

Mini Bus Scheme

Sl. No.	Event Date	G.O. No.	Subject
1.	24.05.1995	748, Dt. 24.05.1995	Approved District-wise Area Scheme 1995 newly introduced in Tamil Nadu.
2.	15.04.1997	547, Dt. 15.04.1997	Since in the above G.O. the route length has not been fixed the Government fixed the route un served 15 kms / served 01 km. = Total 16 kms.
3.	01.09.1997	1248 to 1268, Dt. 01.09.1997	Approved Area Scheme was further Modified and Mini Bus Scheme was introduced by adding as one of the exclusion clause in the Area Scheme and it was quashed by the High Court on the ground that the route length etc. should be specified in this scheme itself.
4.	30.07.1998	995, Dt. 30.07.1998	In the G.O., the Government Modified the route length as un served 12 kms / served 04 km. = Total 16 kms.
5.	28.10.1998	1475, Dt. 28.10.1998	For the G.O., the Government increased the total length up to un served 16 kms / served 04 km. = Total 20 kms.
6.	05.02.1999	W.A.No.167 to 173/ 1999	The above G.O., was challenged by some private operators and the Government filed W.A. No.167 to 173/1999, dated 05.02.1999 and High Court ordered that no fresh permit will be issued and then the secured the permit already will operate.
7.	30.01.1999	W.P.No.12476/1998 – 18868 /1998 (batch files)	The Honorable Justice Mr. Jagadeesan in his judgment ordered that the State Government is empowered to modify any public scheme in public interest.
8.	17.11.1999	1523, Dt. 17.11.1999	Accordingly Area Scheme Modified as Approved Modified Area Scheme. i) Mini Bus Route length - un served 16 kms / served 04 km. = Total 20 kms. ii) 250 permits in each Districts & Urban limit defined.
9.	28.07.2000	W.P.No.19067/1999 to 19069/1999.	The important plea of the private operator is the formulation of routes vested with Government only under Section 68 3(c) M.V. Act 1988, the Honorable Justice Mr.E. Padmanabhan in his judgment dismissed the above plea and ordered go for above scheme in the interest of public.
10.	18.10.2000	1134, Dt. 18.10.2000 411, Dt. 01.06.2005 439, Dt. 01.06.2005 1864, Dt. 24.12.2007	Empowered to increase the route length upto 24 kms. With the overlapping distance of 8 kms. The request of Mini Bus Operators to increase the route length upto 30 kms and overlapping of 10 kms. Proposal to introduced to operate Mini Bus in Metropolitan Area. All the above G.O's given in the Sl.No.10 were cancelled.
11.	02.08.2006	WP (MD) No.135 and 136/2006	The High Court of Madras held that Mini Bus route length also to be considered for calculating served route length.

			In view of the judgment no new permits were able to granted in the entire State.
12.	07.05.2007	659, Dt. 07.05.2007	The Government issued guidelines to Regional Transport Authorities to formulated mini bus routes. Mini Bus service shall be operated for a minimum distance of not less than 15 kms. Other than city / town. Accordingly 239 routes were identified throughout the State.
13.	14.12.2009	1057, Dt. 14.12.2009	Government delegated powers to Regional Transport Authorities for formulating the routes.
14.	10.03.2010	271, Dt. 10.03.2010	<p>Government introduced New Comprehensive Scheme to provide direct bus facilities to the people of villages / hamlets / habitations that have a population of 100 or more families, so as to reach the nearest Bus Stand of nearest town / city where adequate bus services are provided to various places. which was also challenged by some private operators on the ground,</p> <p>(a) route length, served area etc. should be specified in the scheme itself. Government cannot issue guidelines on this issue by way of administrative orders. The earlier scheme 1997 was quashed by the Court on this issue,</p> <p>(b) delegation of powers to Regional Transport Authority to formulate routes is not correct. Applicants should be allowed to choose the routes. We have also filed Counter Affidavit.</p> <p>The Home Secretary conducted a hearing on 26.04.2010 and heard the objections of the New Scheme.</p>
15	23.02.2011	[G.O. Ms. No. 136, Home (Transport-III), 23rd February 2011	New Comprehensive Scheme 2011 to further Modify the Approved Modified Area Schemes 1999.