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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Transport (B) Department
NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No. 4/2018/Tran. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 26th February, 2018.
14th Kumbham, 1193.

S.R.O.No. /2018.--WHEREAS, representations have been received by the Government of Kerala from various organizations representing the private stage carriage operators that, fares for stage carriages be revised in view of the rise in the price of diesel and other factors which affect the operational cost since the last revision effected on 20th May, 2014;

AND WHEREAS, the Government, after examining the demand, referred the matter to the Justice Ramachandran Committee constituted vide G.O(MS) No. 61/2010/Tran. dated 19th August, 2010, for advising the Government on fare revision among other things;

AND WHEREAS, the Justice Ramachandran Committee submitted its report dated 30th December, 2017, after considering the hike in the price of diesel and other operational costs in the bus industry;

AND WHEREAS, Government of Kerala, after considering the report of the said Committee and all other aspects including the increase in cost of diesel and all other factors affecting the operational cost from the last fare revision which came into effect from 00.00 Hrs on 20th May, 2014, satisfied that conditions have changed since the publication of the Notification issued under G.O(P) No.38/2014/Tran. dated 19th May,2014, published as S.R.O. No.297/2014 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1262 dated 19th May,2014 and Notification issued under G.O.(P) No.65/2012/Tran. dated 9th November, 2012, published as SRO No. 784/2012 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1145 dated 9th November,2012 and that it is necessary to modify the directions issued to the State Transport Authority by the said Notifications.

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 modification of the directions issued in the said notifications, the Government of Kerala hereby direct 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 fix the rates of fares of the below mentioned categories of Stage Carriages in the State as follows, with effect from 00.00 hours on 1st day of March, 2018.

A. Rates of fares for the Roads in the Plains

In general, the basis for the rates of fares of various classes of Stage Carriage Services as per head per kilometer shall be as shown below, subject to clause D and E hereunder:-

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Classes of Stage Carriage Services</i>	<i>Fares</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)
(i)	Ordinary/Mofussil Services including City/Town Services	70 Ps.
(ii)	City Fast Services	75 Ps.
(iii)	Fast Passenger/Limited Stop Fast Passenger Services	75 Ps.
(iv)	Super Fast Services	78 Ps.
(v)	Express / Super Express Services	85 Ps.
(vi)	Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper Services	100 Ps.
(vii)	Luxury/High Tech and Air conditioned Services	120 Ps.
(viii)	Volvo Services	145 Ps.

B. Rates of fares for Ghat Roads

The rates of fares for various classes of services payable for Ghat roads shall be enhanced by 25% of the rates payable for the respective classes of services on roads on the plains specified in clause A above.

C. Flexi Charge

Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Director Board is permitted to charge a lower fare up to 15% of existing fare in the interstate services for Super

Express and other upper class services above Super Express Services in lean season when passenger travel is less and also to charge a higher fare up to 10 % of existing fare in interstate Super Express and upper class services above Super Express service, during the peak seasons (The peak seasons are April, May, August, September, November, December and January and lean seasons are February, March, June, July and October).

D. Season Tickets

Kerala State Road Transport Corporation is permitted to issue Season Tickets to regular passengers for one month or its multiples allowing concession for 25% of the regular fare. The passenger can avail of the facility for the entire days in a month. The Season Tickets shall be issued on selected routes by Kerala State Road Transport Corporation. Season Tickets affixing photo of the passenger shall be issued to avoid misuse.

E. Minimum Fares

The minimum fares for which a ticket will be issued in various classes of services shall be as follows, irrespective of the distance travelling:-

Sl. No.	Classes of Stage Carriage Services	Fares (in Rs.)
(i)	Ordinary/Mofussil Services including City/Town Services	8.00
(ii)	City Fast Services	8.00
(iii)	Fast Passenger/Limited Stop Fast Passenger Services	11.00
(iv)	Super Fast Services	15.00
(v)	Express/Super Express Services	22.00
(vi)	Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper Services	30.00
(vii)	Luxury/Hi-tech and Air conditioned Services	44.00
(viii)	Volvo Services	45.00

The maximum distance that can be travelled in a minimum fare of Rs.8 for Ordinary/Mofussil services including City/Town services shall be fixed as 5km. and in a minimum fare of Rs.11.00 for Fast Passenger/Limited Stop Fast Passenger services shall be fixed as 5km. and in a minimum fare of Rs.15.00 for the Super Fast

services shall be fixed as 10 km. and in a minimum fare of Rs.22.00 for the Express/Super Express services shall be fixed as 10 km. and in a minimum fare of Rs. 30.00 for the Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper services shall be fixed as 15 km. and in a minimum fare of Rs.44.00 for the Luxury/High-Tech & Air Conditioned services shall be fixed as 20 km. and in a minimum fare of Rs.45.00 for the Volvo services shall be fixed as 20 km.

F. Fixation of Fares

In respect of routes where fare stages have already been fixed, such fare stages shall be retained without changes. However, for the purpose of calculation the distance between two stages will be taken generally as 2.5 kilometers for Ordinary/Mofussil/City/City Fast Passenger/Town Services, since the fare stages are generally fixed not only on the consideration of distance, but also taking into consideration factors like importance of places and convenience of passengers.

G. Calculation of Fares

Over and above the minimum distance, fares will be calculated at the existing PER KM. rate rounding off the fraction to the nearest rupee, to the lower rupee when the fraction is between 1 and 49 paise and to the next higher rupee when the fraction is between 50 and 99 paise. The PER KM. rates are to be applied over and above the minimum fare and excluding the maximum distance that can be travelled in a minimum fare. For example, for a distance of 10kms the fare of Rs.8.00 will apply for a distance of first 5kms and for the rest of the distance i.e, next 5 kms.,the existing rate of 70 paise per km. will apply. Thus the fare for the second 5kms will be Rs.3.50. This shall be added to the minimum fare of Rs.8.00 and the total amount of Rs.11.50 shall be rounded to Rs.12.00. In the case of Fast Passenger services and Super Fast services, over and above the minimum fare, PER KM. fare at the revised rate shall be charged rounding the fraction to next higher rupee. In the case of Super Express, over and above the minimum fare, PER KM. fare at the revised rate shall be charged rounding the fraction to next higher multiple of Rs. 5 and in respect of all other higher classes of services over and above the minimum fare, PER KM.

fare at the revised rate shall be charged rounding the fraction to next higher multiple of Rs. 10.

H. Fare during approved Festival Occasions

In respect of services operated in connection with the festival occasions mentioned in the Schedule, the operators may realise 30% of the rates in addition to the rates of fares fixed for the respective class of services.

I. Students Concession

(i) Full time regular students not engaged in any other calling or profession studying in any recognised educational institution for a recognised course and full time students not engaged in any other calling or profession studying privately in any institution and who have registered their names in any of the Universities in India as a student for a particular course or private study admitted by a University in Kerala, travelling in a stage carriage for a distance not exceeding 40 kilometers for a single journey for the purpose of attending classes, from residence to institution shall be eligible for concession in City/Town and Ordinary Mofussil Services and Limited Stop Ordinary Services during the entire period of such course including all holidays.

(ii) The Minimum fares for the students Concession Ticket shall continue to be the existing Re. 1. The minimum fare of Re. 1 will apply for the initial 2.5kms. and above the minimum distance of 2.5 Kms., 25% of the actual increase in the fare for each stage with respect to the previous notification, issued under G.O. (P) No. 38/2014/Tran. Dated 19th May, 2014 published as SRO No. 297/2014 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1262 dated 19th May, 2014, revised and fixed for Ordinary/Mofussil Services including City/Town Services, will be added to the student's existing fare fixed for a distance of 5 kms. as per notification issued under G.O.(P) No. 65/2012/Tran. dated 9th November, 2012 and published as SRO No. 784/2012 in the Kerala Gazette Extra ordinary No. 445 dated the 9th November, 2012 rounding off the fraction to the nearest rupee, to the lower rupee when the fraction is between 1 and 49 paise and to the next higher rupee when the fraction is

between 50 and 99 paise, provided the fare amount so fixed shall not be less than the fare fixed for the previous stage. Therefore, a student travelling a distance of 2.5 Kms. shall be issued a ticket of Re. 1 and a student travelling up to 7.5 Kms. shall be issued ticket for Rs.2/-. Likewise, student travelling a distance up to 12.5 kms will be issued a ticket for Rs.3/- only.

Provided further that the students shall produce Identity Cards in the form prescribed by the Government as per G.O.(Rt)No.1324/90/PW&T dated the 18th September, 1990, for claiming the Concession.

SCHEDULE
(See Clause (H))

Sl. No.	Name of Festival	Period/Month	No. of Days
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Ambalappuzha Temple Festival	March/April	3
2	Arat at Ettumanoor	February/March	3
3	Arat at Thiruvananthapuram	October/November	1
4	Arat at Thiruvananthapuram	March/April	1
5	Arat at Thirunakkara, Kottayam	March	1
6	Arthunkal Church Festival	January/February	4
7	Ashtami at Vaikom	November/December	3
8	Athirampuzha Church Festival	January/February	2
9	Beemapally Mosque Festival	October/November	5
10	Edathua Church Festival	April/May	5
11	Recognised Exhibitions at various places.	For the period of duration of exhibition	
12	Guruvayur Ekadasi	January/February	3
13	Haripad Utsavam	April/May	3
14	Kanichukulangara Temple Festival	February/March	2
15	Kollengode Thookam	March/April	3
16	Kumarakoil Thrikkalyanam	March/April	3
17	Makaravilakku at Sabarimala	January	25
18	Malayattur Church Festival	March/April	8
19	Mandakkattu Kodai	February/March	10
20	Mandalapooja at Sabarimala	November/December	55
21	Manjanikkara Church Festival	February	2
22	Mannarasala Ayilyam	October/November	3
23	Maramon Convention	February	8
24	Meena Bharani at Kodungalloor	March/April	7
25	Mullakkal Temple Festival	December/January	3
26	Oachira 12 Light Festival	November	13
27	Cherthala Pooram	March/April	2

28	Sivagiri Theerthadanam	December/January	4
29	Sivarathri at Aluva	January/February	3
30	Veli Church Festival	March/April	2
31	Vettucadu Church Festival	March/April	1
32	Vishu at Kulathupuzha	April	2
33	Thrissur Pooram	April/May	3
34	Irinjalakuda Utsavam	April/May	5
35	Thripayar Ekadasi	December/January	2
36	Thalassery Jaganatha Temple Festival	March	2
37	Kannampara Vela	May/June	2
38	Kottiyoor Festival	May/June	7
39	Kottarakara Ganapathi Temple Utsavam	April/May	11
40	Attukal Ponkala Festival	February/March	2
41	Karkidaka Vavu	July/August	2
42	Nehru Trophy Boat Race, Alappuzha	August/September	1
43	St. Mary Magdaelana Church, Pallithura	September	3
44	Festival at St. Mary Church, Makkapuzha	September	2
45	Marthoma Convention at Kottarakara	January/February	8
46	Ayloor Cherukolpuzha Hindu Matha Convention	February	8
47	SreeVelliyoorkavu Temple Festival	March	16
48	Kuthiyottam Festival of Nedumangad	March	1
49	Festival at St. Mary Church, Thankey	March	2
50	Kannamaly Church Festival	March	1
51	Meena Bharani Festival at Sarkara Devi Temple	April	3
52	Medavishu at Sabarimala	April	10
53	Festival at Chandanapally Church	May	1

This notification shall come into force on the 1st day of March, 2018.

By order of the Governor,

K.R.JYOTHILAL
Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

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

Government have decided to enhance the fare rates of Stage Carriages and student concession fare in the State taking into account of the increase in price of diesel and other factors which affect the operational costs of stage carriages and based on the scientific study conducted by Justice Ramachandran Committee constituted vide G.O(MS) No.61/2010/Tran dated 19th August,2010, for advising Government on fare revision.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.