

Minutes of the State Transport Authority meeting held in the chamber of Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Tpt.)/Chairman, STA on 29.3.2010.

The following were present:

1.	Shri.Ved Prakash, Commr.-cum-Secy. (Tpt.)	:	Chairman (In Chair)
2.	Shri.Anand Mohan, Dy. Inspector General of Police (L&O)	:	Member
3.	Shri.S.N.Jha, Deputy Commissioner (S.A)	:	Member
4.	Shri.V.Renganathan, Superintendent of Police, S.Andaman	:	Member
5.	Shri.K.C.Aggarwal, Director of Transport	:	Member
6.	Shri.B.Binoy	:	Secretary, STA

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

The following agenda points came up for discussion:

1. The State Transport Authority has gone through the respective Sections of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 to know about its powers, functions and jurisdiction. After detailed deliberation it has come to the conclusion that the issue of restriction of vehicles for same day return from Baratang does not come under the purview of the State Transport Authority as per Section 67 and 68 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. This issue needs to be taken up and addressed by the competent authority under Section 115 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. It was decided that possibility shall be explored of getting appropriate orders passed under Section 115 of M.V. Act from the notified authority i.e Deputy Commissioner (S.A). And therefore, the inadvertent decision taken by the State Transport Authority in its meeting held on 14.10.2009 to allow same day return of tourist buses 10 days in a month from Baratang has been withdrawn with immediate effect. It was also decided that while furnishing replies to the litigations arisen out of the above decision taken in the meeting of 14.10.2009, this decision of withdrawal of STAs earlier decision also to be included.

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Superintendent of Police informed that due to heavy increase in the number of tourist vehicles passing through Jarawa reserved area, it has become very difficult to manage the traffic. Hence it was decided that Police department may furnish data regarding traffic movement through Jarawa reserved area so as to take up the matter with Govt. of India to impose any kind of restriction or non-issue of inter-district tourist permits. Police department may also consult the Tribal Welfare department for specific decision/orders to recommend the case to the competent authority to impose any kind of restriction to pass through the Jarawa reserved area.

Secretary, STA will also take up the matter with Tribal Welfare department for their comments on the issue of Tourist/Goods vehicles passing through Jarawa reserved area since Hon'ble Supre Court's decisions in this regard also to be followed. A&N Administration's view also needs to be taken into consideration.

(Action by S.P (D) & Secretary, STA)

2. A press note to be issued for information of all concerned to the effect that permits to the goods vehicles brought from mainland which are more than 5 (five) years old will not be issued. However, sufficient time of 3 months may be given so that if anybody has already purchased/brought the vehicles or the process is underway, can apply and get necessary route permit in the meantime.

(Action by Secretary, STA)

3. It was decided to furnish suitable para-wise reply to the following court cases, in accordance with the decision taken in the STA meeting: