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PART IV (A) — PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provincial Councils Notifications

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Rules and Regulations enacted under the Southern Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority Statute No. 02 of 1996 of the Southern Provincial Council

THE rules and regulations enacted by virtue of the powers vested in me under Section 41 of the Southern Provincial Road Passenger Transport Statute No. 02 of 1996 are hereby published.

SHAN WIJAYALAL DE SILVA,

Chief Minister,

Minister of Finance, Planning, Law and Orders, Local Government, Education,
Transport, Culture, Environment, Information, Water Supply,
Estate Infrastructural Facilities, Tourism, Engineering Services,
Drainage and Urban Development,
Southern Province.

1. These orders are named as “Orders to Provide Passenger Transport Guidelines and Facilities” No. 1 of 2007.
2. These rules are relevant to the provision of financial support under a concessionary interest rate for the problems and obstacles faced by the bus operators who operate bus services having obtained permits issued by the Southern Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority in establishing a qualitative transport service and to perform the task of providing guidelines in business problems.
3. Loan facilities under concessionary interest rates will be available for the matters approved by the Road Passenger Transport Authority relevant to the following basic purposes:
 - (a) To take steps to improve comforts, beauty and mechanical conditions of vehicles used for the transport of passengers for which permits have been obtained from the Authority.
 - (b) To take steps to improve efficiency, courteous and charming behaviour, better understanding in their vocation of the worker groups.
 - (c) For matters relevant to maintain the services punctually, with more care and continuously.
4. The Road Passenger Transport Authority will provide with the relevant application for loan, the particulars with regard to the occasions for which loans are granted, the maximum amount of the loan, interest rate, and other particulars.
5. The Passenger Transport Authority will after considering the nature of the permit the loan applicant holds, the necessity of such services, the ability of the debtor to repay the loan, and other factors, determine whether it is suitable to give him the loan.

6. For each loan application two sureties holding route permits of the Southern Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority holding permits shall be submitted. All the applicants holding permits who obtain these loans and the sureties shall enter into an agreement with the Southern Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority.

7. A loan of any amount obtained in relation to a permit be paid back and completely settled with the interest within ten months. Until such time the loan related to the permit is paid back the loan and the interest due to be paid in relation to the permit of the borrower and the surety to the Authority, would be treated as a charge due to be paid to the Authority.

8. Every applicant and a surety holding a permit shall enter into an agreement with the Southern Provincial Road Transport Authority and in case of a delay in repaying, negligence or defaults in paying, the Authority is empowered to take steps not to extend the period of duration of the permit, to cancel it or to take any other action to recover the money.

9. In the instances where the relevant money could not be recovered the order relevant to paragraph 8 is applicable to the surety in the same manner.

10. In order to provide an efficient and a quality vice good bus service the Road Passenger Transport Authority will conduct awareness programmes and assisting programs for bus operators and service groups. When ever the Authority calls the drivers, conductors and the staff for awareness programmes and for training, the permit holders shall take steps to let them participate at all such occasions.

11. These orders are in force as from 01st January, 2007.

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Minister of Finance, Planning, Law and Order, Local Government,
Education, Transport, Culture, Environment, Information, Water Supply
Infrastructure Facilities of Estates, Tourism, Engineering Services,
Water Drainage and Urban Development,
Southern Province.

RULES

The rules made effective under paragraph Two (x) of Section 41 of the Southern Province Road Passenger Transport Authority Statute No. 2 of 1996 of the Southern Provincial Council are given below. They are named as "The Preparation of Transport Time Tables and Their Activation and Bus Stand Management Service Rules" No. 2 of 2007. These rules are deemed to have been enacted as from 01st of March, 2007.

2. Preparation of Time Tables

- 2.1 The transportation of the passengers by omni buses within the Southern Province area made according to a "Common Time Table" prepared and approved by the Road Passenger Transport Authority, after having considered the passenger demand requirements and other facts which is performed by the "Common Time Table System" is to implement according to a single common plan the number of trips of buses due to be operated during a complete day to cater the needs of the passengers in a certain route or a part of a route. By this the requirements and needs of the passengers of different routes should be successfully satisfied and the

Authority should prevent the harmful Competition and should distribute among the operators the number of bus trips in the common time table in a reasonable manner so as to provide an efficient and a well controlled operation of a bus transport system.

- 2.2 The Passenger Transport Authority should take action to amend the common time table taking into consideration the various reasons such as the changes in demand by passengers, prevailing service requirements, convenience in administration to increase efficiency of services to begin connected intercity services and to promote passenger security and their facilities.
- 2.3 If there are applications made to mobilise buses to transport passengers out side the common time table programme, when relevant applications are important for the provision of a quality wise efficient bus service the Southern Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority may grant a special approval in such applications. The operating programme which should be followed in such situations shall be kept approved by the transport authority. Without such special approval no bus owned by an individual, a company, an establishment or a board shall be operated to transport passengers.
- 2.4 The Authority may exclude from the common time table the trips where only the school children are transported, the office passenger services, named services which are expected to operate at night and during dawn. Postal and other special Services, according to their requirements.
- 2.5 The Passenger Transport Authority shall as and when required select routes, select destinations of routes, name route numbers, prepare charts of charges from passengers, inspect operating times and determine duration of operations, conduct passenger surveys, assess passenger demand, re-allocate services and make amendments. The Passenger Transport Authority would enact as regulations the criteria which would be followed in performing the relevant acts.
- 2.6 The Authority shall determine having considered the nature of the demand and capabilities of the operators as to whether a State Bus Service or a private bus service shall be allocated when a new service is to commence. New proposals shall be submitted based on surveys and information about the new routes and necessary provisions shall be made to inaugurate services having such proposals been taken into consideration.
- 2.7 If a transport authority of another provincial council or a permit issuing Authority or the National Transport Commission intends to issue a permit to operate a bus in to the area of this Provincial Council the written consent of the Road Passenger Transport Authority of the Southern Province shall be obtained. Such services shall not be and obstruction to the common time table system and it is the responsibility of the permit issuing authority and the operators to see that there will be no unnecessary competition in such operations. Action will be taken to suspend temporarily or permanently the inter province services which creates or which is likely to create meaningless competition with the existing common time table services which would create conflicts or which is likely to create conflicts with other services, and such inter province services which would create conflicts or which is likely to create conflicts with other services, and such inter-province services which would be highly damaging to the income of the other operations under other time tables.

3. The Activation of Time Tables

- 3.1 In all the omnibuses which transport passengers there shall be available a valid time table which indicate the omnibuses number, number of trips due to be operated, the entrance and exit times in and out of the bus stand, the effective date of the time table and all other particulars, issued by the Authority and it should be produced at an inspection.
- 3.2 In activating time tables such activation shall be made after giving more consideration to the needs of the passengers and having discussions with the operators when necessary. If there are problems with regard to the time table the operators should inform the Authority about them and the Authority shall take action to review them after two weeks of operation and to activate the time table with necessary amendments.

- 3.3 The holders of the permit shall operate the omnibus according to the relevant time table assigned for the omni bus and unless due to a road block or due to directions given by the security personnel, no operation shall be made making changes in the time table without obtaining prior written approval of the Authority. The services indicated in the time table shall not be turned back halfway or stayed half way. All the trips shall be operated in time according to schedule.
- 3.4 No operator shall refuse to accept or retrain from activating the time table given by, the Authority having prepared and approved by it.
- 3.5 The operation of all the trips scheduled by the Authority for a day for each route according to a common time table is a main duty of the Point Controllers of the Authority, and the Authority shall take action to operate the trips which become un-operative due to non-availability of the scheduled buses due to various reasons, by operating the buses in the waiting list and other buses with permits.
- 3.6 The authority will from time to time enact by way of regulations, the ways of action to be followed in relation to the operation of all the trips approved in the common time table. In providing trips in place of the absentees shall be made either according to a rotation system covering all the operators or by appointing a permanent operator running continuously.
- 3.7 It is during 5-10 minutes prior to the time due for the omnibus to enter the platform that the omnibus be taken to the bus stand. The operators shall not let the omnibus remain in the bus stand for an unnecessary time or to stop the bus blocking the bus stand yard or its access.
- 3.8 During the time that the bus is stopped in the platform tickets should be issued to the passengers in the queue and be admitted into the bus and therefore having obtained the log sheet or having it signed shall leave the bus stand on due scheduled time for departure.
- 3.9 Operators should not intentionally delay the passengers of their travel time by intentional slow driving or drive in a manner which would be harmful to the income of the other operators who operate their trips and should not drive at a high speed which would be detrimental to the protection of the passengers.
- 3.10 The authority may mobilize additional trips outside the common time table in case of the transport of school children, special festivals, meetings or on occasions where people gather.
- 3.11 The holders of the permits where trips are noted as trips which should compulsorily be operated shall take all the steps to secure that such trips are operated with out a break.
- 3.12 The numbers of trips due to be operated by the operators have been allotted according to running number and no operations should be made changing the assigned trips. If such changes are required, required changes be submitted to the authority and have such changes in trips of each operation number.

4. The Set-up and Management of Bus Stands

- 4.1 The Passengers Transport Authority shall activate the management of bus services in all the bus stands in order to give the passengers regular transport service by administering an efficient and reasonable bus service of all the buses running according to common time table within the area of the Southern Provincial Council.
- 4.2 Without obtaining the approval of the Transport Authority no person or any establishment should take any action pertaining to the entry and exit of buses to bus stands marking of documents or take passengers into buses, collect passengers into buses by shouting, book seats and management of buses.

- 4.3 The Southern Provincial Council shall permanently or temporarily assign or discharge all the bus stands for the free use of by the Transport Authority to facilitate regular service administration in order for it to let it provide a quantitative and qualitative bus service and to enable it to provide staying facilities to all the operators.
- 4.4 Proper maintenance of all the established bus stands in the province is the responsibility of the Transport Authority.
- 4.5 No operator holding a permit to transport passengers or its, servant should not pay any other person or any establishment any money other than the lawful payments payable to the Transport Authority for providing management of passenger transport bus services or for providing bus stand facilities.
- 4.6 The point controllers and flying squad officers appointed by the Authority shall take action to control buses, to give directions for management, to obtain particulars and to give solutions to the problems of the passengers and the operators in a bus stand.
- 4.7 All the officers working in bus stands shall while working clad in a uniform or a badge and shall possess an identify card issued by the Authority. The Police Officers and the Officers of the Authority may prevent any person or any establishment who are not up to such requirements, from engaging in management of bus services.
- 4.8 All the lawful orders and directions given by an officer appointed by the Authority in a bus stand pertaining to the management of bus services shall be adhered to by all other parties and shall be complied with.
- 4.9 The Authority shall take action to give publicity, provide information and to exhibit time tables and to produce all particulars in compliance with the other timely requirements which the Authority deems necessary for the information of the passengers, operators and servants who are in the bus stand.
- 4.10 Trading or advertising shall not be made within a bus stand or in a bus without the approval or the consent of the Authority.
- 4.11 To remain in a way causing obstructions or the passengers, loitering, smoking, having drunk, violent behaviour, disturbing the administration, demanding or begging of money is not allowed in the bus stand.
- 4.12 The approval of the authority shall be obtained in constructing new bus stands and such constructions shall be according to required standards. A bus stand is a place where the bus services commence and ends and it has to be treated as a place where passengers get into, get out and change buses. It is a complex bus service management center. Such constructions, shall be made having given primary attention to provide facilities for the administration of bus services, to provide facilities to the passengers and to provide facilities for the administration of bus services, to provide facilities to the passengers and to stay the buses and to provide facilities to the employees. There shall no constructions which obstructs the basic essential requirements of a bus stand or external constructions or activities which create problems to administration; or
- 4.13 To prevent the enforcement of these orders or the violation of these orders is an offence and legal action will be taken against it according to the statute.
- 4.14 The bus stands where the bus services are managed by the Transport Authority under the common time table programme within the Southern Province are included in Schedule No. 1.

SCHEDULE NO. 1

The bus stands managed and administered by the Southern Province Road Passenger Transport Authority under the common time table program is given below :

1. Galle District

- 1.1 Ambalangoda Bus Stand
- 1.2 Hikkaduwa Bus Stand

- 1.3 Elpitiya Bus Stand
- 1.4 Uragaha Bus Stand
- 1.5 Karandeniya Bus Stand
- 1.6 Balapitiya Bus Stand
- 1.7 Baddegama Bus Stand
- 1.8 Talgaswala Bus Stand
- 1.9 Mapalagama Bus Stand
- 1.10 Batapola Bus Stand
- 1.11 Wanduramba Bus Stand
- 1.12 Galle Bus Stand
- 1.13 Imaduwa Bus Stand
- 1.14 Habaraduwa Bus Stand
- 1.15 Udugama Bus Stand
- 1.16 Neluwa Bus Stand
- 1.17 Pitigala Bus Stand
- 1.18 Aviththawa Bus Stand
- 1.19 Ahangama Bus Stand
- 1.20 Tawalama Bus Stand
- 1.21 Karapitiya Bus Stand

2. Matara District

- 2.1 Matara Bus Stand
- 2.2 Weligama Bus Stand
- 2.3 Akuressa Bus Stand
- 2.4 Morawaka Bus Stand
- 2.5 Deniyaya Bus Stand
- 2.6 Mulatiyana Bus Stand
- 2.7 Kamburupitiya Bus Stand
- 2.8 Hakmana Bus Stand
- 2.9 Dickwella Bus Stand

3. Hambantota District

- 3.1 Beliatta Bus Stand
- 3.2 Tangalle Bus Stand
- 3.3 Walasmulla Bus Stand
- 3.4 Middeniya Bus Stand
- 3.5 Weeraketiya Bus Stand
- 3.6 Angunakolpalassa Bus Stand
- 3.7 Suriyawewa Bus Stand
- 3.8 Ranna Bus Stand
- 3.9 Ambalantota Bus Stand
- 3.10 Hambantota Bus Stand
- 3.11 Tissamaharamaya Bus Stand.

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