

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
5/9 UNDER HILL ROAD: DELHI-110054

NO.No.F.125/PCO/STA/2009/08

Dated: 27.01.2011

NOTICE FOR BLUELINE / WHITELINE OPERATORS

Whereas the spate of fatal accidents involving private stage carriage (blue line/white line) buses had invited severe public concern and criticism on the way these buses are operating notwithstanding stringent permit conditions for ensuring road safety.

Whereas the Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi took suo-moto notice of the repeated fatal accidents being caused by the private stage carriage (blue line/whiteline) buses and initiated criminal writ-petition bearing No.878 of 2007 in the matter of Court on its own Motion. In the order dated July 10, 2007, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi inter-alia show caused to the Government of NCT of Delhi as to why this Court should not immediately order the replacement of blue line buses by safer mode of public transport.

Whereas the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, while referring to the fatal accidents being caused by the Blueline buses, was constrained to state in WP (Crl.) 878/2007 vide order dated 10 July 2007 as under:

"This has assumed such alarming proportions that not only it is a threat to the life of the common man who uses the public transport but it also affects the control and regulation of traffic in the NCT of Delhi and other road users and commuters which is violative of Article 21 of the Constitution of India. This has been so held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in M.C. Mehta vs. Union of India and Ors. (1997) 8 SCC 770"

Whereas the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi had assured the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi that a decision had been taken to phase out the private stage carriage (blue line) buses.

Whereas the department vide order no.F.AS/STA/2007/6744-10668 dated 7.9.2007 informed each private stage carriage (blue line) bus permit holder about the phase out of vehicles.

Whereas these buses have been operating on temporary permits after expiry of the 5 year permits with the approval of Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

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Whereas the Hon'ble Court (while referring to the prayer of this department) had permitted extension of the temporary permits in respect of Blueline stage carriage buses beyond 15th Aug for a period of 4 months and the Transport department has not filed any prayer for further extension of the temporary permits.

Whereas the Transport department has filed prayer before the Hon'ble Court regarding phasing out of the Blueline buses without simultaneous induction of new buses in cluster policy.

Now, therefore all Blueline (including Whiteline) operators, whose stage carriage permits have expired or are expiring **on or before 31st Jan 2011**, are hereby required to deposit their temporary / non-temporary permits, in permanent mode (on or before the date of expiry of their permit), in the STA branch, Transport Department, Delhi Government and shall not operate the buses after that, failing which suitable action will be taken against them as per law. Those operators, whose permits are expiring after 31st Jan 2011, are hereby required to deposit their permits, in permanent mode, on or before 31st Jan 2011, and shall not operate the buses after that. This order is subject to further directions of the Court in the aforesaid application.

This is issued with the prior approval of Competent Authority.



Asstt. Secretary, STA

Copy for necessary action to:-

1. Jt. Commissioner, Traffic (Delhi Police), Sector 12, RK Puram, New Delhi.
2. Addl. Commissioner (Enf.), Transport Department
3. System Analyst with the request to upload the order on the website of Transport Department in the permit section.

Copy for information to:-

1. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Transport
2. PS to Pr. Secretary-cum-Commissioner (Transport/ Chairman DTIDC).
3. PS to CMD (DTC)
4. PS to Spl Commissioner (Tpt.)
5. All Addl. Commissioners/Jt. Commissioner/ Dy. Commissioners.
6. Inspector STA for pasting on Notice Board
7. Guard file
8. Private Stage Carriage Operators' Associations