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PART IV (A) — PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provincial Councils Notifications

CENTRAL PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

The Order passed by the 24(2), (1), (xii), (xiii) clauses & 24(3) of the 1992 No. 04 Central Province Road Passenger Carriage Service Statute passed as per the powers vested to the Provincial Councils by the 8th Sub document of the 13th amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the 20th clause of the year 2000 No. 01 Central Province passenger Transport Services Authority Statute

I, Ediriweera Weerawardena, Minister of Road Development, transport, Power and Energy, Housing and Construction of the Central Provincial Council hereby announce under the powers vested in me by 24(2) (1), (xii), (xiii) clauses of the 1992 No. 04 of the Central Province Road Passenger Carriage Service Statute and 20th clause of the year 2000 No. 01 Central Province Passenger Transport Services Authority Statute shall revoke the orders made by the *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 1990/48 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 29.10.2016 and will pass the below mentioned orders in addition to the orders made on the new transport system named as "Sahasara" introduced by the Central Province Passenger Transport Services Authority published by an *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 1990/27 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 27.10.2016 and with effect from the date of publication of the *Gazette*.

- The Central Province Passenger Transport Services Authority should Identify transport units through one route or group of routes and announce them within 36 months from the date of the Minister's order ;
 - A manager should be appointed to administrate the announced route units according to the new system ;
 - A control unit should be established for each and every announced route unit or a group of routes.
- Route permit holders should provide passenger transport services in their route or routes within the date of the route units announced or time period specified by the Passenger Transport Authority under the administration of the manager appointed according to (1) ii by the Passenger Transport Services Authority and new buses should operate within the approved route or a group of routes according to time tables, regulations and service standards given by the manager under the supervision of the authority.



- (ii) All income earned on passenger and goods transport through electronic ticket machines and income earned without an electronic machine due to a technical failure and all other income earned should be deposited in a bank approved by the central province passenger transport services authority which is accepted by the Central Bank in an account named "Central Province Passenger Transport Services Authority."
- (iii) Only the buses that comprise Central Province Passenger Transport Services Authority approved electronic ticket machines with GPS, CCTV and GPRS technology should be given permission to passenger transportation.
- (iv) Except in a case of a technical failure the passenger transportation charges should always be collected through electronic cards.
- (v) A complete control unit should be opened and maintained to obtain data and information from electronic devices fixed on buses and the data should be captured, safe guarded and used for the efficiency of the bus service.
- (vi) The Central Province Passenger Transport Service Authority should announce the amount of money that will be paid for one kilo meter to owners of each route or group of routes based on the minimum distance of the route or group of routes, the profit of each route and by the quality of the service provided by them from time to time.
- (vii) Bus owners who are forwarding documents to prove that they are contributing properly for employees through Employee Provident Fund and Employee Trust Fund should be given the permission for passenger transports.
- (viii) Only buses proven that they are operated properly in a route or a group of routes for 02 months after fixing electronic devices should be included in the "Sahasara" operation system.
- (ix) Bus reservations should be branded as "Sahasara".
- (x) Management of the Bus Control Unit should be carried out by the Passenger transport services authority or a bus service Manager approved by the Authority.
- (xi) The Passenger transport services authority should appoint investigation groups and transfer them the required authority to investigate the efficiency of the transport services and proper bus transactions.
- (xii) A suitable unit under the authority should be established to carry out and efficient public complaint management.
- (xiii) Suitable incentives should be provided to promote using electronic payment cards.

3. The Orders cited in 1 and 2 should immediately be implemented within all the routes of the central province soon after from the date of the publication of the *Gazette* notification.

4. The Passenger Transport Services Authority owns full authority of maintaining service quality & passenger comfort and all decisions taken to introduce new services.

5. (i) Passenger Transport Services Authority should carry out a route unit audit for technical and financial audits by appointing qualified audit officers.
- (ii) Should provide facilities to bus permit owners to check these audit reports when required.
- (iii) These annual audit reports should be forwarded to the Provincial Council Through subject Minister.

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