Government of West Bengal Transport Department <u>Writers' Buildings, Kolkata -700001</u>

No. 1643-WT/3M-38/2013

Dated: 26/04/2013

ORDER

Sub: Guidelines for Registration & Permit of any vehicle

In recent past several representations have been received by this department from various organizations, owners and operators of different categories of vehicles regarding the problems faced by them in registering their vehicles or in getting endorsement of change of address or in recording transfer of ownership of any vehicle as well as issuance or renewal of any permit, resulting in serious delays and harassment in different M.V. Offices in the State,

After careful consideration of all the problems in the light of the corresponding provisions of M. V. Act, 1988 and Rules made there under as well as the notifications, orders and instructions issued by the Central Government and the State Government in such matters from time to time, it has been decided by the Transport Department to review the related procedures with a view to remove all the prevailing confusions,

The following guidelines are to be followed by the concerned authorities to be followed for registration of vehicles and issuance of permits.

A. Registration & allied transactions:

I. Jurisdiction of registration:

In terms of section 40 of MV Act any vehicle can be registered (new or CA case) with the Registering Authority under whose jurisdiction the owner has his residential address or his business address. Production of proof for address is mandatory. In cases, where the temporary and the permanent addresses are different then the owner can also opt to apply at the office of the Registering Authority where his temporary address lies.

II. Restriction on BS norms:

- a) Within Kolkata no new vehicle, other than BS-IV compliant vehicle, can be registered unless specially allowed by Transport Department.
 - Explanation: Only the vehicle owned by any owner, having his residential / business address within the jurisdictions of Kolkata Police, area under Salt Lake Police Station including Sector V and Lake Town Police Station (together referred as Kolkata), is to be considered for such restriction.
- In the areas outside the Kolkata as mentioned above, no new vehicle, other than BS-IV or BS-III compliant vehicle can be registered.
- c) In case of stage carriage permit.
 - i) In case of inter-state route, the new vehicle, to be placed in permit, must be minimum BS-III norms compliant.
 - ii) In case of inter-regional route having a terminus in Kolkata, the new vehicle, to be placed in permit, must be minimum BS-III norms compliant.

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- iii) If the route is exclusively within Kolkata, the new vehicle, to be placed in permit, must be BS-IV norms compliant.
- iv) If the route is exclusively outside Kolkata, the new vehicle, to be placed in permit should be minimum BS-III norms compliant.
- d) In case of National Permit of Goods Carriage or All Bengal Luxury Taxi Permit or All Bengal Contract Carriage or Private Service Vehicle permit the new vehicle, which is to be placed in permit, must be minimum BS-III norms compliant.

III. In case of change of address of the owner:

A) Non-transport vehicle

- i) If the residential / business address of the owner is within Kolkata, no vehicle, other than BS-III or BS-IV compliant vehicle will be allowed subject to permission given in terms of Notification No. 781-WT/3M-21/2012 dtd 08/03/2013.
- ii) If the residential / business address of the owner is outside of Kolkata, no vehicle other than BS-III or BS-II compliant vehicle will be allowed subject to permission given in terms of Notification No. 781-WT/3M-21/2012 dtd 08/03/2013.

B) Transport vehicle

- i) If the residential / business address of the owner is within Kolkata, no vehicle less than BS-III compliant vehicle will be allowed, subject restrictions on plying in Kolkata.
- ii) If the residential / business address of the owner is outside of Kolkata, no vehicle lesser than BS-II compliant vehicle will be allowed, subject restrictions of plying in Kolkata / KMA, as the case may be.

Provided that, in case of vehicles already registered and the change of address occurs within that Registering Authority, then such change is allowed subject to the life of any transport vehicle so registered in Kolkata Metropolitan Area is less than 15 years.

IV. Transfer of ownership of vehicle:

- a) In case of any vehicle already registered in any region, transfer of ownership within the region is to be allowed irrespective of BS-norms subject to the condition that in case of any transport vehicle registered in KMA the age of that vehicle is less than 15 years. In case of transfer of transport vehicle, the existing permit is to be surrendered by the permit holder unless he has obtained any replacement order against that vehicle. New permit is to be issued to that vehicle as per section 80 of M. V. Act, 1988 except in cases where transfer of permit is allowed by the concerned RTA or STA.
- b) In case of vehicle already registered in any region, transfer of ownership to any purchaser, having business address in the same region but willing to get that vehicle registered in any other region having jurisdiction in which the purchaser has his place of residence, is to be allowed by the existing RA with concurrent issuance of NOC to that other region for removal of the vehicle to that region subject to restriction of BS-norms applicable for that region. Existing permit is to be surrendered by transferor, unless he has obtained any replacement order. New permit is to be issued to that vehicle as per section 80 of M. V. Act, 1988 by the RTA of that other region.

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B. Permit - issuance, renewal and replacement:

- a) The basic policy of liberalization in issuance of permits to transport vehicles in the interest of public maintaining the provisions of MV Act & Rules should be generally followed without unnecessary restrictions.
- b) New permit is to be issued to a transport vehicle registered in any region in compliance of above guide-lines, subject to compliance of the related provisions of M.V. Act & Rules made there under. Restriction on use of vehicle in any region based on prevailing pollution norms or otherwise, should be clearly endorsed on the permit positively.
- c) Renewal of any existing permit is to be allowed, subject to restriction on use of 15-years old vehicle, as imposed in the order issued by the Transport Department under No. 2827-WT/3M-86/2009 dtd 13/08/2012, and other conditions, such as replacements to be made within a specified period, imposed by RTA.
- d) Replacement of vehicle by higher model vehicle of similar technical specification of the existing vehicle is to be allowed in terms of Rule153 of WBMVR, 1989 subject to decision of RTA.

All concerned authorities are directed to take necessary actions for speedy disposal of applications on the above-noted issues including all pending cases following the above guidelines.

Joint Secretary

to the Government of West Bengal

No. 1643/1()-WT/3M-38/2013

Date- 26/04/2013

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :

- 1. The Director, PVD
- 2. The Secretary, STA, West Bengal
- 3. District Magistrate (All)
- 4. The Secretary, RTA (all)
- 5. The Registering Authority (all)

Joint Secretary

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Government of West Bengal Transport Department 12, R. N. Mukherjee Road Kolkata - 700 001

No. 2757-WT/3M-51/2010

23rd July 2013

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS the Public Vehicles Department at Kolkata having its office at 38, Beltala Road, Kolkata-700 020, functions as the central office in the city of Kolkata under the Transport Department, Government of West Bengal for performing all related functions and rendering all the services concerned for the city as envisaged in Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and Rules made thereunder;

WHEREAS the Government of West Bengal has decided in a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on September 14, 2011 to open new PVD offices / units in Kolkata for better delivery of public services;

WHEREAS the Transport Department (vide its No. 3840-WT/TR/O/1E-94/2011 dated 12-12-2011) has formally notified the opening of a new office / unit of the Public Vehicles Department at Kasba;

WHEREAS, in pursuance of the aforesaid Cabinet decision, another unit at Salt Lake / Bidhannagar has also since been made ready for opening;

Now, therefore, the Governor is hereby pleased to sanction and approve the opening of a new office / unit of the Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata at the following noted place in public interest as per details given below:

PVD Office, Salt Lake Depot of Calcutta State Transport Corporation, beside Wipro office at Nabadiganta Industrial Township, Kolkata.

The new Public Vehicles Department unit at Salt Lake shall be under overall supervision and control of the Director, Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata.

This Notification will be effective from a date that will be communicated separately.

By order of the Governor,
ALAPAN BANDYOPADHYAY
Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal



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Government of West Bengal Transport Department Paribahan Bhavan

12, R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata - 700 001

Memo No. 2871-WT/3M-51/2010

Date-29.07.2013

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, in terms of Rule 2(b) of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, "Kolkata" means the town of Kolkata as defined in Section 3 of the Kolkata Police Act, 1886 (Ben Act IV of 1866), together with the suburbs of Kolkata as defined under Section 1 of the Kolkata Suburban Police Act, 1986 and also include Police Stations of Salt Lake and Lake Town under West Bengal Police, and,

Whereas, in terms of Rules 3 and 52 of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the Director, Public Vehicles Department, 38, Beltala Road, Kolkata - 700020, is the Licensing Authority and the Registering Authority respectively for "Kolkata" and is authorised to deal with the matters like those relating to, registration of motor vehicles, driving licenses, collection of taxes and such other statutory functions as envisaged in the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, The West Bengal Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1979, the West Bengal Additional Tax and One-time Tax on Motor Vehicles Act, 1989, and the rules made thereunder, and,

Whereas, in view of the manifold increase in the number of vehicles and to reduce inconvenience of the public and to provide better, faster and easier motor vehicles related services to the public, the State Government in the Transport Department had decided to open new Public Vehicles Department offices / units at Kasba and Salt Lake, and,

Whereas, the Public Vehicles Department office / unit at Kasba has already started functioning and the Salt Lake office / unit has also been notified for opening, and,

Whereas, the jurisdiction for the aforesaid new offices / units of Public Vehicles Department is required to be defined and notified, and.

Whereas, a proposal to that effect has been received from the Director, Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata,

Now, therefore, the Governor has been pleased to direct that the jurisdiction of the Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata, be trifurcated for the three Public Vehicles Department offices / units in the following manner:

	PV	D Office Jurisdiction - Police Sta	tions with corresponding PIN CODES		
	Sl No	POLICE STATION	PIN CODES		
	1	Alipore	700027		
	2	Amherst Street	700009		
	3	Ballygunge	700019, 700020 & 700025.		
	4	Behala	700034, 700041 & 700053.		
	5	Beniapukur	700014, 700017 & 700046.		
	6	Bhowanipore	700020, 700025 & 700026.		
	7	Bowbazar	700012, 700013 & 700072.		
i	8	Burrabazar	700001 & 700007.		
	9	Burtala	700004 & 700006.		
	10	Charu Market	700033		
	11	Chetla	700027		
	12	Ekbalpore	700023 & 700027.		
	13	Entally	700014 & 700015.		
	14	Garden Reach	700024		
	15	Gariahat	700019 & 700029.		
and the second	16	Girish Park	700006 & 700007.		
PVD	17	Hare Street	700001, 700062 & 700069.		
BELTALA	18	Haridevpur	700008, 700041, 700063, 700082 & 700104.		
	19	Hastings	700022, 700063 & 700071.		
	20	Jadavpur	700032, 700033, 700040, 700092 & 700095.		
	21	Jorabagan	700005 & 700006.		
	22	Jorasanko	700007 & 700073.		
	23	Kalighat	700025 & 700026.		
	24	Karaya	700017, 700019, 700039 & 700046.		
	25	Lake	700026, 700029, 700031, 700033, 700045 & 700068		
	26	Maidan	700021 & 700069.		
	27	Metiabruz	700018, 700024 & 700044.		
	28	Muchipara	700009, 700012, 700013 & 700014.		
	29	Nadial	700018 & 700044.		
	30	New Alipore	700038 & 700053.		
	31	New Market	700013, 700016 & 700087.		
	32	North Port	700001, 700002, 700006 & 700007.		
к	33	Park Street	700016 & 700017.		
	34	Parnasree «	700034, 700060 & 700061.		
	35	Posta	700007		
	36	Rajabagan	700018 & 700044.		
	37	Regent Park	700040, 700070 & 700093.		
	38	S P Sarani	700016, 700017 & 700071.		

	40	South Port	700023, 700043 & 700088.		
	41	Taltala	700013, 700014 & 700016.		
	42	Tangra	700015 & 700046.		
	43	Taratala	700053 & 700088.		
	44	Thakurpukur	700008, 700061, 700063 & 700104.		
	45	Tollygunge	700026 & 700029.		
	46	Watgunge	700023.		
	47	West Port	700043 & 700088.		
	48	Bansdroni	700070, 700084 & 700096.		
	49	Garfa	700031, 700075, 700078 & 700099.		
	50	Kasba	700031, 700039, 700042, 700078 & 700107.		
PVD	51	Patuli	700040, 700047, 700084, 700086, 700092 & 70009		
KASBA	52	Pragati Maidan	700046 & 700105.		
	53	Purba Jadavpur	700075, 700094 & 700099.		
	54	Survey Park	700075, 700078 & 700094.		
	55	Tiljala	700039, 700100, 700105 & 700107.		
	56	Topsia	700046		
PVD SALTLAKE	57	All Salt Lake	700064, 700091, 700097, 700098 & 700106		
	58	Beliaghata	700010 & 700085.		
	59	Chitpore	700002, 700030 & 700037.		
	60	Cossipore	700002 & 700036.		
	61	Lake Town	700048, 700055 & 700089		
	62	Manicktala	700004, 700006, 700054 & 700067.		
	63	Narkeldanga	700006, 700009, 700011, 700054 & 700085.		
	64	Phoolbagan	700010 & 700054.		
	65	Sinthee	700030 & 700050.		
	66	Tala	700037		
	67	Ultadanga	700067		

In case of inconsistencies and incompatibilities between the Police Stations and the PIN CODEs, the former shall prevail as the controlling factor: in other words, the Public Vehicles Department offices / units will process the cases of their respective assigned Police Stations only and the PIN CODEs have been mentioned to facilitate better document / data management.

The overall jurisdiction of "Kolkata" as mentioned hereinabove shall, however, be strictly adhered to by all concerned. The notification will be effective from a date that will be communicated separately.

By order of the Governor,
ALAPAN BANDYOPADHYAY
Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal



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Government of West Bengal Transport Department

Paribahan Bhaban 12, R. N. Mukherjee Road Kolkata - 700 001

No. 3091-WT/3M-119/89-Pt.

Dated: 16.08.2013

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the State Government may by notification in the Official Gazette appoint Taxing Officer in terms of section 2(g) of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1979, to exercise within such areas as may be specified in the notification, the powers conferred and to perform the duties imposed by or under the aforesaid Act;

And Whereas section 9 of the aforesaid Act provides for the scope for prescribing the manner, time and fees for appeal and the Appellate Authority;

And Whereas the SDOs, RTOs, ARTOs in the districts/sub-divisions are empowered to act as Taxing Officer for their respective jurisdictions, while the concerned District Magistrates have been entrusted to act as the Appellate Authority;

And Whereas the Asst Director(Tax) / Public Vehicles Officer are acting as Taxing Officer at Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata for the region of Kolkata and Director, Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata is the Appellate Authority,

And Whereas the number of vehicles registered and amount of taxes collected are very high at Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata, and, also as two new Public Vehicles Department units / offices at Kasba and Salt Lake have been opened,

And Whereas a proposal has been received from the Director, Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata for delegation of power of Taxing Officer to officers of certain designations posted at that office and the new units / offices, so that the massive workload can be rationalized and decentralised in public interest,

Now, therefore, in exercise of power conferred in sub section 2(g) of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1979, the Governor is hereby pleased to empower the following officers of Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata to act as Taxing Officers, for the region of Kolkata as described in terms of Rule 2(b) of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, in addition to the existing ones:

- 1. Joint Director, (A&A), Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata.
- 2. Assistant Director, (Enforcement), Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata.
- 3. All ARTOs posted at the units / offices of Public Vehicles Department, Kolkata.

This order will take immediate effect..

By order of the Governor,

ALAPAN BANDYOPADHYAY

Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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Government of West Bengal **Transport Department** Paribahan Bhavan

12, R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata - 700 001

No. 3112-WT/3M-50/2013

Date-20.08.2013

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 95(xviii) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and in terms of Rule 88B of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the Governor has been pleased to direct the Regional Transport Authorities of this State that the revised colour scheme for metered taxis will henceforth be as follows:

- A. The colour of the new Metered Taxis shall henceforth be a combination of Navy Blue and White;
- B. There will be one 10 cm Navy Blue band stretching from the headlight to backlight on both sides of the
- C. The words "TAXI" or "AC TAXI", as the case may be, shall be inscribed in Navy Blue colour on the centre of the two rear doors of the vehicle, within a circle of 35 cm diameter having navy blue band of 3 cm width;
- D. For non-AC Taxis, the size of the all letters of the word "TAXI", shall be 6 x 6 cm and the letters shall be of equal sizes;
- E. For AC Taxis, size of all the letters of the word "AC TAXI" shall be of 5 x 5 cm and in two rows while the letters shall be of equal sizes;
- F. There shall be one display board (to be illuminated from inside for night times) on the top of the vehicle, just above the front windscreen, right at the midpoint. The words "TAXI"/"AC-TAXI", as the case may be, shall be displayed in the board in the manner that the same is clearly visible from outside, even from a distance. The background of the display shall be in White colour and the letters in Navy Blue.
- G. There shall be another display board, placed inside at the bottom of the left hand side of the windscreen of the vehicle, using brightly lit LEDs, visible clearly from outside and also from a reasonable distance, displaying the words "FOR HIRE"/"HIRED" as and when required so depending on the status of the vehicle;
- H. The words "NO REFUSAL" shall be inscribed in Navy Blue colour on the centre of the two front doors of the vehicle. The size of the all the letters shall be of 7 x 7 cm and shall be of equal sizes;
- I. The registration mark shall be painted in a legible manner on the top left hand side of the windscreen and also on the back of the front seat:
- J. The existing provisions as applicable to the Metered Taxis, and not covered above, shall however continue;

- K. The Regional Transport Authorities of this State shall incorporate these colour specifications in the offer letter for grant of permit with immediate effect;
- L. Henceforth, all new Metered Taxis shall be painted and maintained in the manner as aforesaid and this shall be one of the conditions of the permit;
- M. The make and models that can be used as Metered Taxis, shall require prior approval of the Transport Department.

This shall take immediate effect.

By order of the Governor,

AVANINDRA SINGH

Joint Secretary

to the Government of West Bengal



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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

No. 3098-WT/3M-80/2002.—26th August 2013.—Whereas, in terms of first proviso to Rule 3 of West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) of Kolkata Police and the Superintendents of Police in the Districts have been authorized to exercise the powers under section 19 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, only in respect of licences to drive transport vehicles;

And whereas, in terms of clauses (iii & iv) of Rule 5 of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the Joint Commissioner of Police, Kolkata Police, for Kolkata only and the D. I. G.s of police of the concerned range have been empowered to act as the Appellate Authorities in terms of sub-section (3) of section 19 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988;

And whereas, 5 (five) new Police Commissionerates, namely Bidhannagar, Barrackpur, Howrah, Asansol-Durgapur and Siliguri have been created in the subsequent period;

And whereas, there is a proposal from Additional D. G. & I. G of Police, Traffic Head Quarters, W. B. for inclusion of the D. C.s (Traffic) of the five new Police Commissionerates in Rule 3 of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, and also to include the Commissioners of Police of the 5 (five) new Police Commissionerates in Rule 5 of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to exercise the powers under section 19 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988;

Now, therefore, the Governor has been pleased to direct that the Deputy Commissioner of Police of the new Police Commissionerates namely Bidhannagar, Barrackpur, Howrah, Asansol-Durgapur and Siliguri are also authorised to exercise the powers under section 19 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, in their respective jurisdictions only and the Commissioners of Police of those respective Commissionerates are also empowered to act as the Appellate Authorities in terms of sub-section (3) of section 19 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, until further orders.

Necessary amendments in the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, to incorporate the above provisions will be made in due course.

This notification will take effect immediately.

By order of the Governor,

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Jt. Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal.



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Government of West Bengal Transport Department

Paribahan Bhaban 12, R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata - 700 001

No. 3219-WT/8S-14/2001(Pt.)

Dated: 29.08.2013

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, in pursuance of the provisions of sub-Section (2) of Section 69 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988), the State Transport Authority, West Bengal, issues/renews the National Permits, in this State at present;

And Whereas, the process of issuance of National Permits have since been computerized and the issuance of National Permit Authorisations (in Form - 47) has now been made internet based, using the National Permit portal created for this very purpose by the Government of India, in order to make the process more user friendly and virtual;

And Whereas, the State Government has, for quite some time now, felt the need to decentralise the process of issuance of National Permits to the RTA levels, while considering that at present applicants come from far flung areas to the STA office at Kolkata for this purpose;

And Whereas, the Rule 89 of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and the Notification numbers 9322-WT/3M-203/95 dated 06.11.1995 and 729-WT/3M-203/95 dated 13.01.1996 empowering the STA to issue / renew National Permits have since been either omitted or withdrawn:

And Whereas, the Government has received legal opinion in favour of such decentralisation of the process of issuing of National Permits;

And Whereas, it is felt that such decentralisation will enable the motor vehicle owners to obtain all motor vehicles related services from a single office;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the provisions of sub-Section (1) of Section 69 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988) and in supersession of all previous notifications and orders of Transport Department, that may have been issued in the past in respect of issue / renew of National Permits, the Governor is hereby pleased to direct that henceforth the RTAs of this State will issue / renew the National Permits to the motor vehicles registered in their respective regions.

This Notification will take effect on and from 02/09/2013.

By order of the Governor,

AVANINDRA SINGH

Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal



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Government of West Bengal Transport Department

12, R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata - 700 001

No. 3220-WT/7E-61/2013

Date: 29.08.2013

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Transport Department has received a communication from the Tourism Department to the effect that several representatives of the Tour Operators' Associations, engaged in conducting organized tours within the State for both domestic and international tourists, have raised certain issues pertaining to issuance of permits for vehicles owned by them and engaged in carriage of tourists in the State only, and,

Whereas, certain areas in the State have been restricted, in so far as, issuance of new permits either from, to or through such areas are concerned, and,

Whereas, the problems were discussed in detail in a meeting with the members of different Tour Operators' Associations of the State in presence of the officers of both the Tourism Department and the Transport Department of Government of West Bengal, and,

Whereas, the need was felt, at that meeting, for issuance of "All Bengal Contract Carriage Permits" by the Transport Authorities for the vehicles owned by such Tourist Operators and also the "Tourism Units" as defined in Section 3(iii) of the West Bengal Incentive Scheme, 2008 for Tourism Units and elaborated further in the Annexure I of the said scheme, for the purpose of free and easy movement of the tourists, and.

Whereas, such "All Bengal Contract Carriage Permits" are issued at present by the State Transport Authority, West Bengal only, and, all applicants have to come all the way to Kolkata from far flung areas of West Bengal for this purpose, thereby causing inconvenience to them in general,

Now, therefore, in the interest of promoting tourism in this State and on the recommendation of the Tourism Department of the Government of West Bengal, and also to decentralise this process from State level to the District level, the Governor has been pleased to decide that a policy, (as described hereinafter) for the issuance of "All Bengal Contract Carriage Permits" exclusively for the purpose of carrying tourists throughout the State, shall be followed in the manner as detailed below:

- 1. Scope:
- Contract Carriage permits for the whole State of West Bengal may be issued as per provisions of Sections 73 and 74 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988;
- ii. In accordance with section 69 of the aforesaid Act, application for such permits is to be made to the Regional Transport Authority, under whose jurisdiction the vehicle of the applicant will be registered;
- 2. Eligibility:
- i. "Tour Operators" as approved by the Tourism Department;
- ii. "Tourism Units" so registered by the Director of Tourism;
- 3. Procedure: i.
- Applications are to be made in Form II with prescribed fees, as stipulated in the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989;

- ii. A declaration by the applicant to the effect that the vehicle will be used solely for carrying tourists along with a certificate of approval of the Tourism Department (in case of Tour Operators) or the copy of the Registration Certificate issued by the Director of Tourism (in case of Tourism Units), as the case may be, is to be submitted along with every such application;
- Offer Letters for permits may be issued instantly after verification of the application along with the documents submitted therewith;
- Permits are to be issued in Form IV the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, printed in sky blue coloured paper of A4 size only, and only upon production of the vehicle of the required specification subject to realisation of requisite fees;
- v. Purpose of use of the vehicle should be clearly mentioned in the permit as "For Carriage of Tourists Only",
- vi. The permit will be for the "Whole State of West Bengal, except the areas falling under the municipal limits of the Siliguri Municipal Corporation and the Municipal limits of Asansol city of Burdwan district", subject to the use of the vehicle for carrying tourists only;
- vii. In accordance with section 96(2) (xi) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, the requirement of countersignature is also hereby relaxed for such "All Bengal Contract Carriage Permits" exclusively for the purpose of carriage of tourists throughout the State, except the areas falling under the municipal limits of the Siliguri Municipal Corporation and the Municipal limits of Asansol city of Burdwan district;
- 4. Conditions: i.
- The permit shall be deemed to be invalid from the date on which the vehicle covered by the permit
 completes nine years of age (in case of motor cabs) and eight years of age (in case of vehicles other
 than motor cabs), subject to the replacement of the vehicle by a new vehicle of similar nature and
 required specifications;
 - ii. The vehicle should preferably be BS IV complaint vehicle. In case of BS III complaint vehicles the journey of the vehicle may either originate from / terminate at / traverse through the KMC area only, i.e., restriction on exclusive use within "Kolkata" as defined in Rule 2(b) of the West Bengal Motor vehicles Rules, 1989, will continue;
 - iii. No vehicle of more than two years of age, calculated from the date of its initial registration, shall be allowed to be placed against any such offer letter and the same should comply with the specification as prescribed in Rule 128 of C.M.V. Rules, 1989, in so far as may be applicable;
 - iv. The words "Tourist Vehicle" are to be displayed in white coloured letters of sizes (15 cm x 7.5 cm) within a blue band of (25 cm x 10 cm) width on the top of the front windscreen of the vehicle, with internal illumination facility for night time use;
 - v. The vehicle shall also be painted in White colour with a blue band of 5 cm width on both sides of the vehicle from the front headlights to the backlights. The words "For Tourists Only" shall be inscribed in white coloured letters of sizes (15cm x 7.5cm) on the blue band and within a circle in blue having a diameter of 25 cm;
 - vi. The driver and / or the conductor shall wear uniform in white colour only and shall be guided by the provisions of Rule 191 of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989;
 - vii. A hologram of specified type issued by the Tourism Department against each such permit, is also to be displayed on the top left hand corner of the front windscreen of the vehicle covered by the permit;
 - viii. A list of tourists must be carried with relevant details like name, address, age, nationality, journey details, etc., for each journey and shall be produced on demand by the approved authority.

All Regional Transport Authorities are requested to take necessary actions to dispose of any application, from the eligible candidates, for the above mentioned contract carriage permits, for carriage of tourist only, without any delay.

By order of the Governor,

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