

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Operations Department, Corporate Office, RTC House, Vijayawada

No T1/378(01)/2023-OPD-T

Dt. 10.05.2023

To
The Executive Directors, Zone &
All District Public Transport Officers,
APSRTC

Sub: Inter State Operations – Adoption of uniform fares on par with other STUs on
Inter State common routes – Approval communicated – Reg:

- Ref: 1. Case No. e-office Case No 120028 of RM/CTR, dt 02.11.2021.
2. Lr. No. M/291(01)/2021-OPD(M), Dt. 28.12.2021
3. Case No.M1/535(07)/2022-HDP, Dt. 06.06.2022.
4. Case No. APSRTC-209011/89/2022-DM-PNGNR, Dt. 01.09.2022
5. Case No. APSRTC-116028/66/2022-DMO - CTR II, Dt. 24.11.2022

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APSRTC is operating 1453 buses on Interstate routes connecting Telangana, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Odisha, Pondicherry and Chhattisgarh States. On operation of buses on Interstate routes, Corporation is realizing Rs. 2.72 Cr. per day with Rs. 41.55 EPK & 74 OR up to Mar 2023.

As per the provisions of Sec 88(5) of MV Act. 1988, Government of AP is entering in to bipartite Interstate agreements with reciprocal states for operation of buses on Interstate routes. As per the provisions made in the agreements vide item 1 (e), entered with the reciprocal State **"The fares and freight charged by an operator in the reciprocating State will not be less than those charged by the operators of that State for similar services"**.

But as a marketing strategy the other STUs are not adhering to the provisions made in the Interstate bipartite Agreement and collecting less fare as per their fare structure and policy due to which the performance of Interstate services are affected. DPTOs of NLR, CTR, TPT & ANM processed cases requesting for fare reduction on interstate routes to match the total fare with KnSRTC and TNSRTC operations, since passengers are preferring to travel in other STU buses as the fares are less compared to APSRTC.

The competent authority has examined the proposals received from field and accorded approval to modify the existing flexi fare system for fare parity on interstate routes for a period of **6 months i.e., up to 09.11.2023** as detailed below:

1. To extend flexi fare system to all products of APSRTC including PVG & UPVG on all interstate routes.

2. Flexi fare is extended for route lengths less than 250 Kms also on all interstate routes.
3. To authorize ED/Zones to approve flexi fare system on all interstate routes up to $\pm 20\%$ on base fare to match total fare with other STUs.

Therefore, EDs and DPTOs are advised to take necessary action accordingly on the routes wherever necessary. Further, it is also advised to take utmost care in utilizing flexi fare system on interstate routes and to ensure that there shall not be any reduction in gross earnings on implementing the flexi fare.

The details of routes/services implemented with matching fares with other STUs along with performance before and after implementation of matching fares shall be sent to HO by 5th of every month so as to review the same and to take a decision to continue the same or not.


Executive Director (Operations)

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