



**ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION**

Operation Department, Planning Section, RTC House, Vijayawada

NO.P9/359(20)/2021-OPD (P)

Dt:17.09.2021

Circular No. 15/2021-OPD(P), Dt. 17.09.2021

**Sub:-Route Lengths** - Adoption of uniform Route lengths for RTC and Hire Buses on the same routes - Instructions issued - Reg.

Ref:-1. Cir 07/2001-OPD-T, Dt.29.01.2001

2. Lr No P9/259(7)/2001-OPD(P) Dt. 13.12.2001.

3 .MED Circular No 5/2001 Dt. 05.03.2001.

4. This office Lr. No. P9/359(20)/2021-OPD (P) Dt.19.08.2021

5. Cir 09/2021-MED Dt 01.09.2021

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APSRTC is operating 10,612 buses on 3,800 routes and generating revenue around Rs 14 Cr per day. Origin and destination points and route lengths play vital role in designing schedules which does influence the economics of operation. Fares are charged @ 5 Kms as fare stage for PVG services and on distance (in KMs) based for special type services.

Vide ref 1<sup>st</sup> cited, detailed guidelines are communicated to get all the routes resurveyed by the Depot Managers to arrive at correct route lengths/distance of the routes with an objective to set right the discrepancies if any in order to pass on the fare benefit to the customer, to fix correct running time based on actual distance traversed and to avert litigations of Hire bus operators and other stake holders in consumer forums and in the courts on this ground.

Regional & Zonal Schedule cells have a role to identify such discrepancies if any on the adopted route lengths and shall rectify the same from time to time.

As per letter Vide ref 4<sup>th</sup> cited, information on variation in route lengths of RTC Vs Hire services on same operating routes was obtained from regions and on observation of the data submitted by regions, it is evident that 4 regions, WG,NLR,KDP & KRNL are adopting uniform route lengths for RTC & Hire Buses operating on the same routes and variations are observed on 62 routes in 8 regions viz NEC, VSP, EG, KRI, GNT, PKSM, CTR & ATP.

RTC route lengths are less than Hire bus route lengths in 3 routes operated by East Godavari & Chittoor regions.RTC route lengths are more than Hire bus route lengths in 59 routes being operated in NEC, VSP, EG, KRI, GNT, PKSM CTR &ATP regions. The details are enclosed at Annexure-A.

Reasons for variation in route lengths between RTC and Hire buses are due to

1. Different origin and destination points and Route courses.
2. Different route lengths for different type of buses on the same route
3. Variation in route lengths for different notifications for same routes
4. Non verification of route length data by Regional/Zonal schedule cells

All the Routes of the Corporation are categorized as (1) Depot exclusive route (2) Intra region (3) Inter region (4) Intra Zone (5) inter zone & (6) Interstate routes,

Vide ref 5<sup>th</sup> cited, Circular instructions are communicated on methodology for conducting route survey for arriving at correct route lengths. For the category wise routes the Committee members for conducting of route survey along with approving authority are enclosed at Annexure-B. For Interstate routes the data of Route lengths adopted by other STUs are also to be verified duly coordinating with respective STUs for adopting uniform route lengths

ED Zones and RMs have to review the committee reports on point to point variations in route lengths critically duly comparing with existing old survey reports in records to arrive at correct uniform route lengths for RTC and Hire operated on the same routes.

After obtaining the approval of competent authority the same shall be communicated to the regions to adopt the same duly marking a copy to this office.

**Route wise route length survey reports shall be stored as a permanent record duly classifying under D-disposal for future references.** A copy of the same shall be maintained at RMs &ED (Zone) and HO offices.

ED Zones and Regional Managers are advised to take up this exercise as a special drive duly monitoring the progress on weekly basis and to complete the process by 30.11.2021.

Encl: As above.

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17.9.2021  
**Vice Chairman &  
Managing Director**

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