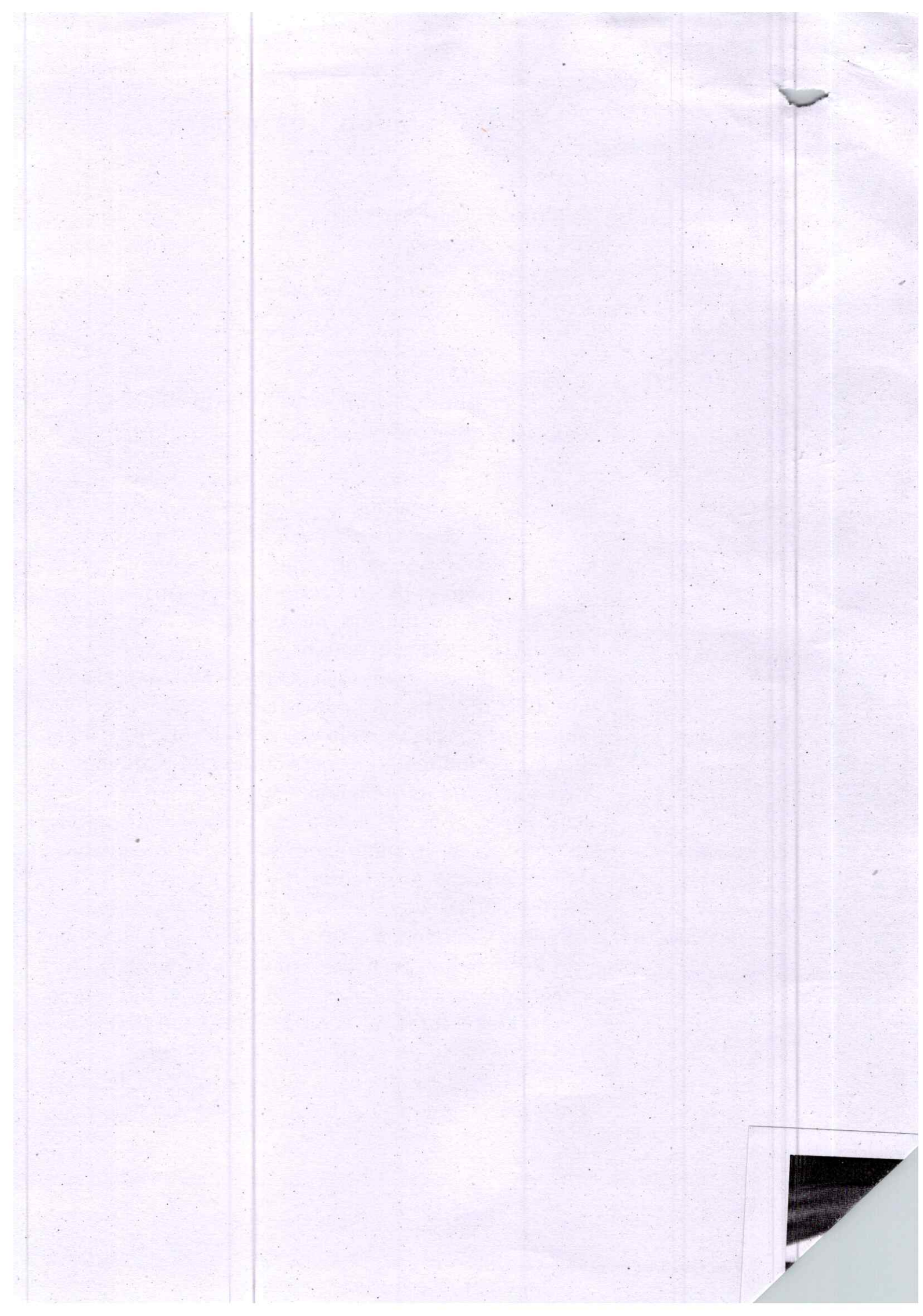
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(Revision of fare of Stage Carriages and allied matters)

Kerala State Private Bus Operators' Federation, Kerala Bus Operators Forum and a few other Bus Operators Associations had placed certain demands before the Government for a timely revision of the bus fares as also certain other grievances to be looked into by the government for appropriate follow up action.

The Government, by G.O. (MS) No.2010/Trans. dated 25-10-2018, had addressed the Committee to look into the matter and submit their recommendations. In due course, the Committee had requested for comments from the operators as also from general public and had held public hearing at Thiruvananthapuram. In the meanwhile, Committee had also requested for the views of the NATPAC on the basis of available data with them.

The response from NATPAC gives an impression that from the time of last revision the increase in operational expenditure is in the region of only less than 10%. The Committee felt that in the above scenario an increase in the minimum charge as demanded by the operators, or a per kilometer increase is not warranted. The demands put up




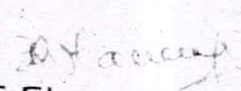
included students concession and relief in the insurance charges as also motor vehicle tax.

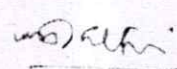
By an earlier report, we had indicated the necessity for increase in the concession rate to the student community. But, the government is yet to pass orders on the basis of the above recommendation. In matters of reduction of tax, insurance premium, they being policy decisions, as of now it may not be proper to make a recommendation, especially since budget preparations are in progress.

In the light of the above, we do not recommend for an increase in the fares to any extent and liberty is to be given to the operators to move the government again when situations show drastic changes.

Incidentally we may also have to consider the necessity for recommending a higher fare during morning and evening/night trips, as we are informed that very often cancellation of trips is frequent, and general public are put to avoidable loss, and an alternative therefore will be for providing better collections during lean hours.


(Justice M. Ramachandran)
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