

# ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Corporate Office, Operations Department (Planning Wing)

Bus Bhavan, Mushirabad, Hyderabad - 500 624.

No.P8/550(01)/2014-OPD(P)



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## CIRCULAR No: 06/2014-OPD(P)

**Sub:-PERMITS** - Obtaining permits on the buses operated by APSRTC including Hire Buses - Issue of instructions not to operate vehicles without Valid Permits and Fitness Certificates - Reg.

**Ref:-** 1) Lr.No.P9/259(14)/2010-OPD(P), Dt.22.03.2010.  
2) TL4/688(1)/2013-MED,Dt.22.06.2013.

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As per the provisions of Section 66 of M.V. Act 1988, no owner of motor vehicle shall use or permit to use the vehicle as transport vehicle in any public place without a permit granted by Transport Authority. Further, as per the provisions of Section 86 of M.V. Act, 1988 for violation of permit conditions, the Transport authorities can levy huge amounts of penalties besides cancellation of permits.

Keeping in view the gravity of the above provisions, some of the common permit violations made by the operators of Stage Carriages are narrated below with an advice to ensure that no scope is given to these permit irregularities in APSRTC operations.

- (1) Operating the Vehicles without valid permits (pucca / temporary / Spare Permits etc.).
- (2) Operation of vehicles without having Fitness Certificates.
- (3) Even though having valid permit & Fitness Certificate, not exhibiting the copies of the same in the Bus.
- (4) Deviation / extension of services without approval of the Transport Authority.
- (5) Operation of vehicles without renewing the permits even after expiry of validity.
- (6) Operation of vehicles on the Inter State routes without obtaining necessary permit from State Transport Authority, Andhra Pradesh.
- (7) Even if permit is obtained from Home State Transport Authority, operating the service without obtaining counter signature of the reciprocating State.

- (8) Obtaining Special Permits under Section 88(8) of M.V. Act. 1988 for operation on special hire, but operating the service as stage carriages violating permit conditions.
- (9) Avoiding the payment of border tax (Where ever tax exemption is not given by other state) at check post while operating a service on inter-State route on special hire basis on the strength of the special permits obtained under Section 88(8) of M.V. Act 1988.
- (10) Changing the schedule timings of the services without prior approval of RTA/STA.
- (11) In case of breakdowns, arranging relief vehicle which is not having spare permit.
- (12) Allowing the drivers to drive the vehicles even though the validity period of driving licence is lapsed.

The above operational irregularities are in violation of the provisions of M.V. Act 1988 and A.P.M.V. Rules 1989. There is every possibility of happening the above irregularities in the operations of Corporation either due to negligence or not knowing the gravity of the offence, resulting in levying of compounding fee by Transport authorities for contravening the provisions of M.V. Act besides tarnishing the image of the Corporation. Hence all the Regional Managers are advised to alert the Dy.CTM and all Depot Managers of the Region to be vigilant and ensure that the above irregularities are not happened in APSRTC operations.

Further, it came to the notice of the Corporate Office that Liaison Officers in certain Regions are filing applications for renewal of pucca permits only one or two days before the date of expiry of the validity of the permit. As a result, if vehicle data of a particular vehicle is not available in the server of the concerned RTA, the Transport Authorities are not in a position to renew the said permit and the vehicles are kept idle in Depots, resulting in loss of revenue to the Corporation.

As per the provisions of Section 81(2) of the M.V. Act 1988, a permit may be renewed on an application made not less than 15 days before the date of its expiry. It is therefore advised to direct the concerned officer to ensure that applications for renewal of permits and for obtaining Fitness Certificate are filed in advance.

In case if the data of the vehicle is not available in the server of the concerned RTA, follow the instructions issued by the Corporate Office vide letter 2<sup>nd</sup> cited i.e. obtaining NOC, change of address etc.

Some of the services rendered by the Transport Department in connection with APSRTC operations are narrated below for reference.

S.No.	SERVICE	VALIDITY	FEE (In Rupees)	USER CHARGES ( In Rupees)	Total amount ( In Rupees)
1	ISSUE OF PUCCA PERMIT	5 years	5000	100	5100
2	RENEWAL OF PUCCA PERMIT	5 years	5000	100	5100
3	FITNESS CERTIFICATE	2 years from the date of registration, thereafter Fitness Certificate has to be obtained every year.	500	60	560
4	ISSUE OF TEMPORARY PERMIT	Maximum period of 4 months.	50	200	250
5	ISSUE OF SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER SECTION 88(8) OF M.V.Act.,1988	Valid for one round trip	50	200	250

It is advised to ensure that the mode of payment of above fee to Transport Department must be either through Chalan or Banker's Cheque or Demand Draft only.

It is known fact that permits in the Regions are centralized and maintained at RM's Office. Further, as per the Circular No.23/2007-PD, dated 26.04.2007, the Dy.CTM of the Region has to co-ordinate all issues relating to M.V. Act, MVT Act. Hence it is the responsibility of the Dy.CTM of the Region to see that every vehicle held in the Region is covered with a valid permit issued by the Transport Authorities. The Fitness of the vehicle is carried at Depot level only. Hence it is the responsibility of the Depot Manager to see that every vehicle in the Depot is covered with valid Fitness Certificate issued by the Transport Authorities.

However, the Depot Manager has to ensure that no vehicle in the depot is operated without having valid permit and Fitness Certificate issued by Transport Authorities. Hence if any vehicle is operated without having valid Permit and Fitness Certificate the concerned Depot Manager is liable.

In view of the above, all the Regional Managers are advised to issue instructions to Dy.CTM and Depot Manager of your Region to ensure that Permit Register is to be maintained both at Region and Depot level. Further, the vehicle Fitness Certificate Register, Drivers Licence Register and the Conductors Licence Register has to be maintained at Depot level duly updating once in fortnight. The Depot Manager in written has to inform list of permits required to be renewed at least 30 days in advance to the date of expire of the validity to the concerned Dy.CTM. The Dy.CTM has to ensure that the permits are renewed as requested by the Depot Manager.

Further it is also advised to direct the Dy.CTM and Depot Manager of the Regions to arrange to review the validity of the permits held in the Region / Depot once in Quarter and issue instructions to the concerned to file applications for renewal of permits and for obtaining Fitness Certificate well in advance before the date of expiry of the validity so as to avoid unnecessary complications at a later date.

The Dy.CTMs/DVMs and Depot Managers are strictly advised to adhere to the above instructions and take stock of the permits held in their Region/Depots and necessary action be initiated to obtain permits, Fitness Certificates and to renew permits if not available or lapsed.

In case any irregularities are noticed by the Transport Authorities during the operation of buses by APSRTC resulting in levying of compounding fee for contravening the said provisions of M.V. Act 1988, the concerned will be held responsible and necessary action will be initiated against them.

The receipt of this Circular may be acknowledged.



VICE-CHAIRMAN &  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

TO  
ALL THE REGIONAL MANAGERS,  
A. P. S. R. T. C.

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