3RD REVISED ORDER

Subject: Constitution of Working Group on Road Transport for the Formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17).

With a view to formulating the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) for the Road Transport Sector, it has been decided to constitute a Working Group on Road Transport under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. The composition and terms of reference of the Working Group would be as follows:

II. Composition

1. Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
   1.Parivan Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001.
   Chairman

2. Shri R. P. Indoria, Addl. Director General - I
   Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, 1.Parivan Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001.
   Member

3. Shri Vijay Chhibber, Addl. Secretary & Financial Adviser,
   Member

4. Adviser (Infrastructure) Planning Commission
   5. Adviser (Transport), Planning Commission
   Member

7. Shri Arvind Kumar Adviser (TR)
   Transport Research Division,
   Ministry of RT&H, IDA Building,
   Jamnagar House
   Member
   New Delhi

8. Joint Secretary, Pollution Control,
   M/o Environment & Forest,
   Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex,
   Lodhi Road, New Delhi
   Member
9. Representative from M/o Heavy Industry Member
10. Rep. from M/o Urban Affairs & Employment, Member
11. Secretary (Transport) Member
   Govt. of Haryana, Room No.102, 1st Floor, Civil Secretariat, Sector – 17/C,
   Chandigarh: 160 017
12. Secretary (Transport) Member
   Govt. of Gujarat, Block 2, 2nd Floor, New Sachivalaya Complex, Gandhi Nagar
13. Secretary (Transport) Member
   Govt. of Sikkim, Yatayat Bhawan, Gangtok – 737107
14. Secretary (Transport) Member
   Govt. of Karnataka, Vidhan Soudha, Bangalore-560 001
15. Shri Narendra Bhooshan Member
   Managing Director, Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, Parivahan Bhavan, Lucknow-226 001
16. Shri Gaurava Gupta, Member
    Managing Director, Karnataka State Road Tpt. Corporation, Transport House, KH Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bangalore-560 027
17. Shri U. Sudhakar Rao Member
    Executive Director, Association of State Road Transport Undertakings, ASRTU Bhavan, Plot No. 4-A, PSP Block, Pocket – 14, Sector 8
    New Delhi
18. Director, Member
    Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT), Pune-Nashik Road, Bhosari,
    Pune – 411 026
19. Shri G. R. Shanmugappa, Member
    President, All India Motor Transport Congress, 1/16-A Asaf Ali Road,
    New Delhi
20. Shri Chitranjan Das, Member
    Editor, SAARC Journal of Transport, 205, Mudhar’s
    101/85, Arya Samaj Road, New Delhi.
III. The terms of Reference of Working Group:

1. To review the growth of road transport for passenger and freight traffic during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period making a critical assessment of the problems faced and the remedial action to be considered in the context of Twelfth Plan preparation.

2. To recommend a policy framework for the development of Road Transport – Passenger and Freight for the Twelfth Plan. The following policy issues may be considered for formulating the policy.

- Regulatory issues confronting road transport sector to ensure healthy and balanced growth.
- Modernization of Road Transport system to bring down transit costs and improve service levels.
- Preferential framework for public transport vis-à-vis private transport and steps required to be taken in this regard including support to bus transport in public and private sector.
- Efficiency and otherwise of the Inter State Transport flows and bringing about a barrier free transport environment.
- The problem of pollution and accidents arising out of road transport operations and measures to mitigate the same including periodic inspection of new vehicles.
To review the existing arrangements for data collection for road traffic taxes/fees collected, (state-wise) the adequacy of such systems and measures to improve them to facilitate decision-making on Road Transport problems on a continuous basis.

- Reviewing the existing connectivity status of the SRTCs in terms of area and habitations especially in the NE, J&K, Andaman & Nicobar Islands (ANI), Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu, Dadar & Nagar Haveli & other hilly terrains and suggest measures for improving their connectivity.
- Reviewing the existing financial positions of the SRTCs and suggest measures for improving their financial health
- Reviewing the existing manpower requirements of SRTCs and suggest measures for streamlining human resources employed by the Public Transport Corporations.
- Equity infusion and flow of funds either by the state govt. or central govt. along with empowering SRTCs to generate their own resources. Strengthening the public transport system in the country.
- Deployment of fleet in the remote and unconnected habitants (J& K, NE, A & N, Lakshadweep etc.
- Restructuring of the transport services in case of unviable SRTCs.
- Most of the SRTCs are facing stiff competition from private operators. Hence SRTCs should operate more buses, equity infusion for buying new buses by centre as well as state govt., route rationalization, operating new buses in Remote areas, change of product mix should be accorded top priority in case of SRTUs.
- Staff productivity of SRTCs related to throughput is also good, but in order to maintain good staff productivity, the SRTC will have to adopt proper management practices like engaging contractual labour by outsourcing the recruitment to private placement agencies.
- Performance parameters should be earmarked and rigorously efforts should be made to improve performance.
- To review Tax rationalization and other efficiency parameters should be vigorously pursued.
- the physical and financial performance of State Road Transport Undertakings with special reference to the achievements and failures against targets of Eleventh Five Year Plan and suggest measures to improve the financial viability.

3. To make an assessment of the number of buses and trucks required in the Twelfth Five Year Plan indicating separately the requirements for replacement and augmentation of capacity with appropriate phasing over the 5 years of the Plan.

4. To make an assessment of the current and committed new capacity for production of buses and trucks to meet the projected requirements and recommend further augmentation and reorientation of capacity, wherever necessary.
5. To estimate financial outlays for the proposed programmes for public sector road transport undertakings, separately for replacements and additions keeping in view the capacity to generate internal resources. Annual phasing may also be indicated.

6. To review the internal resources of public sector undertakings during Eleventh Plan and to assess the same for the Twelfth Five Year Plan and recommend measures to augment them.

7. To review the existing arrangements including institutional ones to control and prevent traffic related injuries and fatalities and also suggest measures to reduce incidence of accidents.

8. To review manpower training arrangements particularly drivers and instructors in the public / private sector and suggest improvements.

9. To recommend measures for improvement in the system of data collection particularly in the context of increased role of private sector.

10. To review the development of Road Transport in North-East and assess the traffic requirements vis-à-vis economical operation of road transport passenger and good services.

11. Any other matter considered important by the Working Group.

12. The Chairman may constitute various Specialists Group/Sub-Groups/Task Forces as considered necessary and co-opt other members to the Working Group for specific inputs.

13. The expenditure towards TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group in respect of the official members will be borne by their respective Ministries/Departments. In case of Non-official members of the Working Group, expenditure towards their TA/DA would be met by the Planning Commission as admissible to the Class-I officers of the Government of India.


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