

# ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION



No.P9/294(38)/2005-OPD(P)

Corporate Office,  
Operations (PLG) Department,  
Musheerabad, Hyderabad - 20.

## CIRCULAR NO.30/2005-OPD(P), DT.05.10.2005.

Sub : **BUS PASSES** – Issue of concessional bus passes to the Physically challenged Persons on production of Medical Certificates issued by the District Medical Boards – Reiteration of instructions – Reg.

Ref : Circular No.30/98-OPD(P), Dated 18.07.1998.

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Vide the circular cited above, Physically Challenged Persons are entitled to concessional bus passes, provided certificate regarding disability is issued by the District Medical Board. However, instances have come to the notice of the Head Office that recently in Hyderabad Region bus passes are not being issued to the eligible persons on the plea that the Medical Board Certificates were not issued by either Hyderabad or Rangareddy Districts Medical Boards, but by some other District Medical Board.

It is to clarify that the circular instructions, vide the reference cited, stipulated that for issue of bus passes to the Physically Challenged Persons, the criterion to be observed is mere possession of valid Medical Board Certificate. The circular cited under reference did not mention that the concession bus passes should be issued to only those applicants who produce Medical Certificate issued by the Medical Board of the District in which the Depot is situated. Neither the G.O. from the Government nor the Circular from Head Office insist on submission of certificate from the concerned district Medical Board only. The eligibility criteria is only possession of a valid Medical Board Certificate in respect of physically challenged persons. It is the convenience on the part of Physically Challenged Persons to approach the Depots of the District where he resides with a valid Medical Board Certificate.

For instance, in Hyderabad City Region, an applicant was said to be denied the facility of bus pass on the plea that he is in possession of certificate issued by Medical Board, Guntur District. The applicant was directed to bring a certificate from the Medical Boards of Rangareddy or Hyderabad Districts. This insistence on the part of the Field Officers is causing untold hardship to the physically challenged persons, and also inviting criticism from the public. A.P.S.R.T.C. authorities cannot insist that Physically Challenged Persons should not change their residences. A valid Certificate of Disability issued by a competent Medical Board does not become invalid merely because the Bus Pass applicant has changed his residence after obtaining the Certificate.

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In order to mitigate the hardship faced by the physically challenged persons, it is clarified that an applicant for concessional bus pass in the category of physically challenged persons shall be issued with a concessional bus pass **as long as he is in possession of a valid Medical Certificate issued by the District Medical Board.** The other conditions of eligibility for bus pass such as minimum physical disability of 40% and above continues till further instructions.

The Depot Managers are, therefore, advised to issue bus passes as per Rules without causing avoidable delay to eligible persons, provided District Medical Board Certificate in respect of physical disability is submitted and other conditions stipulated in the circular are satisfied.

Further, it is the responsibility of the Regional Managers to consolidate the number of passes issued under this category and send a certified statement to the Corporate Office for preferring a claim for reimbursement on the Government. Any clarification further, if at all needed, may be sought from the Executive Director (O) for guidance.

  
**VICE-CHAIRMAN &  
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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

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