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ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

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Office of the VC & MD,  
Mushirabad, Hyderabad.

CIRCULAR NO.2/2001-OPD-T, DATED 18-01-2001

SUB:-RUNNING TIME:- Provision of running time for different types of services - Issue of instructions - Regarding.

REF:-1. Circular No.30/1994-OPD-T, Dt.09-06-1994.  
2. Circular No.48/1999-OPD-T, Dt.02-09-1999.  
3. Circular No.27/2000-OPD-T, Dt.19-09-2000.

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1. You are aware that providing running time at 30 KMPH for Ordinary and 40 KMPH for Express services is in vogue conventionally since decades when the condition of roads was relatively bad.
2. That being so, to meet the aspirations of the passenger to reach the destination at the earliest, as reduced journey time and speedier travel is the prime concern of the customer, the speed of travel for different types of services has been enhanced.
3. Roads in Andhra Pradesh have been improved in the recent past as Government of A.P has taken it up as a priority item.
4. Instructions were issued vide Circular 1st cited to provide running time to the services keeping the enhanced speed, improved road condition, number of stops etc., in view.
5. But it is observed that the running time has not been revised for most of the services even though the speed of the buses is enhanced. In other words, the purpose for which the speeds are enhanced, is not served. Further, the benefit of improved condition of roads is not passed on to the passengers in terms of reduced journey time.

Instances have come to notice that crew are detaining buses at bus stations like Karimnagar / Jagityal on routes Warangal to Nizamabad, as they are arriving early, to absorb the extra time gained due to aforesaid reasons, to reach destinations as per the timings given in MTD-141 which is not revised.

6. Executive Director, Karimnagar Zone had arranged to conduct route survey on route Karimnagar - Warangal and arrived at correct route length. He has also fixed running time at 35 KMPH for ordinary services and 45 KMPH for special type services which is realistic in the light of improved speeds of vehicles and the road condition.

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7. During the recent study undertaken in Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, it was observed that though the condition of roads in Karnataka state is not as good as that of the roads in the state of Andhra Pradesh, the KnSRTC has fixed average running time at 40 Kms per hour for ordinary service, 45 Kms per hour for Express and 55 Kms per hour for long distance services.
8. EDs/RMs are instructed to arrange to identify the routes where the road condition has improved and generate adequate data with regard to running time required on these routes. They can take the help of Officers / Supervisors / Security personnel of the Region and the students of nearby colleges for this purpose. This task has to be completed by 28/02/2001.
9. Keeping the better condition of the roads, the relaxed speed of the buses and the data generated in view, it is now directed to fix average running time at 35 KMPH for district ordinary, 45 KMPH for express and 50 KMPH for long distance services having a route length of more than 250 Kms & above to offer speedier journey and lesser journey time to our clients as they are otherwise opting for alternative modes of travel which are providing for this feature.
10. It should also be noted that there are still some routes where the running time presently provided (inspite of relaxed speeds) is found to be inadequate either due to bad / damaged road partially or fully on that particular route or because of heavy traffic movement / frequent stops provided on passenger availability / demand. This is demonstrated by their frequent late arrivals. Such routes must be simultaneously given adequate running time and by not bringing them into the category of services presently being dealt with.
11. Action may be taken to revise the running time as suggested duly taking Union representatives into confidence and compliance be given to ED(O) by 31.03.2001.

Please acknowledge.

  
VICE-CHAIRMAN &  
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

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