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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA Transport (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.14/2022/TRANS

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 26th April, 2022.

S. R. O. No. 399/2022

WHEREAS, representations have been received by Government that the existing rates of hire charges of Auto-rickshaws, Quadricycles and Taxis should be revised;

AND WHEREAS, the Government are satisfied that the conditions have changed since the issuance of directions in the notification issued under G.O.(P) No. 45/2018/Tran. dated the 11th December, 2018 and published as S.R.O. No. 894/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 3137 dated 12th December,



2018 and that it is necessary to modify the directions issued to the State Transport Authority and the Regional Transport Authorities in respect of the hire charges of Auto-rickshaws, Quadricycles and Taxis in the said notification;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), and in supersession of the directions in the notification issued under G.O. (P) No. 45/2018/Tran. dated the 11th December, 2018 and published as S.R.O. No. 894/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 3137 dated 12th December, 2018, the Government of Kerala hereby issue the following directions to the State Transport Authority and the Regional Transport Authorities in the State as follows:-

DIRECTIONS

The State Transport Authority or the Regional Transport Authorities, as the case may be, shall re-fix the fares of contract carriages in the State as specified in column (2) of the Schedule below, at the rates shown in the corresponding entries in column (3) thereof, with effect on and from 00.00 hours on the 1st day of May, 2022.

SCHEDULE

| <i>Sl No.</i> | <i>Category of Contract Carriages</i> | <i>Rate of hire charges</i> |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |

Hire Charges

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| 1 | Auto-rickshaws | Minimum hire charges will be ₹ 30.00 for a distance up to 1.5 kilometer. Beyond the minimum the rate will be ₹ 15.00 per kilometer and ₹ 1.50 for every 100 meter or part thereof. |
| 2 | Quadricycles | Minimum hire charges will be ₹ 35.00 for a distance up to 1.5 kilometer. Beyond the minimum the rate will be ₹ 15.00 per kilometer and ₹ 1.50 for every 100 meter or part thereof. |



- 3 Motor Cabs having cubic capacity below 1500cc (including tourist Motor Cabs and ordinary Motor Cabs) with a seating capacity of not more than seven persons, including driver. ₹ 18.00 per kilometer for motor cabs subject to a minimum of ₹ 200.00 for a distance up to 5 kilometer.
- 4 Motor Cabs having cubic capacity 1500cc and above (including tourist Motor Cabs and ordinary Motor Cabs) with a seating capacity of not more than seven persons, including driver. ₹ 20.00 per kilometer for motor cabs subject to a minimum of ₹ 225.00 for a distance up to 5 kilometer.

In the case of Auto-rickshaws and Quadricycles, an additional charge at the rate of 50% of the rate of hire charges shall be levied for journey performed between 10.00 p.m and 5.00 a.m.

During day time, between 5.00 a.m and 10.00 p.m, an additional charge at the rate of 50% of the charges shown in the meter in excess of the minimum charge can be levied when onward journey alone is performed and the metered charges when return journey is also performed except in Corporation areas of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kochi, Thrissur and Kozhikode and in the major towns of Kannur, Palakkad and Kottayam where only the metered charges can be levied.

SCHEDULE

| <i>Sl. No.</i> | <i>Category of Contract Carriages</i> | <i>Rate of hire charges</i> |
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| | (1) | (2) |
| Detention Charges | | |
| 1 | Auto-rickshaws/Quadricycles | ₹ 10.00 for every 15 minutes or part thereof, subject to a maximum of ₹ 250.00 per day. |



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| <p>Motor Cabs (including tourist Motor Cabs 2 and ordinary Motor Cabs) irrespective of Cubic Capacity.</p> | <p>₹ 50.00 per hour subject to a maximum of ₹ 500 per day.</p> |
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The State Transport Authority or the Regional Transport Authorities as the case may be, shall issue authenticated printed cards to the permit holders showing progression of charges beyond the standard charges leviable and the same shall be displayed in the contract carriages for convincing the passengers the prevailing rates.

This notification shall come into force on the 1st day of May, 2022.

By order of the Governor,
BIJU PRABHAKAR,
Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

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

Representations were received by Government from the leaders of Trade Unions connected with Auto-rickshaws, Quadricycles and Motor Cabs, requesting for revision of hire charges fixed in 2018 as per G.O.(P) No. 45/2018/Tran. dated the 11th December, 2018 and published as S.R.O. No. 894/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 3137 dated 12th December, 2018. Having regard to the conditions stipulated in sub-section (1) of section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) and the hike in price of Petrol and Diesel and all other allied factors that cause the increase in the operating cost and the report submitted by Justice M. Ramachandran Committee constituted as per G.O.(Ms) No.61/2010/Tran. dated 19th August, 2010, Government have decided to allow increase in the hire charges of Auto-rickshaws, Quadricycles and Motor Cabs.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

