DECISION OF THE STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 30.05.2025 AT THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERATE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA.

Present	1	Sri. Nagaraju Chakilam, IPS Transport Commissioner	Chairman, STA
	2	Sri. Kaliraj Mahesh Kumar, IPS Inspector General of Police (Traffic & Road Safety Management)	Member STA
	3	Sri. B Nibudas	Non Official Member

ITEM NO. 01

Agenda : Application for renewal of Primary Permit No. 25/STA/1987 in respect of the vehicle KL 08 BE 7595. The existing permit is valid up to 15.09.2025. The route under operation is Thrissur to Coimbatore (Via) Vadakkancherry, Nenmara, Kollengode, Chittur, Velanthyavalam on single point tax basis.

Applicant : The Managing Partner, Shakti Murugan Transports, 9-1143C, Vettikkal, Mannuthy, Thrissur.

D2/86/2024-TC

DECISION : Stage Carriage KL 08 BE 7595 covered by Permit No. 25/STA/1987 is valid up to 15.09.2025 operating on Interstate route Thrissur to Coimbatore (Via) Vadakkancherry, Nenmara, Kollengode, Chittur, Velanthyavalam on single point tax basis.

The route finds a place in the Inter State Agreement vide Sl. 27, Part B of ISA 1976.

The vehicle has not attained the age of 15 years. The Registration date of vehicle is 05.01.2015. The Permit holder filed application dated 21.04.2025 for renewal of Permit for a further period of five years from 16.09.2025. No pending check report found and tax remitted up to 30.06.2025.

Heard the applicant and the Counsel. No objection raised in the matter. The State Transport Authority decided to grand the renewal of Primary Permit No. 25/STA/1987 in respect of the vehicle KL 08 BE 7595.

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ITEM NO. 09

Agenda	:	*Application for* ***Renewal of Rent a Motorcycle License No. 10/MCY/STA/2019 and the change of address of main office*** *– Reg.*
Applicant	:	*Sri. Sajin Shah Jaleel, S/o Jaleel K H, Kodoppilly House, Muppathadam P.O, Aluva – 10.*
Place of Business		*Old - Ayyalil Building, Vaidyanagar Road, CUSAT South, Kalamassery, Ernakulam - 682022.* *Place of Business - New –* ***M/S City Bikes, ARA1, Near CUSAT Main Gate, Cusat P.O, South Kalamassery, Ernakulam - 682022.***

D1/55/2025-TC

DECISION	:	*Heard the Applicant. The Application and the enquiry report of the DTC in this regard verified and discussed in the meeting. Hence the application for the Renewal of Rent a Motorcycle License No. 10/MCY/STA/2019 and the change of address of the main office of the firm to* ***M/S City Bikes, ARA1, Near CUSAT Main Gate, Cusat P.O, South Kalamassery, Ernakulam - 682022 granted*** *subject to the condition specified in Rule 8 and maintenance facilities prescribed in Rule 5 of the Scheme. Licensee shall ensure the moral character of the customer and shall have strictly been complied with the guidelines already issued under the Rent a Motorcycle Scheme 1997. The Licensee shall fulfill all the procedures required for the scheme.*

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Departmental ITEM NO. 1

Agenda : *Fitting of Cameras in Contract Carriages, All India Tourist Permit Vehicles, Stage Carriages, Educational Institution Buses Etc – Review of the STA Decisions on 24.01.2025 & 04.04.2025 and incompliance to the Court Orders in WP© No. 16531/2025, 15942/2025 Etc.*

Stake Holders :

1. *Contract Carriage Operate Associations.*
2. *Travel Operators Association of Kerala (TOAK).*
3. *Kerala Taxi Drivers Organization*
4. *Unaided School Protection Council etc.*

NOTES : *The State Transport Authority Meeting held on 24.01.2025 and 04.04.2025 decided to implement the installation of Cameras in all Educational Institution Buses(irrespective of seating capacity) Contract Carriages and All India Tourist Permit vehicles, both having seating capacity of 20 or more including driver seats. In these circumstances various trade unions and associations filed petitions in the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, challenging the STA decisions. Hence incompliance to the Court orders in various petitions in connection with this issue, a review of the former STA decisions included in the STA Meeting , dated 30.05.2025.*

Description of the cases

1. WP© No. 16531/2025 – Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

Petitioner – Contract Carriages Operators Association.

Prayer – STA decision dated 24.01.2025 regarding the implementation of cameras in Contract Carriages defer up to 31.12.2025.

Judgment dated 22.04.2025 –Hon'ble Justice P M Manoj.

Writ Petition disposed of by directing the STA to consider and pass orders on the request of the petitioner with in a period of one month.

2. WP© No. 15942/2025 - Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

Petitioner - Travel Operators Association of Kerala (TOAK).

Prayer – Hon'ble Court may pleased to stay the implementation of Exhibit

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P3 directions for a period of six months.(P3 Direction – E2/8/2025-TC order dated 18.02.2025 – Direction regarding the implementation of cameras in Contract Carriages and EIB vehicles to all offices of MVD).

Order of the Hon'ble Court dated 11.04.2025 –Hon'ble Justice Gopinath J.

Interim Order permitted the members of the Association 6 months time to implement the decision and the petitioner shall file the list of its members and shall pay court fee for each member.

3. *WA 980/2025 (WP© No. 16531/2025)- Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.*

Petitioner – Contract Carriage Operators Association.

Prayer – The Applicant's Association requested to grand 6 months time to implement the STA decision regarding the fitting of cameras as granted to Travel Operators Association of Kerala (TOAK) in WP© No. 15942/2025.

4. *WP© No. 17429/2025- Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.*

Petitioner – Kerala Taxi Drivers Organization.

Prayer – Hon'ble Court may kindly direct the Transport Commissioner to keep in abeyance the exhibit P4 order mandating installation of cameras in Contract Carriages for a period of 6 months.(Exhibit P4 – Order No. E2/8/2025 – TC – Direction to all Offices).

5. *WP© No. 16924/2025 – Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.*

Petitioner – Unaided School Protection Council.

Prayer – a.Quash the decision taken in the STA Meeting dated 24.01.2025.(Installation of Cameras in EIBs).

b. Quash the communication No. E2/8/2025- TC dated 18.02.2025 to all the Offices.

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In accordance with the aforesaid petitions and other related petitions submitted before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, the State Transport Authority incompliance with the Hon'ble High court directions decided as follows.

I. Contract Carriage and AIT Permit vehicles.

(a) Below 20 seats – Cameras and Curtains are not applicable.

(b) Contract Carriage and ATP vehicles with 20 seats or above:-

(i) 3 cameras (Front, Rear & inside) installation date extended up to 10.10.2025 incompliance to the Order in WP© No. 15942/2025 dated 11.04.2025.

(ii) Inside camera to cover Driver and Footboard area and not passenger Area due to privacy concerns.

(iii) Curtains, to separate drivers cabin and passenger compartment is applicable for 20 or above seats of Contract Carriage & AITP vehicles w e f 01.04.2025 as per the decision of STA dated 24.01.2025.

This is in the interest of Road safety. Driver should get a clear view of the road. Without a curtain internal lighting and its reflection on the windshield may affect driver's vision.

(iv). Driver Fatigue Detection System to be implemented as per MoRTH Draft proceedings – GSR 184(E) dated 20.03.2025 and future directions from MoRTH.

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II. ***Stage Carriages***

(i) *Implementation of 3 Cameras w.e.f 01.04.2025.*

(ii) *Foot board Cameras w.e.f 10.10.2025.*

(iii) *Driver Fatigue Detection system – Not applicable till new direction coming from MoRTH.*

III. ***Educational Institution Buses –***

(i) *3 Cameras (Front& Rear& inside). It will be part of CF and permit conditions w. e. f 01.08.2025 in all EIBs.*

(ii) *Inside Camera should cover Driver and Passenger Area.*

(iii) *All cameras should be type approved by a recognized certifying agencies such as ARAI, I CAT, CIRT etc.*

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Summary of STA Decisions on Departmental Agenda Item No.1

	Category of Vehicles :-
I.	**Contract Carriage and All India Tourist Permit (AITP) Vehicles :-**
i	Vehicles with Seating Capacity Below 20:-
	• Installation of cameras and curtains is not applicable.
ii	Vehicles with Seating Capacity of 20 or Above:
	• (a). Installation of **three cameras (Front, Rear, and Inside)** is mandatory. The deadline for compliance has been extended up to **10.10.2025.**
	• (b). The **inside camera** must cover only the **driver and footboard area** not the passenger area.
	• (c). **Curtains to separate drivers cabin from passenger compartment** are mandatory with effect from **01.04.2025.**
	• (d). **Driver Fatigue Detection System** must be implemented as per MoRTH draft proceedings – **GSR 184(E) dated 20.03.2025**, and any future directions from MoRTH.
	• *(e). All cameras must **be type-approved** by recognized certifying agencies such as **ARAI**, **ICAT**, **CIRT**, etc.*
II.	**Stage Carriages :-**
	• (a). Installation of **three cameras** (Front, Rear, and Inside) is **mandatory** with effect from **01.04.2025**.
	• (b). **Footboard cameras** must be installed by **10.10.2025**.
	• (c). **Driver Fatigue Detection System** is **not applicable** until further directions are issued by MoRTH.
	• *(d). All cameras must be **type-approved by** a recognized certifying agencies such as **ARAI**, **ICAT**, **CIRT**, etc.*

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III	**Educational Institution Buses :-**
	• Installation of **three cameras** (Front, Rear & inside) must be completed by **31.07.2025 in all EIBs.**
	• Compliance will be a condition for issuance of **Certificate of Fitness and Permit** effective from **01.08.2025**.
	• **The** inside camera must cover both the **driver and passenger areas**.
	• *All cameras must be **type-approved by** recognized certifying agencies such as **ARAI**, **ICAT**, **CIRT**, etc.*

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