



ABSTRACT

Motor Vehicles - Mini buses - Comprehensive Scheme - Formulation of Mini bus routes and grant of permit for plying Mini buses by private operators -Guidelines - Orders issued.

HOME (TRANSPORT.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 146

DATED: 25.02.2011

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.1523 to 1549, Home (Tr.III) Department, dated 17.11.1999.
2. G.O.Ms.No. 659, Home (Tr.III) Department, dated.07.05.2007.
3. G.O.Ms.No. 1057, Home (Tr.VII) Department, dated 14.12.2009.
4. G.O.Ms.No. 136, Home (Tr.III) Department, dated 23.02.2011.

ORDER:

In order to enable the Regional Transport Authorities to grant permits to private operators for operating mini buses, the "Approved District-wise Area Scheme 1995" was modified and "Approved Modified Area Scheme 1999" was published in G.O.Ms.Nos.1523 to 1549, Home (Tr.III) Department, dated 17.11.1999 for all the districts except The Niigiris and Chennai Metropolitan Area. In respect of The Niigiris District orders were issued in G.O.Ms.No.214, Home (Tr.III) Department, dated 25.02.2000, subsequently modified in G.O.Ms.No.1134, Home (Tr.III) Department, dated 18.10.2000 permitting the Regional Transport Authority, The Niigiris District to grant Mini bus permits for a route length upto 24 km with an overlapping distance not exceeding 8 km on routes where stage carriages are operating.

2. It has been brought to the notice of the Government that some of the interior hamlets/habitations do not have adequate bus facilities even after implementing the mini bus scheme and therefore have decided to liberalise the operation of the mini bus scheme. The Government therefore issue the following guidelines to the Regional Transport Authority to implement the modified mini bus scheme, namely:-

- (i) The Regional Transport Authority under the powers delegated by the State Transport Authority u/s 68 (5) of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988, shall formulate the mini bus routes so as to cover all habitations having 100 or more
- (ii) The Regional Transport Authorities shall ascertain whether there are hundred or more families either from the Panchayat Union or from the records maintained by the TWAD Board which give details on the habitations and their populations;

- (iii) The routes should be viable and not more than 30% of the route length should overlap on existing served route;
- (iv) The route shall be formulated in such a way that it connects the villages /hamlets/habitations that have a population of 100 or more families to the nearest city/town bus stand by the **Shortest route**;
- (v) The Regional Transport Authority shall call for proposals for the formulation of routes from the public/interested parties by advertising at least in the two local Tamil newspapers.
- (vi) The proposals received shall cause to be published on the notice boards of the offices of the Regional Transport Authority and the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority concerned inviting suggestions for a period of thirty days from the date of publication.
- (vii) The suggestions obtained from the above persons shall be placed before a Committee headed by the Regional Transport Authority as Chairman and consisting of the Regional Transport Officer who will be the Secretary to Regional Transport Authority, the Divisional Engineer - Highways and Rural Works and the General Manager of the concerned State Transport Undertaking as members of the Committee.
- (viii) The Committee shall finalise the mini bus routes and it should be notified by the Regional Transport Authority. The Regional Transport Authority shall, then, invite applications for issue of permits from the public/interested persons to operate the bus service in these routes;
- (ix) On receipt of the applications, the Regional Transport Authority shall consider them on merits and issue permits to those who are eligible in accordance with the Scheme and the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the rules thereunder;
- (x) Mini Buses shall charge fares as fixed by the Government from time to time;
- (xi) In order to ensure that the buses are operated only on the routes for which permits are given, a Register shall be maintained in each of the villages preferably in the Panchayat Office or any other public office wherein an entry will have to be made by the mini bus driver or conductor as per rule 257 of the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
- (xii) In case any mini bus violates the conditions of the permit, the Regional Transport Authority shall take action under section 86(1) of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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