

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY HELD
ON 15.09.2021 AT 5.00 PM IN THE CHAMBER OF SECRETARY
(TRANSPORT)/ CHAIRMAN (STA), A & N ADMINISTRATION,
PORT BLAIR**

The following were present:

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| 1. Shri.G. Sudhakar, Secretary (Transport) | : Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Aom Dhole, Director of Transport | : Member |
| 3. Shri Kalaivanan R, IPS ASP(SA) | : Member |

At the outset, the Chairman, STA welcomed all those present in the meeting.

The following agenda point came up for discussion in the STA:

1. Revision of Fare for Stage Carriage Buses

The fare for Stage Carriage buses was last revised in October 2019 (**Annexure – I**). The prevailing fare is Rs. 10/- for the 1st 4 Kms and thereafter approximately Rs. 0.65/KM for every additional Kms. In the past one year, a considerable increase can be seen in the price of essentials required for operating a Stage Carriage Bus. In order to make the operation viable it is felt necessary that the fares of stage carriage buses may be revised at regular intervals so that it will be viable for the operator as well as affordable for the commuters.

The State Transport Authority, A & N Islands was authorized to fix fares and freight (including minimum & maximum in respect of thereof) Stage Carriage, Contract Carriage and Goods Carriage by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor (Administrator) A&N Islands vide notification No. 32-90/2007-TR dated 08/03/2007 (**Annexure – II**)

A committee was constituted to analyse the present market and submit its comments before revising the fare of Stage Carriage. The report of the committee is detailed below:-

I. HIKE IN ESSENTIALS:-

S.N	Various Factors	Price		Percentage Increase after Oct.2019	Remarks
		October 2019	October 2021		
1.	Fuel cost	60.66	81.89	34.99%	As per IOCL rate
2.	Cost of spare parts			10%	Market survey

	and consumable materials				
3.	Labour Cost (Driver & Conductor Wages of the dept.)	1486	1552	4.44%	
4.	Annual fitness fees, permit, insurance and misc.charges	35950	54950	52.85%	As per MV Sect.

As per the above parameters, the value of each component per day was calculated and following parameter was derived by the committee:-

Essentials	Cost	Weightage	Increase %	Weighted Average
Fuel cost	3033	0.505	34.99%	0.681
Maintenance cost + Tyre	1383	0.230	10%	0.253
Annual Charges	98.49	0.016	52.85%	0.024
Driver & Conductor wages	1486	0.247	4.44%	0.257
Total	6000.49			1.215

The committee has recommended for an increase of 20% for the existing fare in respect of ordinary local Non AC buses, AC local buses and ATR Express buses. Report of the committee may be seen at ***Annexure -III.***

STA after exploring all the options decided to revise the fare of Local ordinary Non AC Stage Carriage buses and Express buses by increasing 20% over the existing notified fare. The fare may be rounded off to the nearest rupee.

Revised fare structure is shown below:-

I. FARE FOR LOCAL NON AC ORDINARY BUSES

Stage (in kms)	Existing NON AC Fare	Fare after giving 20% hike	Fare (Rounded off)
0-2	10	12	12
2--4	10	12	12
4--6	12	14.4	14
6--8	13	15.6	15
8--10	14	16.8	17
10--12	14	16.8	17
12--14	16	19.2	19
14--16	17	20.4	20
16--18	20	24	24
18--20	20	24	24
20--22	24	28.8	29
22-24	26	31.2	31
24-26	29	34.8	35
26-28	29	34.8	35
28-30	31	37.2	37
30-32	31	37.2	37
32-34	36	43.2	43
34-36	37	44.4	44
36-38	41	49.2	49
38-40	41	49.2	49
40-42	42	50.4	50
42-44	42	50.4	50
44-46	44	52.8	53
46-48	44	52.8	53
48-50	49	58.8	59
50-52	49	58.8	59
52-54	53	63.6	64
54-56	53	63.6	64
56-58	58	69.6	70
58-60	58	69.6	70
60-62	60	72	72
62-64	60	72	72
64-66	65	78	78
66-68	65	78	78
68-70	67	80.4	80
70-72	67	80.4	80
72-74	73	87.6	88

74-76	73	87.6	88
76-78	77	92.4	92
78-80	77	92.4	92
80-82	79	94.8	95
82-84	79	94.8	95
84-86	84	100.8	101
86-88	84	100.8	101
88-90	88	105.6	106
90-92	88	105.6	106
92-94	92	110.4	110
94-96	92	110.4	110
96-98	95	114	114
98-100	95	114	114
148-150	130	156	157
198-200	167	200.4	200
248-250	203	243.6	244
298-300	239	286.8	287
348-350	275	330	330

II. ATR EXPRESS BUSES

S. N	Destination/ max km	Distance in kms	Existing fare @ 110/km	Fare by giving 20% increase	Proposed by rounding off
1	Port Blair To Baratang	100	110	132	130
2	Port Blair To Kadamtala	125	130	156	155
3	Port Blair To Rangat	175	190	228	230
4	Port Blair To Nimbudera	200	215	258	260
5	Port Blair To Mayabunder	240	260	312	310
6	Port Blair To Diglipur	310	335	402	402
7	Port Blair To Aerial Bay	320	345	414	415
8	Bambooflat To Rangat	150	160	192	190

III. SEMI DELUXE EXPRESS BUSES

S.N	Destination/ max km	Distance in kms	Existing fare @ 130/km	Fare By Giving 20% Increase	Proposed by rounding off
1	Port Blair To Baratang	100	130	156	155
2	Port Blair To Kadamtala	125	160	192	190
3	Port Blair To Rangat	175	225	270	270
4	Port Blair To Nimbudera	200	26	312	310
5	Port Blair To Mayabunder	240	300	360	360
6	Port Blair To Diglipur	310	400	480	480
7	Port Blair To Aerial Bay	320	415	498	500
8	Bambooflat To Rangat	150	195	234	235

IV. DELUXE EXPRESS BUSES

S.N	Destination/ max km	Distance in kms	Existing fare @ 140/km	Fare by giving 20% increase	Proposed by rounding off
1	Port Blair To Baratang	100	140	168	170
2	Port Blair To Kadamtala	125	180	216	215
3	Port Blair To Rangat	175	250	300	300
4	Port Blair To Nimbudera	200	280	336	335
5	Port Blair To Mayabunder	240	340	408	410
6	Port Blair To Diglipur	310	440	528	530
7	Port Blair To Aerial Bay	320	460	552	550
8	Bamboo Flat To Rangat	150	215	258	260

V. AIR CONDITIONED EXPRESS BUSES

S.N	Destination/ max km	Distance in kms	Existing fare @ 165 ps/km (in Rs.)	Fare by giving 20% increase (in Rs.)	Proposed by rounding off (in Rs.)
1	Port Blair To Baratang	100	165	198	200
2	Port Blair To Kadamtala	125	210	252	250
3	Port Blair To Rangat	175	290	348	350
4	Port Blair To Nimbudera	200	330	396	395
5	Port Blair To Mayabunder	240	400	480	480
6	Port Blair To Diglipur	310	520	624	625
7	Port Blair To Aerial Bay	320	535	642	640
8	Bamboo Flat To Rangat	150	165	198	200

VI. MINIMUM CHARGES IN EXPRESS BUSES

S.N	CLASSIFICATION OF BUSES	APPROVED FARE UPTO 25 KMS OR PART THEREOF
1.	Ordinary Express	25
2.	Semi Deluxe	30
3.	Super Deluxe	35
4.	AC Deluxe	50
5.	AC Deluxe with Bio Toilet	50

As regards, revision of AC local buses including Electric buses, STA recommended to revise the fares in such a manner that the revised AC bus fare should be 25% more than the revised local ordinary Non AC Stage Carriage buses for all stages. The fare may be rounded off to the nearest five rupee.

VII. AC BUS & ELECTRIC BUS (LOCAL SERVICE)

Stage (in kms)	Existing NON AC Fare	Fare after giving 20% hike (Rounded off)	Existing (AC Local)	Fare after giving 25% hike	Fare by maintaining a difference of 25% over Non AC bus fare (Rounded off)	Proposed Fare for AC & Electric Bus (Local)
0-2	10	12	15	15	12	12
2--4	10	12	15	15	15	12
4--6	12	14	20	17.5	15	15
6--8	13	15	20	20	20	15
8--10	14	17	25	21.25	20	20
10--12	14	17	25	21.25	20	20
12--14	16	19	30	23.75	25	25
14--16	17	20	30	25	25	25
16--18	20	24	35	30	30	30
18--20	20	24	35	30	30	30
20--22	24	29	40	36.25	35	35
22-24	26	31	40	38.75	35	35
24-26	29	35	50	43.75	40	40
26-28	29	35	50	43.75	40	40
28-30	31	37	55	46.25	45	45
30-32	31	37	55	46.25	45	45
32-34	36	43	60	53.75	50	50
34-36	37	44	60	55	50	50
36-38	41	49	65	61.25	55	55
38-40	41	49	65	61.25	55	55

40-42	42	50	70	62.5	60	60
42-44	42	50	70	62.5	60	60
44-46	44	53	80	66.25	65	65
46-48	44	53	80	66.25	65	65
48-50	49	59	85	73.75	70	70
50-52	49	59	85	73.75	70	70
52-54	53	64	90	80	75	75
54-56	53	64	90	80	75	75
56-58	58	70	95	87.5	80	80
58-60	58	70	95	87.5	80	80
60-62	60	72	100	90	85	85
62-64	60	72	100	90	85	85
64-66	65	78	110	97.5	90	90
66-68	65	78	110	97.5	90	90
68-70	67	80	115	100	95	95
70-72	67	80	115	100	95	95
72-74	73	88	120	110	100	100
74-76	73	88	120	110	100	100
76-78	77	92	125	115	105	105
78-80	77	92	125	115	105	105
80-82	79	95	130	118.75	110	110
82-84	79	95	130	118.75	110	110
84-86	84	101	140	126.25	115	115
86-88	84	101	140	126.25	115	115
88-90	88	106	145	132.5	120	120
90-92	88	106	145	132.5	120	120

92-94	92	110	150	137.5	125	125
94-96	92	110	150	137.5	125	125
96-98	95	114	155	142.5	130	130
98-100	95	114	155	142.5	130	130
148-150	130	157		196.25	180	180
198-200	167	200		250	225	225
248-250	203	244		305	300	300
298-300	239	287		358.75	350	350
348-350	275	330		412.5	400	400

2. Revision of fare for AC Bus with Bio Toilet:-

Smti. Madhu Lall, R/o Prothrapur, the permit holder of 02 Nos. of AC Deluxe Luxury Coach with Bio Toilet bearing Regn. No. AN01/P 9950, AN01/P 9590 having route permit to ply between Port Blair and Diglipur and vice versa has requested to fix the fare of AC Deluxe Luxury Coach with Bio Toilet plying between Port Blair and Diglipur & vice versa as the construction of Bio Toilet in the buses reduces a total of 05 seats in the bus and there is no existing fare for such type of buses plying in the ATR.

As per the Notification No. 248/2019/F.No. 2-3/STA/Fare/Revision/2018-19/9215, dated 9th October 2019, the existing fare of Air Conditioned Express buses from Port Blair to Diglipur (310 Kms) is Rs. 520/- and the fare from Port Blair to other destinations are given below:-

S.N	Destination/ max km	Fare in (Rs.)
1	Port Blair To Baratang (100km)	165.00
2	Port Blair To Kadamtala (125km)	210.00
3	Port Blair To Rangat (175km)	290.00
4	Port Blair To Nimbudera(200kms)	330.00
5	Port Blair To Mayabunder (240kms)	400.00
6	Port Blair To Diglipur (310km)	520.00
7	Port Blair To Aerial Bay(320km)	535.00

The seating capacity of the AC Deluxe luxury Coach with bio toilet is 37 + Driver. The total fare for all the 37 seats from Port Blair

to Diglipur comes to Rs 23,125/- (37 x 625). The total fare of 05 removed seat from Port Blair to Diglipur comes Rs. 3125/- (5 x 625). The total seating capacity of the bus, if not compromised for construction of bio toilet will be 42 + 1. In order to get full fare of 42 seats from Port Blair to Diglipur to the permit holder, the fare is to be revised on the basis of the present seating capacity of 37 seats. Thus the fare from Port Blair to Diglipur comes $\text{Rs. } 709/- \div \{37 \times 625 + 3125\} = \text{Rs. } 709/-$

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S.N	Destination / max km	Distance in kms	Existing fare @ 165/km for Bus without bio toilet	Proposed revised fare for AC Express Bus without bio toilet	Proposed revised fare for AC Express Bus with bio toilet
1	Port Blair To Baratang	100	165	200	227
2	Port Blair To Kadamtala	125	210	250	284
3	Port Blair To Rangat	175	290	350	397
4	Port Blair To Nimbudera	200	330	395	448
5	Port Blair To Mayabunder	240	400	480	545
6	Port Blair To Diglipur	310	520	625	709
7	Port Blair To Aerial Bay	320	535	640	726

STA has approved and recommended the fare proposed for AC Deluxe luxury Coach with Bio Toilet.

3. Grant of NOC/Permit:-

As per the present guidelines issued by STA, the following conditions are prescribed for obtaining permit:-

I. FOR GOODS CARRIAGE VEHICLE

1. Vehicle to be owned by the applicant,
2. Should submit copy of Local Certificate/Islander Card/Voter ID Card/Aadhar Card/Ration Card/ Registration certificate of Firm.
3. Requirements of parking place would be compulsory for all kinds of commercial vehicle.

4. Parking area certificate.
5. Original Registration Certificate and Insurance paper.
6. NOC of the Tenant in affidavit if the applicant doesn't possess own parking area.
7. Photo of vehicle on the parking area.
8. Records of Rights and Map of the Land

II. FOR CONTRACT CARRIAGE VEHICLE

1. Vehicle to be owned by the applicant, and
2. Should submit driving license of the driver, and
3. Should submit address, and
4. Requirement of parking place would be compulsory for all kinds of commercial vehicles, and
5. Affidavit showing that the applicant is unemployed,
6. Should submit Parking area certificate, and
7. NOC of the tenant if the applicant does not possess own parking area, and Photo of parking area, and copy of record of rights and Map of land.
8. Copy of Local Certificate/Islander Card/Voter ID Card/Aadhar Card/Ration Card/ Registration certificate of Firm.

III. FOR PARTICULAR CONTRACT CARRIAGE (AUTO)

1. Vehicle to be owned by the applicant, and.
2. Should submit own PSV (Autorickshaw) driving license, and
3. Should be below 60 years of age.
4. Should submit Parking area certificate, and
5. NOC of the tenant if the applicant does not possess own parking area, and Photo of parking area, and copy of record of rights and Map of land.
6. Copy of Local Certificate/Islander Card/PAN Card / Address Proof.

IV. FOR STAGE CARRIAGE (BUS)

1. Vehicle to be owned by the applicant,
2. Should submit copy of Local Certificate/Islander Card/Voter ID Card/Aadhar Card/Ration Card.
3. Requirements of parking place would be compulsory for all kinds of commercial vehicle.
4. Parking area certificate.
5. Original Registration Certificate and Insurance paper.
6. NOC of the Tenant in affidavit if the applicant doesn't possess own parking area.
7. Photo of vehicle on the parking area.
8. Records of Rights and Map of the Land

STA is in receipt of following applications for grant of NOC as detailed below:-

S. No	REGION/ ROUTE	NO. OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED		
		CARGO	CCC	AUTO
1	NORTH, MIDDLE & SOUTH ANDAMAN	75	10	-
2	SOUTH ANDAMAN	05	01	17
3	NORTH & MIDDLE ANDAMAN	-	-	11
4	L ANDAMAN	-	-	-
5	SWARAJ DWEEP	01	-	-
6	SHAHEED DWEEP	-	-	-
7	NICOBAR	04	-	-
8	CAMPBELL BAY	-	-	-
TOTAL		85	11	26

STA decided that the respective permits may be issued to the above applicants subject to fulfilling all the conditions and guidelines fixed by the STA.

4. A request from Smti Simran Bibi, R/o Nayagaon was received to issue her PCC (Auto) permit by considering the paid parking issued by contractor managing the PBMC parking area.

The STA in its meeting held on 28.08.2019 had decided to make a stringent parking policy for new permits as well as for existing permits may be made to overcome one of the major violations of roadside parking. It was also decided not to accept the parking area certificate/ receipt issued by contractors managing Government parking area like PBMC, Panchayat or APWD either for new NOC/ permits or renewal/ transfer of existing permits.

As Smti. Simran Bibi was not possessing Islander Card which is an essential document required for issuance of Autorickshaw permit in the UT, STA has considered her request as a special case on humanitarian ground and approved the issuance of NOC for Autorickshaw permit. After receipt of NOC, when she applied for permit

it was observed that the parking area details which she submitted at the time of NOC became invalid on account of two reasons:-

- a. STA discontinued the acceptance of PBMC owned parking area which were being issued by the contractors.
- b. The tender for management of parking area owned by PBMC has expired now and the parking area certificate issued by the tenderer has now become invalid.

Now she has requested that she may be exempted from providing another parking areas as she is unable to furnish a fresh parking area and she has requested to issue the permit on the basis of the previous parking area furnished by earlier.

STA examined the case and decided that since furnishing of parking area details is one of the mandatory conditions for obtaining Autorickshaw permit, the applicant may be directed accordingly.

5. Parking Area

As per the present practice followed by STA, every applicant has to furnish parking area details alongwith land record and map while applying for NOC/ permit. On receipt of application officials of Transport Department (Road safety officials for Port Blair & Departmental officials for outstation) undertake the verification of parking details to ensure land availability and its approach. Verification of land is a cumbersome procedure but often it is found that even after furnishing of parking area by the applicants followed by verification by Transport officials, the vehicles are parked on the roadside creating traffic congestion.

A decision in the STA meeting held on 15.04.2021 was taken on the parking details submitted by the applicant ***that the parking furnished by the applicants may be allowed upto 05 kms outside the municipal limits if the applicant is a resident of municipal area.*** This is being ensured by STA while verification of parking details but it is found that the applicants state that they park the vehicle

outside the city limits which is closer to the residence of the drivers engaged by them. Most of the owners do not drive their vehicles but prefer to do it by engaging professional drivers which frequently gets changed.

It is also observed that sometimes after the death of the land owner, the legal heirs of the deceased land owner permit the applicants to park vehicle on the land though the land is not transferred in the name of legal heirs in Revenue records.

STA has decided to take up the matter of parking area with PBMC to identify the places under their jurisdiction so that parking of commercial vehicles can be explored by charging nominal fee from the vehicle owners.

6. FARES FOR SPECIAL TYPE OF SERVICES

STA was informed that Transport Department is planning to introduce tourist specific bus services in Port Blair and Swaraj Dweep as mentioned below:-

a. GO-GO Service:

Transport Department will be inducting GO-GO service on a particular route from Bus Terminus to Carbyn's Cove connecting Cellular Jail, Fisheries Museum, Marina Park, Flag Point, Science Centre, Horn Bill Nest. The service will be such that the commuter can get on and get off at any point in the circuit on the day of journey by purchasing a single ticket. Department has informed that the service will be operated by Electric buses on OPEX model. Hence, considering the expenditure involved in operation of electric bus, STA recommends that a flat fare of Rs.150/- per passenger per day may be charged.

b. In similar lines of GO-GO service in Port Blair, Transport Department informed that for improving the public transport service in Swaraj Dweep Island especially targeting the tourists,

special service will be introduced in Swaraj Dweep by operating Electric buses. The circuit for this bus will be between Swaraj Dweep jetty, Radhanagar Beach and Kalapathar Beach. STA recommends that a flat fare of Rs. 100/- may be charged from the commuters for a whole day and the commuter can get on and get off at any point on the day of journey. STA further recommends that this service in Swaraj Dweep in addition to the flat fare of Rs. 100/- per person, the commuter may be given the opportunity of travelling in the bus at the fare fixed by STA for AC Electric local buses. This will also encourage the local people to avail the bus service.

Secretary (STA)

(Dr. Aom Dhole)
Director of Transport
(Member)

(Shri Kalaivanan R)
IPS, ASP (SA)
(Member)

(Shri G. Sudhakar)
Secretary (Trpt.)/ Chairman (STA)