Department of Transport

Directorate of Transport

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Notification

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Whereas draft rules which the Government of Goa proposes to make were pre-published as required by sub-section (*1*) of section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 25, dated 19-9-2015, vide Notification No. D.Tpt/EST/1959/2015/3121 dated 8-9-2015 of the Directorate of Transport, Panaji, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby before the expiry of fifteen days from the date of publication of the said Notification in the Official Gazette;

And Whereas, the said Official Gazette was made available to the public on 19-9-2015;

And whereas, the objections and suggestions received from the public on the said draft rules have been considered by the Government.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 96, 111, 138 read with section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement*.— (*1*) These rules may be called the Goa Motor Vehicles (Regulations for School Buses) Rules, 2016.

(*2*) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Definitions*.— (*1*) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Act" means the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988);

(*b*) "attendant" means any person appointed by the school for attending school children under these rules;

(*c*) "appropriate authority" means the authority which is authorised under the Act to grant a permit in respect of school buses/ /contract carriages/transport vehicle;

(*d*) "contract carriage" means as defined in clause (*7*) of section 2 of the Act;

(*e*) "school authority" means the Head-master or Principal or Teacher of school;

(*f*) "school bus" means contract carriage vehicle which is designed and constructed specially for carrying school children and includes four wheeler light motor vehicle having registered seating capacity upto 12; and an educational institution bus, designed and constructed as aforesaid for the purpose of transporting children/student;

(*g*) "educational institution bus" shall mean a educational institution bus as referred to in clause (*47*) of section 2 of the Act.

(2) Words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Act.

3. *Necessity of contract carriage permit*.— No owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall use or permit the use of the motor vehicle in any public place for carrying school children unless he carries a valid contract carriage permit issued under section 74 of the Act permitting the use of such motor vehicle for carrying school children and authorising the use of the motor vehicle in that place or area for such use.

4. *Grant of contract carriage permit to carry school children*.— Subject to the provisions of sub-section (*3*) of section 74 of the Act, a Regional Transport Authority may, on an application made to it under section 73 of the Act, grant a contract carriage permit for carrying school children subject to such conditions as laid down under these rules or refuse to grant such permit.

5. *Children Safety Committee and Children Transport Committee*.— (*1*) There shall be a Children Safety Committee for each district of the State of Goa to discuss, decide and recommend the issues pertaining to safety of children and their transportation under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate. The Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Panchayat,

Superintendent of Police of the District, Traffic Controller of Kadamba Transport Corporation, Deputy Director of Education, Deputy Director of Transport, shall be the Committee's other members. The Chairman of Committee shall nominate one person from each taluka as a representative of schools or educational institutions and the Assistant Director of Transport of the district shall be member--secretary to the committee. The committee shall meet at least once in six months to review and monitor the issues relating to safety and transportation of school children.

(*2*) Every school shall constitute a Children Transport Committee to look into the matters pertaining to safe transportation of school children, transportation fees, identification of bus stops, etc. The Transport Committee shall verify documents of the motor vehicles transporting children, viz. Registration Certificate, Certificate of Fitness, Certificate of Insurance, Contract Carriage Permit, Pollution Control Certificate, Driving License, Fire Extinguisher, First Aid Kit, etc.

The Transport Committee shall be headed by the Principal or Headmaster of the school and shall have one Parent Teacher Association representative, Traffic or Police Inspector of the respective area, Inspector of Motor Vehicles or Assistant Inspector of Motor Vehicles of that area, Education Inspector, representative of school bus owners, representative of attendants and representative of local authorities of that area, as its other members. The Transport Committee shall meet at least once in the three months prior to commencement of each semester.

6. *Parking and halting places.*— The Regional Transport Authority in consultation with the School Authority, Traffic Police and Municipal Corporation or Municipal Council or Panchayat shall specify the parking and halting places at appropriate locations exclusively for the school buses having regard to the school timing and safety of the children.

7. *Form of application and form of permit.*— (*1*) Every educational institution owning or having a school bus shall apply in Form I hereto to the Transport Department for use of such vehicles for transporting school children.

(*2*) Every owner or operator of a contract carriage vehicle desirous of using his vehicle for transporting school children shall apply in Form II hereto, to the Transport Department.

(*3*) The Transport Department after verifying all details and ensuring that the school bus is as per the provisions of these rules, shall grant the permission to an educational institution in Form III hereto and to the owner or operator of contract carriage vehicle in Form IV hereto, after receiving fees of three hundred rupees. The permission shall be for a period of 05 years and shall be renewed for same period on receiving the said fees.

8. *General conditions to be attached to the said permission of school bus.*— (*1*) The School bus shall be painted in yellow colour and shall display the words "School Bus" in front of the vehicle and in the rear. For school identification, the name of the school shall be painted on 150 mm wide, golden brown band on all sides of school bus below the window level.

(2) The owner of the contract carriage vehicle who have entered into an agreement with school for carrying school children, in addition to any other contract, shall not be required to be painted in yellow colour:

Provided that, a yellow strip of 400 mm shall be painted on all sides of the vehicle below the window level:

Provided further that other provisions of these rules shall also apply to such vehicle:

Provided also that "ON SCHOOL DUTY" shall be clearly indicated on such vehicle.

(*3*) The vehicle to be used as school bus shall not be more than 15 years old from the date of its initial registration.

(*4*) The school bus shall carry a complete list of school children, indicating in respect of each student, the name, class, residential address, contact phone number or mobile number of the parent/guardian, blood group and the points of stoppage for his or her embarkation/ /disembarkation near his or her residence

against his or her name. The list shall also indicate the route plan duly attested by the school authority showing the place of origin, termination and detailed route it has to follow.

(*5*) Every school bus shall have, in addition to driver, an attendant. In case of school bus carrying girl child there shall be a female attendant present in the school bus who shall attend to the needs of children travelling in the school bus and ensure their safety while they are embarking or disembarking from the school bus and shall also keep a general vigil during the course of complete journey.

(*6*) In case of emergency, the school bus driver and the attendant shall inform the school authorities about the incidence and make necessary arrangement for safety of school children.

(*7*) In case of kindergarten children if an authorised person (recognised mutually by the school authority and parents) does not come to pick the child from the bus stop then such child shall be taken back to the school by attendant and his/her parents should be called to collect the child. The child shall be kept under the care of school authority and attendant till the time the parents come to collect the child.

(*8*) The lowest foot step of the board of school bus shall be at a height not exceeding 220 mm from the ground and all steps should be fitted with non-slip treads.

(*9*) The school bus shall be equipped with convex cross view mirrors by which the driver should be able to see the exit door and entrance door and the front and the rear wheels of the motor vehicle clearly and it shall also be equipped with large parabolic rear view mirror to enable the driver to have a clear view of the inside of the bus.

(*10*) The school bus shall be provided with hand-rails along the steps at the front door, which shall also be used both as entry and exit door. The height, material, design of the hand rails shall be as per general directions issued by the Government.

(*11*) The school bus shall have vertical stanchions, appropriately spaced from each other and firmly rooted to the roofs and the surface of the stanchions and floor of the vehicles shall be made of material which is non-slippery as per general directions issued by the Government.

(*12*) The school bus shall not be fitted with any pressure horn or any other device for producing tonal sound which is operated on air pressure drawn from the breaking system.

(*13*) The school bus shall be equipped with First Aid Box with glazed front and two fire extinguishers of ABC type having capacity 5 kg each bearing ISI mark, one in the drivers cabin and other in the rear, near the emergency door of the school bus:

Provided that, it shall be sufficient to have one fire extinguisher of ABC type, capacity of 5 kg, bearing ISI mark in four wheeler light motor vehicle having registered seating capacity upto twelve.

(*14*) The school bus shall have provision for bag racks under the seats and provisions for such other things as may be specified through an order of the Director of Transport, from time to time.

(*15*) The driver of school bus or vehicle shall have 5 years experience of driving and that he shall be the holder of transport license and shall hold a valid badge at the time of employment as a school bus driver.

(*16*) The school bus shall have Hazard warning lights, which shall be activated when such vehicle is stopped for boarding or alighting of the children.

(*17*) In the case of educational institution buses and medium or heavy passenger motor vehicles being used for the purpose of transporting school students, horizontal three window steel bars shall be fixed on the exterior of the bus in such a manner that the distance between any two bars does not exceed five centimeters.

(*18*) Speed governors shall be fitted to the school bus or vehicle carrying children/

/students so that the speed of vehicle does not exceed 40 km per hour within Municipal limits and in areas other than Municipal limits, it shall not exceed 50 km per hour.

(*19*) The vehicle to be used as school bus shall have a board of size 350 mm X 350 mm secured firmly on the front and the rear exterior of the vehicle for display of the fact that the vehicle is being used for the purpose of the school. The board shall have painted two school going children (one girl and one boy) of height not less than 250 mm in black colour. Below the pictures the words "SCHOOL BUS" shall be written in black colour and the height of the letters must be at least 100 mm and the line thickness (width) of the type must be at least 11 mm.

(*20*) Every school bus other than four wheeler light motor vehicle with seating capacity of twelve, shall display a board to identify the school and the route number and that board shall be of the size 30 inches in length and 8 inches in height which shall be displayed in the front at top and on the rear at top, and board of size 18 inches in length and 8 inches in height at the top of the entry/exit door.

(*21*) Every four wheeler light motor vehicle with seating capacity upto twelve used for carrying school children shall display a board to identify the school and the route number of the vehicle and that board shall be of the size 18 inches in length and 8 inches in height which shall be displayed in the front at top and on the rear at the top.

(*22*) The provisions of rule 21 of the Goa Motor Vehicles Rules, 1991 shall be scrupulously followed by the permit holder as well as his driver.

(*23*) The Vehicle which is to be used as school bus shall be closed body type with complete steel body. No vehicle with canvass hood shall be permitted as school bus. The vehicle shall be fitted with child lock system.

(*24*) The school bus shall be subject to fitness test as per the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) and the rules made thereunder.

(*25*) Wherever available, the school authorities shall provide for space inside the school premises in order to ensure safe alighting of school children from the vehicle.

(*26*) The number of children that can be permitted in the school bus shall be as per the number of seats in the school bus and that no standees shall be permitted to be carried in the school bus.

(*27*) All buses used as school buses shall be fitted with an emergency door or exit window as specified by State Transport Authority from time to time.

(*28*) The windows of school bus shall be fitted with horizontal grills.

(*29*) Any parent/guardian or a teacher sitting in the school bus may also travel to ensure safety norms.

(*30*) A driver who has been challaned more than twice in a year for offences like violation of lane discipline or allowing unauthorized person to drive, shall not be employed as driver of school bus.

(*31*) A driver who has been challaned even once for the offence of over speeding, drunken driving and dangerous driving, etc., shall not be employed.

(*32*) All school buses shall comply with the requirements and specifications prescribed by "Code of Practice for Bus Body Design and Approval –AIS-063 and AIS-052" specified by the Central Government of India, from time to time.

(*33*) No owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall carry school children in excess of the seating capacity of such motor vehicle.

(*34*) No alterations shall be permitted by the Registering Authority in any motor vehicle so as to enhance the original/permitted seating capacity of such motor vehicle proposed to carry school children.

9. *Approval of vehicles model as school bus.*— The Directorate of Transport shall approve the model of all vehicles which can be used as school buses. In doing so the Director

of Transport shall ascertain the safety provisions provided by the manufacturer keeping in mind the safety of children.

10. *Contravention of permission.*— (*1*) Whoever drives a school bus without permission or causes or allows a school bus to be used in contravention of provisions of these Rules or in contravention of the terms and conditions of the permission issued, shall be punishable for the first offence with fine of not less than rupees two thousand but may extend to rupees five thousand and for any subsequent offence with fine of not less than rupees five thousand but may extend to rupees ten thousand and shall also be liable for action as provided under sections 53, 54, 177, 192, 192A, 207 etc., of the Act.

(*2*) Nothing contained in sub-rule (*1*) shall apply to the use of school bus in an emergency for the conveyance of persons suffering from sickness or injury or for the transport of materials for repair or for the transport of food or materials to relieve distress or of medical supplied for a like purpose:

Provided that the person using the vehicle, reports about the same to the Regional Transport Authority within seven days from the date of such use.

11. *Exemption.*— The Government may, grant exemption to the vehicles registered as school bus from one or any of the conditions after recording the reason in writing.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Sunil Masurkar, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Transport).

Panaji, 25th January, 2016.

FORM I

(*See* rule 7)

Application for grant and renewal of permission in respect of vehicle owned by educational institution and used for transportation of school children (school bus)

To,
The Director/Assistant Director of Transport,
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In accordance with the provisions of sections 69, 70, 71 and 73 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), I, the undersigned, hereby apply for the permission under the Goa Motor Vehicles (Regulation for School Buses) Rules, 2016 in respect of school bus/school van owned by the educational institution, namely:—

(1) Full name of the educational institution .....

(2) Full Address .....

(3) Telephone No. .....

(4) Area or route for which permit required .....

(5) Name of the school and its timing
1. .....
2. .....
3. .....
4. .....

(6) I/We are enclosing a copy of common standard contract agreement with the parents/guardian and list of the children proposed to be transported by the Motor Vehicle No. .....

(7) Seating Capacity .....

(8) Type of Vehicle .....

(9) Particulates of any other permit held by the applicant in respect of any transport vehicle in any State during the last four years which has been the subject of any order of suspension or cancellations.

(10) I am in possession of the vehicle, the Certificate of Registration of which is enclosed.

(11) I have not yet obtained possession of the vehicle and I understand that the permit will not be issued until I have done so and have produced the Certificate of Registration and further declare that I propose to purchase the vehicle manufactured in the year.

(12) I hereby declare that the above statement are true and agree to the conditions of any permit issued to me.

No. .....

Date .....

Place .....

(Signature thumb-impression of the applicant)

(To be filled in the Office of the Transport Authority)

1. Date of Receipt .....

2. Amount of rupees ..... received, vide receipt No. ..... dated..... Circulation to members .....

3. Date of consideration at meeting .....

4. Granted in modified form on the ..... day of ..... Rejected

5. Number of permit issued.

Secretary
State Transport Authority

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FORM II

(*See* rule 7)

Application for grant and renewal of permit in respect of vehicle owned by person other than educational institution and taken on contract by school for transportation of school children (school bus)

To,
The Director/Assistant Director of Transport,
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In accordance with the provisions of sections 69, 70, 71 and 73 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), I, the undersigned, hereby apply for the permission under the Goa Motor Vehicles (Regulation for School Buses) Rules, 2016 in respect of school bus/school van owned by the undersigned and used for transportation of school children on hire or reward.

(1) Full name of the of the applicant/company .....

(2) Age .....

(3) Full Address .....

(4) Telephone No. .....

(5) Area or route for which permit required .....

(6) Name of the school and its timing 1. .....
2. .....
3. .....
4. .....

(7) I/We are enclosing a copy of common standard agreement contract with the school and list of the children proposed to be transported by the Motor Vehicle No. .....

(8) Seating Capacity .....

(9) Type of Vehicle .....

(10) Particulates of any stage carriage permit or contract carriage permit valid in State or any other and held by the applicant in respect of:—

(a) this vehicle.

(b) any other vehicle.

(11) Particulars of any other permit held by the applicant in respect of any transport vehicle in any State during the last four years which has been the subject of any order of suspension or cancellations.

(12) I am in possession of the vehicle, the Certificate of Registration of which is enclosed.

(13) I have not yet obtained possession of the vehicle and I understand that the permit will not be issued until I have done so and have produced the Certificate of Registration and further declare that I propose to purchase the vehicle manufactured in the year :

(14) I intend to drive the vehicle No. …….. my MDL No. …… P.S.V.A. No. …… issued by……

(15) I hereby declare that the above statements are true and agree to the conditions of any permit issued to me.

No. ……

Date ……..

Place ……..

(Signature thumb-impression of the applicant)

(To be filled in the Office of the Transport Authority)

1. Date of Receipt .....
2. Amount of rupees ..... received, vide receipt No. ..... dated .....
   Circulation to members .....
3. Date of consideration at meeting .....
4. Granted in modified form on the ..... day of .....
   Rejected.
5. Number of permit issued.

Secretary
State Transport Authority

FORM III

(*See* rule 7)

Permission in respect of vehicle owned by the educational institution and used for transportation of school children (school bus)

Transport Authority
P.Sc.Co.SA(No.)

(1) Name of the Holder .....

(2) Address .....

(3) Route/Area for which permit is valid: .....

(4) The type or types of vehicles to be used as casual contract carriage and the (.....) seating capacity :

Vehicle of ..... seats

Vehicles of ..... seats

(5) Date of expiry .....

(6) This permit shall be subject to the conditions laid down in section 84 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the Goa Motor Vehicles (Regulation for School Buses) Rules, 2016:

(a) the Regional Transport Authority after giving notice of not less than one month:—

(i) vary the condition of permit;

(ii) attach to the permit further conditions;

(b) Any other conditions;

(7) This permit does not entitle the holder to use the vehicle as stage carriage or as goods vehicle for hire.

(8) This permission shall be revoked if the provisions of the Goa Motor Vehicles (Regulations for School Buses) Rules, 2016 are violated.

Dated .....

Secretary
State Transport Authority

Renewal

Renewed up to ..... subject to .....
Also valid in .....
Dated .....

Secretary
State Transport Authority

FORM IV

(*See* rule 7)

Permission in respect of vehicle owned by the person other than educational institution and taken on contract by school and used for transportation of school children (school bus)

Transport Authority

P.Sc.Co.SA(No.)

(1) Name of the Holder .....

(2) Address .....

(3) Route/Area for which permit is valid: .....

(4) The type or types of vehicles to be used as casual contract carriage and the (.....) seating capacity:

(i) Registration Mark .....

(ii) Chasis No. .....

Vehicle of ..... seats

Vehicles of ..... seats

(5) Date of expiry .....

(6) This permit shall be subject to the conditions laid down in section 84 of the Act and the Goa Motor Vehicles (Regulations for School Buses) Rules, 2016

(a) the regional Transport Authority after giving notice of not less than one month;—

(i) vary the condition of permit;

(ii) attach to the permit further conditions;

(b) any other conditions;

(7) This permit does not entitle the holder to use the vehicle as stage carriage or as goods vehicle for hire.

(8) This permission shall be revoked if the provisions of the Goa Motor Vehicles (Regulations for School Buses) Rules, 2016 are violated.

Dated ……..

Secretary
State Transport Authority

Renewal

Renewed up to ..... subject to .....

Also valid in .....

Dated .....

Secretary
State Transport Authority

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Department of Women & Child Development

Directorate of Women & Child Development

Notification

2-280-SL-2012-DW&CD/Part file/501

Read: (1) Notification No. 2-280-SL-2012-DW&CD/362, dated 14-7-2015.

In exercise of the powers conferred under proviso of clause (*4*) (*d*) of the Griha Aadhar Scheme and as notified vide Notification No. 2-280-SL-2012-DW&CD-Part file/362, dated 14-7-2015 and published in the Official Gazette at Series I No. 17 dated 23-7-2015, the Government is pleased to relax the total net quota of number of cases under the scheme that can be sanctioned is capped at 150000 beneficiaries.

This issue with the concurrence of the Government vide their U. O. No. 019/F dated 14-1-2016.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Shilpa Shinde, IAS, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (W&CD),

Panaji, 20th January, 2016.

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