

COMMITTEE FOR REVISION OF FARES IN TRANSPORT SECTOR
(FUNCTIONING IN THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERATE,
VAZHUTHACAUD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM)

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By G.O. (RI) NO.273/2011/Tran dated 29-6-11, the Committee has

been asked to submit further recommendation consequent on the recent hike in the price of diesel. It is also has been suggested that the Committee may hear all stake holders including the KSRTC and office bearers of various Organisations of Private Bus Owners. It may be pertinent in this context to point out that a comprehensive report on 4-5-11 covering stage carriages has already been submitted to Govt., (copy of which is enclosed herewith). Govt. is yet to act upon the report. The report dated 4-5-11 had been finalised after taking extensive evidence and hearing representations from all concerned, establishments and the general public. The Committee before finalizing the report had arranged for public hearing at Ernakulam, Kozikode and at Thiruvananthapuram. Since it rumored that a price hike of motor fuel is imminent, we had also taken note of that possible contingency. Finally we had come to a conclusion that even without increasing the km rate a

methodology could be adopted whereby compensation enhancement could be brought about.

We have suggested that the minimum of Ordinary services will be enhanced to Rs.5/-. We had recommended that this may facilitate a passenger to travel a distance touching two fare stages i.e. a distance of about 5 km. The minimum fare of Fast Passenger services was recommended to be fixed at Rs.7/- entitling a passenger to travel up to 5 kms. Another important suggestion was that in the case of fares of Stage Carriages the rounding off will be done i.e. paise to 49 to be rounded off to the nearest lower rupee and paise 50 to 99 to be rounded off to the higher rupee. The minimum fare of Super Fast services also was recommended as Rs.10/-, entitling a passenger to travel up to a distance of 10 kms. in the first stage of travel. There also the fare is to be revised @ 60 paise but rounding it to the higher rupee, maintaining the existing fare stages. In respect of super class services no revision of fares or per km rate was recommended or it could wait. Other recommendation was that a special provision for realizing higher additional fare for night time services. However, details in respect of this suggestion can be presented after knowing the view of the

Nbr Govt.

Since a detailed study had preceded the report, a re-hearing on the issue may not serve any added purpose. A mechanism for bringing automatic changes in the fares taking note of any changed circumstances of operation periodically without conducting fresh studies also is the job of the committee. Materials are being collected. The suggestion as already given will be subject to such final report. After the report was submitted, computation of price index in respect of stage carriage operation has been made available by NATPAC (on 4-7-11) and they also inform us that the detailed report will be made available in a few weeks time. It is evident from the statement of computation that after February 2010 value per km has increased from 108.2289 to 122.5128 i.e. 14.28 points. We feel that an increase in fare is eminently made out.

In addition, in the fare revision suggested by the 3rd report (copy attached herewith) we had also highlighted the need for a revision of the student concessional fare by our 2nd report dated 3-3-11 (copy attached). A combined effect of revisions as per the recommendations as above, we feel, will adequately compensate the hike in the cost of operation not only arising from that increase in the price of fuel but also the other components

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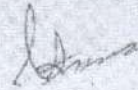
such as higher wages payable in the industry and the increased cost of spares including tyres and tubes.

Thus the Govt. will do well if the hike of fares suggested by us vide report 2 and 3 and also this report is implemented so as to keep the industry healthy without unduly taxing the traveling public including the students community.

Dated at Thiruvananthapuram on this 4th July, 2011.

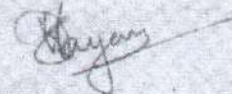
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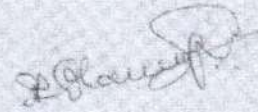
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