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Report No...7.....dated 28-06-2012

As at present the Government orders provide that concessional journey to students should be restricted to 40 Kms. (one way) on a day, Government had by letter dated 15-11-2011 required the Transport Commissioner to forward proposals for liberalizing the privilege in view of the representation that had been received by the Government from the student community.

2. The cases projected by the students appear to be that a change was highly essential taking note of the present pattern of educational system. A concession should be effective, and it is not expected to be illusory. A restriction about distance result in disadvantages, which could easily be rectified by Government, providing that travel undertaken to educational institutions and back from their place of residence should be on concessional fares, and the restriction as about distance requires to be deleted.

3. The Member Secretary had placed the matter before the Committee. He had also brought to our attention the memorandum issued by the KSRTC (No. IR-2-031455/2010) dated 18-11-2011. By the above proceedings, it is made known

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that in cases where the concerned student obtain and submit a certificate issued by the Head of the Educational Institution showing that the student has to traverse more than 40 km distance for attending to the specific course, in such event concession cards could be issued facilitating travel beyond distance of 40 km per day.


4. The Committee had held deliberations on the issue, and would recommend that restriction of 40 km. need not operate as a disabling factor for issue of concession tickets to students. This is because such facility might be required in only very few cases, it may be genuine instances, and if not provided might result in hardship. Any misuse could be prevented if the student makes available the necessary certificates for substantiating his needs. Invariably all passes should contain the details such as residential address of the pass holder, and the location of the educational institution he/she attends. Statistics received indicate that such passes will be less than 2% of the total passes issued.

5. In our report dated 25-06-2012, we had mentioned about a requirement for compensating the loss of revenue that might be suffered by the stage carriage operators, and the

necessity for compensating such loss. If the Government feels that a recommendation for dealing with such an issue should come from the Committee, on being informed, a report would be submitted after recording the views of all parties for facilitating the Government to deal with the issue in an acceptable manner.


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