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Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation

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Corporate Office,  
Operations (PLG) Department,  
Mushirabad, Hyderabad-500624.

**CIRCULAR No. 21/2011-OPD-(P), DATED 06.05.2011.**

Sub: **BUS PASSES - MEE NESTHAM BUS PASSES -**

Provision of 50% concession in normal fares to PLHAs along with one attendant from their place of residence to the nearest ART centre - Working instructions - Issued - Reg.

Ref: 01.Govt. Lr.No.1928/RTC/AIDS/2008 Dt.22.06.2009 from  
Project Director, APSACS Hyd.  
02. G.O.Ms.No.159, HM&FW(L1) Dept., dated 17.07.2010.

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The Project Director A.P. State AIDS Control Society vide letter 1<sup>st</sup> cited requested to provide 50% concession in normal fares to PLHAs along with one attendant from their place of residence to the nearest ART centre and back.

It was further informed that PLHAs (People Living with AIDS/HIV) on ART are accessing medicines through the network of ART centers and link ART centers spread all over the State. These PLHAs along with one attendant have to visit the ART centers for their medicines once in a month.

After detailed examination the Government of Andhra Pradesh, vide G.O.Ms.No.159, HM & FW (L1) Dept., and dated 17.07.2010 ordered APS RTC to provide 50% concession in normal fares to PLHAs along with one attendant from their place of residence to the nearest ART centre and back.

Accordingly bus passes christened as **MEE NESTHAM** are introduced in APSRTC in consultation with Project Director, APSACS to provide 50% concession in normal fares to PLHAs along with one attendant from their place of residence to the nearest ART/Link ART centre and back.

The beneficiaries of the scheme will be identified by the Andhra Pradesh State Aids Control Society and required Bus Pass will be issued by the authorized signatory of the Department (Nodal Officer or Medical Officer of APSACS) with details of Name of the Pass holder, SAHARA Card Number, ART Number, place of Residence, place of Treatment, etc.

The PLHA Patient after receiving the Bus Pass from the concerned District Nodal Officer (ART) will approach the nearest Depot Manager for identity verification.

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The Depot Manager after satisfying himself that the credentials of the PLHA Person are true shall affix signature with seal on the 50% concessional bus pass duly registering the details in a manuscript register as per the format. The Unit-wise number of such passes issued at Depots be submitted to the Regional Manager concerned. The RM shall arrange to consolidate the data and forward to Corporate Office by 9<sup>th</sup> of every month as per the format given below.

S.NO	DEPOT	NO OF PASSES ISSUED	
		FOR THE MONTH	UP TO THE MONTH

The pass holder can make **one up and one down trip in a month** on 50% concession in normal fares in all Ordinary, Express and Deluxe Services of APSRTC **along with one attendant**. MEE NESTHAM Bus Pass is valid between the places mentioned therein.

**INSTRUCTIONS :**

1. 'Mee Nestham' Bus Pass is intended to ensure hassle free travel of PLHAs (People Living with AIDS/HIV) from their place of residence to the nearest ART/Link ART center along with one attendant to collect medicines once in a month.
2. The bus passes are handed over to the Project Director, APSACS at Corporate level, in turn they will be redistributed to the Nodal Officers of ART centers in districts across the State.
3. The concerned Nodal Officer of the ART center will affix the signature along with official seal duly filling particulars on the pass and handover the same to the person on ART.
4. The PLHA after receiving the bus pass from the concerned Nodal Officer (ART center) will approach the nearest Depot Manager for his signature along with official seal on the pass.
5. The Depot Manager after verifying the credentials of the bus pass holder with SAHARA CARD, has to affix his signature along with seal on the PASS.
6. In case APSACS has not issued the SAHARA CARD, any document signed by Medical Officer of ART center shall be used for identity verification.
7. The details of the pass holder shall be recorded in the manuscript register as per the format given below.

SL. NO	NAME OF THE PASS HOLDER	BUS PASS NO.	SAHARA CARD NO.	FROM		SIGNATURE OF DEPOT MANAGER
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8. The conductor has to allow the pass holder along with one attendant at 50% concession on actual fare in all PVG(Ordinary), Express and Deluxe buses.
9. The conductor has to enter the date in the relevant box provided for UP & DOWN Journey separately in the bus pass.
10. In case there is no direct bus facility between the place of residence and ART / Link center, break journey is permitted.
11. There is no 50% concession on minimum fare. There is no age restriction for the attendants of the 'Mee Nestham' bus pass holder.
12. Depot Manager shall be courteous, helpful and care for the dignity and identity of the pass holder. Crew shall only ask for bus pass, be more polite towards the pass holder and shall not ask unwarranted questions.
13. The crew shall be educated about the details of the scheme. Wide publicity among crew and supervisors is to be undertaken through Notice Boards and Gate meetings. Specific endorsements are to be made in conductor's instruction card (i.e. MTD 141).
14. A model 'MEE NESTHAM' Bus Pass is enclosed for guidance and information.

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16/11/2011

**VICE-CHAIRMAN &  
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

To  
**All Regional Managers,  
A. P. S. R. T. C.**

- CC to: Director (V & S) for information
- CC to: All Executive Directors/FA/CAO for information
- CC to: All HODs/RMs of the Corporation for information and n/action
- CC to: All SSOs for infmn. & and n/action. RAO/Bus Bhavan for infmn.
- CC to: All Depot Managers for information and n/action.