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ബസ്സ് ചാർജ്ജ് വർദ്ധന

<p align="center"><u>ചോദ്യം</u></p> <p>ശ്രീ.അനിൽ അക്കര ശ്രീ.അടൂർ പ്രകാശ് ശ്രീ.ഐ.സി.ബാലകൃഷ്ണൻ ശ്രീ.അൻവർ സാദത്ത്</p>		<p align="center"><u>മറുപടി</u></p> <p align="center">ശ്രീ.എ.കെ.ശശീന്ദ്രൻ (ഗതാഗത വകുപ്പ് മന്ത്രി)</p>	
(എ)	ബസ്സ് ചാർജ്ജ് വർദ്ധിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ഉത്തരവായിട്ടുണ്ടോ; വിശദാംശം നൽകുമോ;	(എ)	ഉണ്ട്. വിജ്ഞാപനത്തിന്റെ പകർപ്പ് അനുബന്ധം-I ആയി ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നു.
(ബി)	വർദ്ധനവ് സംബന്ധിച്ച് പഠിക്കുവാൻ നിയോഗിച്ച ജസ്റ്റിസ് രാമചന്ദ്രൻ കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ ശുപാർശയുടെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലാണോ ബസ്സ് ചാർജ്ജ് വർദ്ധനവ് നടപ്പിലാക്കിയത്; വിശദവിവരം നൽകുമോ;	(ബി)	അതെ. കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിലെ പ്രധാന ശുപാർശകളുടെ പകർപ്പ് അനുബന്ധം രണ്ടിൽ ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നു.
(സി)	വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ യാത്രാനിരക്കിൽ എന്ത് വർദ്ധനവ് വരുത്തണമെന്നാണ് സമിതി ശുപാർശ നൽകിയതെന്നും അതിൽ സർക്കാർ തീരുമാനം എന്തായിരുന്നുവെന്നും വിശദമാക്കുമോ;	(സി)	വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ യാത്രാനിരക്ക് വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ 16-ാമത് റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ നൽകിയ ശുപാർശ പരിഗണിക്കാനാണ് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചിരുന്നത്. 16-ാമത് റിപ്പോർട്ടിന്റെ പ്രസക്തഭാഗം താഴെകൊടുക്കുന്നു. aWe recommend that minimum fare, and the fare to be paid by the student community, should be fixed equal to 25% of the normal fare, rounded to the nearest whole rupee. No person should be eligible to claim concession admissible to the student community, who has completed at the age of 24 as on 31 st May of the year. The minimum fare payable by

		<p>students should be Rs.2/-.^o</p> <p>ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ ചുവടെപ്പറയും പ്രകാരം സർക്കാർ തീരുമാനമുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്.</p> <p>വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ കാര്യത്തിൽ കൺസഷൻ നിരക്കിൽ നിലവിലുള്ള മിനിമം ചാർജ്ജ് നിരക്ക് തന്നെ തുടരുന്നതാണ്.</p> <p>വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ കൺസഷന്റെ മിനിമം ചാർജ്ജ് ദൂരം കഴിഞ്ഞുള്ള തുടർ യാത്രാനിരക്ക്, വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്ന യാത്രാനിരക്കിന്റെ 25 ശതമാനമായി നിശ്ചയിക്കുവാനും തുക നിശ്ചയിക്കുമ്പോൾ 50 പൈസ മുതൽ 99 പൈസ വരെ ഉള്ളത് 1 രൂപയായും ഒരു പൈസ മുതൽ 49 പൈസ വരെയുള്ളത് ഒഴിവാക്കി റൗണ്ട് ചെയ്യുവാനും തീരുമാനിച്ചു. വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ കൺസഷൻ പ്രായപരിധി നിശ്ചയിക്കാനുള്ള ജസ്റ്റിസ് രാമചന്ദ്രൻ കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ ശുപാർശ തള്ളിക്കളയുവാനും തീരുമാനിച്ചു.</p>
(ഡി)	<p>മിനിമം ബസ് ചാർജ്ജ് പത്ത് രൂപയാക്കണമെന്നും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ ബസ് ചാർജ്ജ് വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കണമെന്നും ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടുകൊണ്ട് ബസ് ഓണേഴ്സ് അസോസിയേഷൻ അഞ്ച് ദിവസം നടത്തിയ സമരം പിൻവലിച്ചത് സർക്കാർ നൽകിയ എന്ത് ഉറപ്പിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലാണെന്ന് വ്യക്തമാക്കുമോ</p>	(ഡി) പ്രത്യേക ഉറപ്പുകളൊന്നും നൽകിയിട്ടില്ല.


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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. 109/2018.—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 S. R. O. 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>
(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 ₹)
(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/High-Tech and Air conditioned Services	44.00
(viii)	Volvo Services	45.00

The maximum distance that can be travelled in a minimum fare of ₹ 8 for Ordinary/Mofussil services including City/Town services shall be fixed as 5 km. and in a minimum fare of ₹ 11.00 for Fast Passenger/Limited Stop Fast Passenger services shall be fixed as 5 km. and in a minimum fare of ₹ 15.00 for the Super Fast services shall be fixed as 10 km. and in a minimum fare of ₹ 22.00 for the Express/Super Express

services shall be fixed as 10 km. and in a minimum fare of ₹ 30.00 for the Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper services shall be fixed as 15 km. and in a minimum fare of ₹ 44.00 for the Luxury/High-Tech and Air Conditioned services shall be fixed as 20 km. and in a minimum fare of ₹ 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 10 kms. the fare of ₹ 8.00 will apply for a distance of first 5 kms. 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 5 kms will be ₹ 3.50. This shall be added to the minimum fare of ₹ 8.00 and the total amount of ₹ 11.50 shall be rounded to ₹ 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 ₹ 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 ₹ 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 ₹ 1. The minimum fare of ₹ 1 will apply for the initial 2.5 kms. 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 S.R.O. 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 students 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 S.R.O. No. 784/2012 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary 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 ₹ 1 and a student travelling up to 7.5 kms. shall be issued ticket for ₹ 2. Likewise, student travelling a distance up to 12.5 kms. will be issued a ticket for ₹ 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)]

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of Festival</i>	<i>Period/Month</i>	<i>No. of Days</i>
(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

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
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	Thriprayar Ekadasi	December/January	2
36	Thalassery Jaganatha Temple Festival	March	2
37	Kannampara Vela	May/June	2
38	Kottiyoor Festival	May/June	7
39	Kottarakkara 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's Church, Pallithura	September	3
44	Festival at St. Mary's Church, Makkapuzha	September	2
45	Marthoma Convention at Kottarakkara	January/February	8
46	Ayoor Cherukolpuzha Hindu Matha Convention	February	8

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
47	Sree Velliyoorkavu Temple Festival	March	16
48	Kuthiyottam Festival of Nedumangad	March	1
49	Festival at St. Mary's 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,
Principal 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.

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Extract of the
Report of the Justice Ramchandran Committee

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recommends that the fare structure to be fixed as suggested in Table 1.

Table 1

Fare per KM for stage carriages operating in the State of Kerala.

Sl.No	Class of bus services	Present rate (Paise/km)	Proposed rate (Paise/km)
1	Ordinary/mofussil services (including town/city service)	64	70
2	City Fast Services	68	75
3	Fast Passenger/Limited Stop FP	68	75
4	Express/Super Express Services	77	85
5	Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper	90	100
6	High Tech/Luxury/AC buses	110	120
7	Volvo Buses	130	145

23. We are of the view that the minimum fare leviable in respect of ordinary buses plying in the State can be fixed as Rs.8/- instead of present charge of Rs.7/-.

24. We are refraining from tampering with fare stages, although complaints about arbitrariness in fixing fare stages had been highlighted. This is because

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statute provides for attending to such complaints, and it may not be feasible to look into the fare stages which might be in thousands in the State. STA/RTA are the nominated authority to deal with the issue as per rules duly taking note of the local conditions, and there is also provision for challenging the decisions, statutorily provided. Our opinion as above already stands upheld by governmental orders.

25. Also we are not dealing with the minimum fare leviable from the student community or the concessions since our detailed report on the issue is already resting with the Government and orders are expected to be passed on them, especially since there is a direction by the High Court in dealing with the subject.

26. The Committee recommends the minimum charge for stage carriages to be revised as shown in Table 2.

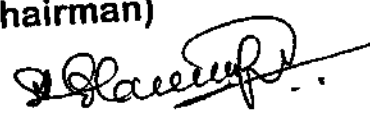
Table 2

Proposed minimum charge for stage carriages operating in Kerala.

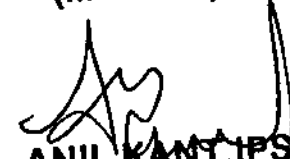
Sl.No	Class of bus services	Present Min. Charge (Rupees)	Proposed Min. Charge (Rupees)
1	Ordinary/mofussil services (including town/city service)	7.00	8.00
2	City Fast Services	7.00	8.00
3	Fast Passenger/Limited Stop FP	10.00	11.00
4	Express/Super Express Services	13.00	15.00
5	Super Deluxe/Semi Sleeper	20.00	22.00
6	High Tech/Luxury/AC buses	40.00	44.00
7	Volvo Buses	40.00	45.00

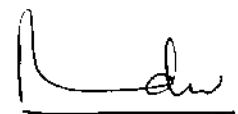
Note: Distance permissible for minimum charge for different class of services to remain the same as of now. The revised fares can be brought into force from 01-02-2018.


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