ANDHRA PRADESH PUBLIC TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

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To
The Secretary to Government,
T,R & B Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
AP Secretariat, VELAGAPUDI.

Sir,

Sub: **ALLOWANCES** – Non-payment of Crew allowances for the period from 17th July, 2022 to 31st Aug, 2022 (46 days) to PTD employees – Uploading of bills for payment – Approval requested – Regarding.

Ref: 1. G.O.Ms No.113 of Finance (PC-TA) Department dated 036.06.2022. 2. G.O.Ms No.114 of Finance (PC-TA) Department dated 036.06.2022.

Consequent to absorption of APSRTC employees into Government service w.e.f., 01.01.2020 into Public Transport Department, the Government had issued orders for implementation of PRC-2022 to PTD employees vide reference $1^{\rm st}$ cited. Additionally, the Government also issued orders for drawl of certain allowances applicable to PTD employees vide reference $2^{\rm nd}$ cited.

Later, on decentralising the previous single DDO code into 161 DDO units across the State and attaching all such DDOs to local STO offices, revised pay fixation was completed to PTD employees in the month of **Sep, 2022.** Accordingly, salaries and allowances are being drawn through local treasury offices from Sep, 2022 onwards.

Upto Aug, 2022, salaries and allowances were drawn and paid at the centralised DDO unit (Head office) through PAO's office, Mangalagiri. The last salary bill of Aug, 2022 drawn by the single DDO unit included crew allowances for the period from **17**th **June, 2022 to 16**th **July, 2022**.

In the normal course, the Sept, 2022 salary bill (month of implementation of PRC-2022) should contain the crew allowances for the period from **17**th **July, 2022 to 31**st **Aug, 2022.** But the local Treasury authorities objected for drawl of crew allowances for the said period i.e., 17th July, 2022 to 31st Aug, 2022, stating that PTD employees were taken into the fold of Treasury only from Sep, 2022 onwards. As such, they are eligible

for drawl of salaries and allowances from 01.09.2022 onwards only. On the other hand, the PAO's office at Mangalagiri also did not agree to pay the said pending crew allowances stating that no amount would be paid to the employees who are not on rolls in the DDO code attached to the respective 161 STO/PAO offices.

In view of the above objections from STOs/PAO, crew allowances were claimed from 01.09.2022 onwards, leaving apart the intervening period i.e., **17**th **July, 2022 to 31**st **Aug, 2022 (46 days)**. Since then, the crew allowances for the said period have been kept pending. The approximate financial impact for this 46 days period would be **Rs.8 Crore**.

Members of various employees' associations are frequently representing the above issue at various forums requesting to pay the due amounts to the employees, as the payment has been delayed for more than a year and a half.

In view of the delay which is attributed to the special circumstances that arose in the process of implementation of PRC-2022 to PTD employees and interlinking of 161 DDO units with local STO offices, the Government is requested to

 accord approval for uploading bills of crew allowances for interregnum period from 17th July, 2022 to 31st Aug, 2022; and

2) issue suitable directive to DTA:VJA to allow the above bills and arrange payment

Yours sincerely,

Commissioner, APPTD & Ex-officio VC&MD, APSRTC