# PROCEEDINGS OF THE 297<sup>th</sup> VIRTUAL MEETING OF STA, ODISHA HELD ON 26.08.2022 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shri Arun Bothra, IPS
 Transport Commissioner, Odisha ... ... Chairman

2. Shri Somit Mitra ... Member

3. Shri Brajabandhu Bhol, OAS(SS)
Secretary, STA. ... Member

4. Shri Kishore Chandra Das ... Member · Joint Secretary to Government Commerce and Transport (Tr) Dept.

At the outset the Chairman, STA welcomed all the members of the STA to the  $297^{\text{th}}$  virtual meeting of STA.

The proceeding of 296<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting of State Transport Authority held on 07.04.2022 circulated among all the members vide this office memo No.6162/TC, dated 09.05.2022 is confirmed.

Action taken by Chairman, STA, Secretary, STA and Deputy Secretary, STA as per delegation of powers by STA for the period from 07.04.2022 to 25.08.2022 are approved.

### 1- INTER-STATE ROUTES (SINGLE APPLICATIONS)

### ITEM NO.1.1:- JAMBUDEEP TO RASALPUR VIA.JALESWAR AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Jambudeep to Rasalpur Via.Jaleswar and back, Sri Sukanta Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OD05BG-8602 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant Sri Sukanta Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OD05BG-8602 is absent on call. This is single application. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.



As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Sukanta Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OD05BG-8602 in the interstate route Jambudeep to Rasalpur via.Jaleswar & back to perform one single trip daily for a period of five years, as Express service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

# ITEM NO.1.2:-KHARIAR TO RAIPUR VIA.BHAWANIPATNA, KHARIAR ROAD, MAHASAMUND AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Khariar to Raipur via.Bhawanipatna, Khariar Road, Mahasamund & back, owner of vehicle No.OD18J-2804 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Tarun Chandra Hota**, owner of vehicle No.**OD18J-2804** is represented by Advocate Shri J.N. Mohanty. This is single application. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Tarun Chandra Hota, owner of vehicle No.OD18J-2804 in the interstate route Khariar to Raipur via. Bhawanipatna, Khariar Road, Mahasamund & back to perform one single trip daily for a period of five years, as Express service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, Chhatisgarh. The permit holder will get the permit

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countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

### ITEM NO.1.3:- SAMBALPUR TO RAIPUR VIA.SOHELA, SARAIPALI AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Sambalpur to Raipur Via. Sohela, Saraipali and back, owner of vehicle No.OD15U-5353 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant Sri Amit Kumar Pasayat, owner of vehicle No.OD15U-5353 is represented by Advocate Shri B.N. Prasad. This is single application. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

Upon scrutiny of the above application as applied by the applicant Sri Amit Kumar Pasayat it is found that, he has submitted Annexure-A & B disclosing that he is the owner of vehicle No.OD15U-5353 & OD15L-2626 suppressing the fact that he owns one more vehicle i.e.OR15M-4472.

The STA after due deliberation decided to reject the application filed by Sri Amit Kumar Pasayat, owner of vehicle No.OD15U-5353 for suppression of fact and submitting wrong information in Annexure-A & B and to notify the route in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public.

### ITEM NO.1.4:- KANTABANJI TO RAIPUR VIA.KHARIAR ROAD AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website on 10.08.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Kantabanji to Raipur Via. Khariar Road and back, owner of vehicle No.**OD18J-2804** filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Tarun Chandra Hota**, owner of vehicle No.**OD18J-2804** is represented by Advocate Shri J.N. Mohanty. This is single application. He has submitted self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

Sri Mohanty, Advocate stated that the applicant wants to withdraw the application which is rejected as withdrawn and to notify the route in website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit to the deserving stage carriage owner in the interest of commuting public.

# ITEM NO.1.5:- PARADEEP TO DIGHA VIA.CUTTACK, CHANDIKHOL, BALASORE, JALESWAR, CHANDANESWAR AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Paradeep to Digha Via.Cuttack, Chandikhol, Balasore, Jaleswar, Chandaneswar and back, owner of vehicle No.OR05AJ-1149 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Sudarsan Prusty**, owner of vehicle No.**OR05AJ-1149** is represented by Advocate Shri A.K. Behera. This is single application. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Sudarsan Prusty, owner of vehicle No.OR05AJ-1149 in the interstate route Paradeep to Digha Via.Cuttack, Chandikhol, Balasore, Jaleswar, Chandaneswar and back to perform two single trips daily for a period of five years, as deluxe service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

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## ITEM NO.1.6:- KHEJURI TO AMBIKI VIA.CONTAI, EGRA, SOLEPETA, BALASORE, CHANDIKHOL AND BACK.

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Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route **Khejuri** to Ambiki Via.Contai, Egra, Solepeta, Balasore, Chandikhol and back, owner of vehicle No.OR05AJ-1149 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Sudarsan Prusty**, owner of vehicle No.**OR05AJ-1149** is represented by Advocate Shri A.K. Behera. This is single application. He has submitted self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

Sri Behera, Advocate stated that the applicant wants to withdraw the application which is rejected as withdrawn and to notify the route in website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit to the deserving stage carriage owner in the interest of commuting public.

### ITEM NO.1.7:- GUMLA TO BARIPADA VIA.SISAI, RANCHI, TATA, RAIRANGPUR, TIRING AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route **Gumla** To Baripada via.Sisai, Ranchi, Tata, Rairangpur, Tiring and back, owner of vehicle No. **OD11S-9646** filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant Arnav Travels, Prop. Uma Shankar Pradhan, owner of vehicle No.OD11S-9646 is represented by Advocate Shri Sabyasachi Mishra. This is a single application. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

Advocate, Shri H.P. Mohanty has filed an objection on behalf of Sri Arun Kumar Agrawala, owner of vehicle No.OD09D-8956, OR11J-3163 and OD11E-6021. He has stated that, the proprietor Sri Uma Shankar Pradhan of Arnav Travels is a permanent resident of Bahargora situated in Jharkhand State and the vehicle OD11S-9646 has

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been registered in Mayurbhanj giving a temporary address without any documentary evidence of residency. He has further stated that, the timings will clash with the timings of vehicles mentioned above.

The objection raised by advocate for objector regarding residency of the applicant is required to be examined by the office. Applicant will produce the necessary documents to establish that he is the permanent resident of Odisha. In course of the day. Timing of above route was not published in the website.

It was decided to defer the matter to the next STA meeting.

### ITEM NO.1.8:- BARIPADA TO CHATRA VIA.JAMSOLA, TATA, RANCHI AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Baripada to Chatra Via. Jamsola, Tata, Ranchi and back, owner of vehicle No.OD11S-9646 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Arnav Travels, Prop.Uma Shankar Pradhan**, owner of vehicle No.**OD11S-9646** is represented by Shri Sabyasachi Mishra. This is a single application. He has submitted self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

Sri Mishra, Advocate stated that the applicant wants to withdraw the application which is rejected as withdrawn and to notify the route in website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit to the deserving stage carriage owner in the interest of commuting public.

### ITEM NO.1.9:- BALIAPAL TO KOLKATA VIA.LAXMANNATH AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route **Baliapal** to Kolkata Via.Laxmannath and back, owner of vehicle No.OR11L-0339 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Smt. Alpana Das**, owner of vehicle No.**OR11L-0339** is absent on call. This is a single application. She has submitted Solvency certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

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She has stated in her declaration that she is the owner of two other vehicles OD11H-3339 & OD11V-3339. As per VAHAN data, one E-challan No.OR98447220403004156 dated 03.04.2022 has been drawn against vehicle OD11V-3339 of applicant drawn U/s.192 (A) of M.V. Act, 1988 for plying without permit and violating permit conditions.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Smt. Alpana Das, owner of vehicle No.OR11L-0339 in the interstate route Baliapal to Kolkata Via. Laxmannath and back to perform one trip daily for a period of five years, as Deluxe A.C. Sleeper service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

### ITEM NO.1.10:- PARADEEP TO HALADIA VIA JALESWAR, EGRA, CONTAI AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Paradeep to Haladia Via Jaleswar, Egra, Contai and back, owner of vehicle No.OR22F-2367 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Jayadev Saha**, owner of vehicle No.**OR22F-2367** is absent on call. This is a single application. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Jayadev Saha, owner of vehicle No.OR22F-2367 in the interstate route Paradeep to Haladia via. Jaleswar, Egra, Contai and back to perform one round trip daily for a period of five years, as express service subject to verification of original documents

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submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

# ITEM NO.1.11:- CHANDINIPAL TO KHEJURI VIA.BALASORE, JALESWAR, CHANDANESWAR, DIGHA, CONTALAND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Chandinipal to Khejuri Via.Balasore, Jaleswar, Chandaneswar, Digha, Contai and Back, owner of vehicle No.OD11-2615 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant Smt. Saswati Das, owner of vehicle No.OD11-2615 is represented by Sri H.P. Mohanty. This is a single application. She has submitted Solvency Certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

There After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Smt. Saswati Das, owner of vehicle No.OD11-2615 in the interstate route Chandinipal to Khejuri Via.Balasore, Jaleswar, Chandaneswar, Digha, Contai and back to perform two single trips daily for a period of five years, as Deluxe service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

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# ITEM NO.1.12:- BARIPADA TO BOKARO VIA.RAIRANGPUR, TIRING, PURULIA, TATA AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Baripada to Bokaro via.Rairangpur, Tiring, Purulia, Tata and back, owner of vehicle No. OD11X-7551 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant Smt. Nisha Patra, owner of vehicle No.OD11X-7551 is represented by Advocate Shri Sabyasachi Mishra. This is a single application. She has submitted Solvency Certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

Advocate, Shri H.P. Mohanty has filed an objection on behalf of Sri Arun Kumar Agrawala, owner of vehicle No.OD09D-8956, OR11J-3163 and OD11E-6021 regarding clash of timing. He has requested to be heard before allotment of timing.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Smt. Nisha Patra, owner of vehicle No.OD11X-7551 in the interstate route Baripada to Bokaro via.Rairangpur, Tiring, Purulia, Tata and back to perform one single trip daily for a period of five years, as AC Deluxe service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, Jharkhand. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration. Timing will be issued after considering objection filed by Sri Arun Kumar Agarwalla.

# ITEM NO.1.13:- BHADRAK TO RAIPUR VIA.KEONJHAR, LOHARCHATI AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route

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Bhadrak to Raipur Via.Keonjhar, Loharchati and back, owner of vehicle No.OR05AN-3199 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Satya Narayan Das**, owner of vehicle No.**OR05AN-3199** is represented by Shri Sabyasachi Mishra. This is a single application. He has submitted Solvency Certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Satya Narayan Das, owner of vehicle No.OR05AN-3199 in the interstate route Bhadrak to Raipur Via.Keonjhar, Loharchati and back to perform one single trip daily for a period of five years, as Deluxe service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, Chhatisgarh. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

#### ITEM NO.1.14: KIRIBURU TO TATA VIA.CHAIBASA AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route **Kiriburu** to Tata via. Chaibasa and back, owner of vehicle No.OD11W-6255 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Binod Kar**, owner of vehicle No.**OD11W-6255** is absent on call. This is a single application. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

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Advocate, Shri Sabyasachi Mishra has filed an objection on behalf of Shri Bholanath Mohanta, owner of vehicle No.OD19C-2918. He stated that the applied route has not been notified in website which is not a fact. The route has been notified on 17.08.2022 in the official website.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Binod Kar, owner of vehicle No.OD11W-6255 in the interstate route Kiriburu to Tata via. Chaibasa and back to perform one round trip daily for a period of five years, as ordinary service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, Jharkhand. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

# ITEM NO.1.15:- MADHAKHALI TO BALASORE VIA.SOLEPETA, EGRA, JALESWAR AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Madhakhali to Balasore via.Chandaneswar, Digha & back, owner of vehicle No.OD01A-3898 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant Nasima Bano, owner of vehicle No.OD01A-3898 is represented by Advocate K. Mahammad. This is a single application. She has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

Advocate, Shri Sabyasachi Mishra has filed an objection on behalf of Shri Manoranjan Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OR01W-0699. He stated that the route is not vacant. He has stated that the proceeding of the 294<sup>th</sup> STA meeting (Item 2.4) held on 17.8.2021 may be perused.

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On verification of the proceedings of 294<sup>th</sup> STA meeting, the route Madhakhali to Balasore via.Chandaneswar, Digha & back has already been granted in favour of Smt. Basanti Manjari Das in respect of vehicle No.OD01AG-4733 valid from 20.06.2018 to 19.06.2023. In the present case the applicant Nasima Bano has applied for grant of permanent permit on the route Madhakhali to Balasore via.Solepeta, Egra, Jaleswar which is placed vide SI No.29 of the Interstate vacant routes between Odisha and West Bengal wherein STA, Odisha has to grant four permits with eight trips daily covering a distance of 75 Kms in Odisha and 93 Kms in West Bengal as Ordinary service. The route is lying vacant.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Nasima Bano, owner of vehicle No.OD01A-3898 in the interstate route Madhakhali to Balasore via.Solepeta, Egra, Jaleswar and back to perform two single trips daily for a period of five years, as Ordinary service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

### ITEM NO.1.16:- ROURKELA TO RAIGARH VIA.JHARSUGUDA AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Rourkela to Raigarh via.Jharsuguda and back, owner of vehicle No.OD23J-5769 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Bijaya Kumar Sahoo**, owner of vehicle No.**OD23J-5769** is represented by Advocate Shri J.N. Mohanty. This is a single application. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

Advocate, Shri H.P. Mohanty has filed an objection on behalf of Shri Gyana Ranjan Hota, owner of vehicle No.OR16D-9042. He stated that the applicant has no objection for grant of PP. But timing is not showing in website.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Bijaya Kumar Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OD23J-5769 in the interstate route Rourkela to Raigarh via.Jharsuguda and back to perform one single trip daily for a period of five years, as Ordinary service subject to verification of timings and original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, Chhatisgarh. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

# ITEM NO.1.17:- BARPALI TO RAIPUR VIA.BARGARH, LUHARCHATI, BASANA, ARANGA AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Barpali to Raipur via.Bargarh, Luharchati, Basana, Aranga and back, owner of vehicle No. OD14G-0369 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Bijaya Kumar Mahapatra**, owner of vehicle No.**OD14G-0369** is represented by Advocate Shri J.N. Mohanty. This is a single application. He has submitted Solvency Certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Bijaya Kumar Mahapatra, owner of vehicle No.OD14G-0369 in the interstate route Barpali to Raipur via.Bargarh, Luharchati, Basana, Aranga and back to perform two single trips daily for a period of five years, as Deluxe service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, Chhatisgarh. The permit holder will get the permit

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countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

### ITEM NO.1.18:- ANGUL TO KHEJURI VIA.JALESWAR, CONTAI AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route **Angul to Khejuri via.Jaleswar, Contai and back**, owner of vehicle No.**OD02Z-6757** filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Satya Ranjan Sahoo**, owner of vehicle No.**OD02Z-6757** is represented by Advocate Shri H.P. Mohanty. This is a single application. He has submitted Solvency Certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B. He has submitted the Insurance Certificate in respect of above mentioned vehicle which is valid till 18.03.2023.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Satya Ranjan Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OD02Z-6757 in the interstate route Angul to Khejuri via.Jaleswar, Contai and back to perform one single trip daily for a period of five years, as Deluxe AC Sleeper service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

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# ITEM NO.1.19:- BERHAMPUR TO RAIPUR VIA.BHAWANIPATNA, KHARIAR ROAD, MAHASAMUND, ARANGA AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Berhampur to Raipur via.Bhawanipatna, Khariar Road, Mahasamund, Aranga and back, owner of vehicle No. OD07F-8191 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Manas Ranjan Pattnaik**, owner of vehicle No.**OD07F-8191** is represented by Advocate Shri M.B.K. Rao. This is a single application. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Manas Ranjan Pattnaik, owner of vehicle No.OD07F-8191 in the interstate route Berhampur to Raipur via.Bhawanipatna, Khariar Road, Mahasamund, Aranga and back to perform one single trip daily for a period of five years, as Deluxe service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, Chhatisgarh. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

# ITEM NO.1.20:- BERHAMPUR TO RAIPUR VIA.BHAWANIPATNA, KHARIAR ROAD, MAHASAMUND, ARANGA AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Berhampur to Raipur via.Bhawanipatna, Khariar Road, Mahasamund, Aranga and

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back, owner of vehicle No. OD07F-9181 filed application for grant of permit in the aforesaid route.

Applicant **Sri Manas Ranjan Pattnaik**, owner of vehicle No.**OD07F-9181** is represented by Advocate Shri M.B.K. Rao. This is a single application. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Manas Ranjan Pattnaik, owner of vehicle No.OD07F-9181 in the interstate route Berhampur to Raipur via. Bhawanipatna, Khariar Road, Mahasamund, Aranga and back to perform one single trip daily for a period of five years, as Deluxe service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, Chhatisgarh. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

### 2- INTER-STATE ROUTES (MULTI APPLICATIONS)

# ITEM NO.2.1:- DHAMARA TO CONTAI VIA.BASUDEVPUR, ANANTAPUR, EGRA GOPALPUR, BALASORE, JALESWAR, SOLEPETA AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Dhamara to Contai via.Basudevpur, Anantapur, Egra Gopalpur, Balasore, Jaleswar, Solepeta and back.

Following applicants are filed application for grant of permanent permit in aforesaid route.

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- 1- Sri Ashok Kumar Das, owner of vehicle No.OR01R-5116.
- 2- Smt. Saswati Das, owner of vehicle No.OD02R-7499.

Applicant **Sri Ashok Kumar Das,** owner of vehicle No.**OR01R-5116** is represented by Advocate Shri H.P. Mohanty. He has submitted Solvency Certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B. He stated that applicant wants to withdraw his application which is rejected as withdrawn.

Applicant **Smt. Saswati Das**, owner of vehicle No.**OD02R-7499** is represented by Advocate Shri H.P. Mohanty. She has submitted Solvency Certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage OD02R-7499 owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Smt. Saswati Das, owner of vehicle No.OD02R-7499 in the interstate route Dhamara to Contai via.Basudevpur, Anantapur, Egra Gopalpur, Balasore, Jaleswar, Solepeta and back to perform two single trips daily for a period of five years, as Deluxe service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

# ITEM NO.2.2:- BHUBANESWAR TO BAJKUL VIA.BALASORE, JALESWAR, LAXMANNATH, BELDA, EGRA, BHAGABANPUR AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Bhubaneswar to Bajkul via.Balasore, Jaleswar, Laxmannath, Belda, Egra, Bhagabanpur & back.

Following applicants are filed application for grant of permanent permit in aforesaid route.

- 1- Sri Sarbeswar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OR11K-8661
- 2- Sri Abinash Bhanja, owner of vehicle No.OD05BE-9472
- 3- Sri Abinash Bhanja, owner of vehicle No.OD05BG-9499
- 4- Sri Arup Kumar Das, owner of vehicle No.OD11M-7200

Applicant Shri Sarbeswar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OR11K-8661 is represented by Advocate Shri P.K. Nanda. **Applicant has not submitted the solvency certificate.** 

Financial stability of applicant cannot be adjudged in absence of Solvency Certificate / Bank Guarantee as required under Section 71 (3) (d) (i) of M.V Act, 1988.

The STA after due deliberation decided to reject the application filed by Shri Sarbeswar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OR11K-8661 for non-submission of Solvency Certificate / Bank Guarantee.

Applicant Shri Abinash Bhanja, owner of vehicle No.OD05BE-9472 & OD05BG-9499 is present. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B in respect of both the applications.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under Section 192-A of MV Act 1988 against above stage carriages owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

Applicant Shri Arup Kumar Das, owner of vehicle No.OD11M-7200 is absent. He has submitted Solvency Certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under Section 192-A of MV Act 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, **Sri Abinash Bhanja**, owner of vehicle No.**OD05BE-9472** secured 20 marks.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, **Sri Abinash Bhanja**, owner of vehicle No.**OD05BG-9499** secured 20 marks.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, **Sri Arup Kumar Das**, owner of vehicle No.OD11M-7200 secured 35 marks.

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After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Shri Arup Kumar Das, owner of vehicle No.OD11M-7200 in the interstate route Bhubaneswar to Bajkul via.Balasore, Jaleswar, Laxmannath, Belda, Egra, Bhagabanpur & back to perform one single trip daily for a period of five years, as AC Deluxe Sleeper service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

# ITEM NO.2.3:- BHUBANESWAR TO NANDAKUMAR VIA.LAXMANNATH, EGRA, BAJKUL AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website and daily odia newspaper "The Samaj" and English Newspaper "The Times of India" on 30.07.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Bhubaneswar to Nandakumar via.Laxmannath, Egra, Bajkul & back.

The vacancy arose due to non-lifting of permanent permit granted in 289<sup>th</sup> STA meeting in respect of vehicle No.**OD05AH-0015**.

Following applications are received for grant of permanent permit in the aforesaid route.

- 1- Sri Sarbeswar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OR11K-8661
- 2- Sri Ratikanta Parida, owner of vehicle No.OD08H-3588
- 3- Sri Abinash Bhanja, owner of vehicle No.OD05BE-9472

Applicant **Shri Sarbeswar Mishra**, owner of vehicle No.**OR11K-8661** is represented by Advocate Shri P.K. Nanda. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B in the application.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under Section 192-A of MV Act 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

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Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, **Sri Sarbeswar Mishra**, owner of vehicle No.**OR11K-8661** secured 35 marks.

Applicant **Shri Ratikanta Parida**, owner of vehicle No.**OD08H-3588** is represented by Advocate Shri H.P. Mohanty. He has submitted Solvency Certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B in the application.

As per VAHAN data, three e-challans vide E-challan No.OR64822220607233254, dated 07.06.2022, No.OR98447220403001247, dated 03.04.2022 & No.OR9804220507182556, dated 07.05.2022 have been drawn against vehicle OR22G-2777, OR22D-2777 & OD22K-7727 of applicant drawn U/s.192(A) of M.V. Act, 1988 for plying without permit and violating permit conditions.

As per decision taken in 291<sup>st</sup> STA meeting, five marks for each e-challan shall be deducted. Accordingly, 15 marks to be deducted out of total marks secured by the applicant Ratikanta Parida.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, after deducting 15 marks, **Shri Ratikanta Parida**, owner of vehicle No.**OD08H-3588** secured **20 marks**. Besides his past performance as stage carriage operator is not satisfactory.

Applicant **Shri Abinash Bhanja**, owner of vehicle No.OD05BE-9472 is absent on call. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B in the application.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, **Shri Sarbeswar Mishra**, owner of vehicle No.**OR11K-8661** secured **35 marks**.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Shri Sarbeswar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OR11K-8661 in the interstate route Bhubaneswar to Nandakumar via.Laxmannath, Egra, Bajkul and back to perform one single trip daily for a period of five years, as AC Deluxe Sleeper service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be

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ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

### ITEM NO.2.4:- BHUBANESWAR TO CHINSURAH VIA.LAXMANNATH AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website on 10.08.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route **Bhubaneswar to Chinsurah via. Laxmannath** & back which is notified vide SI. No.02 of notification.

Following applications are received for grant of permanent permit in the aforesaid route.

- 1- Shri Sapan Kumar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OD02BV-6161
- 2- Shri Mahendra Nath Behera, owner of vehicle No.OD11R-4661
- 3- Sri Sarbeswar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OR11K-8661

Applicant Shri Sapan Kumar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OD02BV-6161 is present. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under Section 192-A of MV Act 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

Applicant Shri Mahendra Nath Behera, owner of vehicle No.OD11R-4661 is represented by Advocate Shri Indrajit Pal Babu. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B. Insurance is valid up to 26.08.2023. On the date of consideration of his application Insurance Certificate was not valid. He had obtained Insurance Certificate on 27.08.2022 which was valid till 26.08.2023.

Upon scrutiny of the above application as applied by the applicant Shri Mahendra Nath Behera it is found that, he has submitted Annexure-A & B disclosing that he is the owner of vehicle No.OR11G-4661 & OD11R-4661 and suppressing the fact that he owns more one more vehicle i.e.OR11H-5888.

The STA after due deliberation decided to reject the application filed by Shri Mahendra Nath Behera, owner of vehicle No.OD11R-4661 for suppression of fact and submitting wrong information in Annexure-A & B and the fact that there was no Insurance Certificate valid on the date of consideration of application.

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Applicant Sri Sarbeswar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OR11K-8661 is represented by Advocate Shri P.K. Nanda. He has submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

Upon scrutiny of the above application of Sri Sarbeswar Mishra it is found that, he has submitted Annexure-A & B disclosing that he is the owner of vehicle No.OD11R-1761, OR11H-2261 & OR11K-8661 and suppressing the fact that he owns more one more vehicle i.e.OR11F-7561.

The STA after due deliberation decided to reject the application filed by Sri Sarbeswar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OR11K-8661 for suppression of fact and submitting wrong information in Annexure-A & B.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Shri Sapan Kumar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OD02BV-6161 in the interstate route Bhubaneswar to Chinsurah via. Laxmannath and back to perform one single trip daily for a period of five years, as Deluxe AC Sleeper service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal. The permit holder will get the permit countersigned within 90 days failing which the permit is liable to be cancelled. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

# ITEM NO.2.5:- BERHAMPUR TO BHRAMARPUR, BERHAMPUR TO GUNDURA AND BERHAMPUR TO SUMANDI AND BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in website on 17.08.2022 and inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Berhampur to Bhramarpur, Berhampur to Gundura and Berhampur to Sumandi and back which is notified vide Sl. No.02 of notification.

Following applications are received for grant of permanent permit in the aforesaid route.

- 1- Shri Prasanta Kumar Jena, owner of vehicle No.OD04G-8584
- 2- Shri Ramesh Chandra Nayak, owner of vehicle No.OR02BR-6813

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Applicant Shri Prasanta Kumar Jena, owner of vehicle No.OD04G-8584 is present in person. He submitted to withdraw his application which is rejected as withdrawn.

Applicant Shri Ramesh Chandra Nayak, owner of vehicle No.OR02BR-6813 is absent. He has not submitted Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

Financial stability of applicant cannot be adjudged in absence of Solvency certificate / Bank Guarantee as required under Section 71 (3) (d) (i) of M.V Act, 1988.

The STA after due deliberation decided to reject the application filed by Shri Ramesh Chandra Nayak, owner of vehicle No.OR02BR-6813 and to notify the route in website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public.

### ITEM NO.3.1:- ROURKELA TO RAIGARH VIA.JHARSUGUDA AND BACK.

STA in its 296<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 07.04.2022 vide item No.2.13 had rejected the application for grant of permanent permit in favour of Sri Ratan Sarangie in respect of vehicle No.OD15G-2584 in the Interstate route Rourkela to Raigarh via. Jharsuguda & back. Sri Sarangi has filed petition before Chairman, STA to consider his application for grant of permanent permit in the aforesaid route.

Considering petition filed by Sri Sarangi, Chairman, STA has granted permanent permit in favour of Sri Ratan Sarangi in respect of the above mentioned vehicle to operate on the Interstate route Rourkela to Raigarh via. Jharsuguda as per the terms of the Reciprocal Transport Agreement to conduct single trip a day. This proposal is approved.

### ITEM NO.3.2:- NARSINGHPUR TO KOLKATA VIA.JAMSOLA AND BACK.

Heard Sri M.B.K. Rao, Advocate for Sri Gajendra Nayak, owner of vehicle No.OD01AM-3166, Sri H. P. Mohanty, Advocate for Sri Satya Ranjan Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OD02AA-7857, Sri Indrajit Pal Babu, Advocate for Sri Mahendra Nath Behera, owner of vehicle No.OD11R-4661 and Sri J. Pal, Advocate for Sri Madan Mohan Sahoo, owner of vehicle OD05AJ-8529.

Sri J. Pal, Advocate submitted that the matter is subjudice before Hon'ble STAT.

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The matter was placed in the 296<sup>th</sup> STA meeting and decision deferred. Since the matter is pending before Hon'ble STAT, it was resolved to defer the matter to next meeting.

### ITEM NO.3.3:- NARSINGHPUR TO KOLKATA VIA.JAMSOLA AND BACK.

Heard Sri J. Pal, Advocate for Sri Sidhartha Kumar Sahoo, owner of vehicle OD05AP-6346. He submitted that the matter is subjudice before Hon'ble STAT.

The matter was placed in the 296<sup>th</sup> STA meeting and decision deferred. Since the matter is pending before Hon'ble STAT, it was resolved to defer the matter to next meeting.

### ITEM NO.3.4:- PURI TO KOLKATA VIA.LAXMANNATH AND BACK.

Heard Sri J. Pal, Advocate for Sidhartha Kumar Sahoo, owner of vehicle OR05AP-6346. He submitted that the matter is subjudice before Hon'ble STAT.

The matter was placed in the 296<sup>th</sup> STA meeting and decision deferred. Since the matter is pending before Hon'ble STAT, it was resolved to defer the matter to next meeting.

### ITEM NO.3.5:- JHARADIHI TO SAREIKALA VIA.TATA, TIRING AND BACK.

Learned Advocate Sri Sabyasachi Mishra on behalf of Smt. Nisha Patra, owner of vehicle OD11X-7551 has filed an application regarding withdrawal of application filed for grant of permanent permit on the above mentioned route which is rejected as withdrawn. It was resolved to notify the route in website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public.

### ITEM NO.3.6:- PATNAGARH TO RAIPUR VIA.PADMAPUR, KHARIAR AND BACK.

STA in its 296<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 07.04.2022 had granted permanent permit in favour of Smt. Kalpana Badapanda, owner of vehicle No.OD17A-9244 and Sri Samarendra Kumar Panda, owner of vehicle No.OD17Q-5568 to operate on the Interstate route Patnagarh to Raipur via.Padmapur, Khariar to perform one single trip daily each vehicle.

As both the grantees did not lift the permits so granted to them, within the stipulated date, it was resolved to revoke the grant order and to notify the route in website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public.

### INTER-REGION SURRENDER ROUTES (SINGLE APPLICATION)

ITEM NO.32:- BARBIL TO JHARSUGUDA VIA- KEONJHAR, DEOGARH AND BACK.

Applicant **Sri Ashuin Mohanti**, owner of vehicle No.**OD05E-6277** is represented by Advocate Shri H.P. Mohanty. He has submitted Bank guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-Challan drawn under section 192-A of M.V. Act, 1988 against above stage carriage owned by the applicant within one year prior to date of consideration of present application.

After due deliberation it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Ashuin Mohanti, owner of vehicle No.OD05E-6277 in the route BARBIL TO JHARSUGUDA VIA- KEONJHAR, DEOGARH AND BACK to perform for a period of five years, as Deluxe service subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of thirty days from the date of communication failing which the grant order shall deem to be revoked. Before issue of permit, tax payment position, audit and e-challan clearance should be obtained and it should be ensured that the vehicle was not off-road on the date of application and on the date of consideration.

### ITEM NO.33:- CUTTACK TO JEYPORE VIA-GUMUDA, RAYAGADA AND BACK

Applicant **Sri Sapan Kumar Mishra**, owner of vehicle No.**OD02BV-6161** is appeared in person. He has submitted self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

Applicant stated that the he wants to withdraw his application which is rejected as withdrawn and to notify the route in website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public.

### ITEM NO.34:- BHUBANESWAR TO NAYAGARH AND BACK TWO RT DAILY

Applicant Saifuddin Mallik, owner of vehicle No.OD25-6465 is represented by Advocate Shri Sabyasachi Mishra. He has submitted solvency certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

It was found that the route was not notified in the website in order to provide equal opportunity and fair play to all intending applicants. After due deliberation, it was

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resolved to notify the route in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public. Application filed by the above applicant will be considered along with applications that may be received pursuant to notification on merit.

### INTER REGION ROUTE (CASE MATTER).

ITEM NO.35:- CANCELLATION OF PERMANENT PERMIT BEARING NO-709(R)/2017 ON THE ROUTE LAIKERA TO ROURKELA IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE OR16D-1955 IN FAVOUR OF MD. KAYUM.

Heard Md. Uddin, power of attorney holder of Md. Kayum, owner of vehicle OR16D-1955.

P.P No-709(R)/2017 was granted to Md. Kayum in respect of vehicle no.OR16D-1955 on the route Laikera to Rourkela via- Sundergarh which is valid till 10.10.2022 w.e.f. 11.10.2017. Reportedly the vehicle was kept off road from 01.08.2017 to 31.10.2017, 01.11.2017 to 31.03.2017, 01.04.2018 to 30.09.2018, 01.10.2018 to 31.03.2019, 01.04.2019 to 30.09.2019, 01.10.2019 to 31.03.2020, 01.04.2020 to 31.09.2020 and 01.10.2021 to 31.03.2021. In other words the vehicle was kept off road from 01.08.2017 to 31.03.2021 i.e. three years and eight months even it was under off road at the time of renewal of permit No.709-R/2017 on 11.10.2017 during validity of permit and not operated in the given route causing inconvenience to travelling public. Notice to show cause was issued vide letter No.1494 dated 03.02.2021 by Speed Post to the permit holder as to why said permit shall not be cancelled.

The STA in 264<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31.01.2012 decided that:-

### "ITEM NO - 3 POLICY DECISIONS:

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b) It is noticed that after obtaining permanent / temporary permit, holder of permits declaring the vehicles off road for months together, not operating in the given route which frustrates very purpose of grant of permit and thereby causing inconvenience to the traveling public. Keeping in view the interest of commuting public, after due deliberation it was resolved that, if a vehicle is continuously declared off-road for more than six months, it will be presumed that either the vehicle is so badly damaged that it cannot be repaired or the operator does not have adequate financial

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resources to get the vehicle repaired. In such a cases, if the vehicle is covered under permit and the vehicle, covered in it is declared off-road for more than three months and less than six months, the route will be notified. If the vehicle is operating under Permanent Permit and declared off road for more than six months it will be deemed that his performance as a stage carriage operator is not satisfactory. In such event, the P.P. so granted is to be suspended / cancelled following procedure laid down under section 86 of M.V. Act, 1988."

The STA in 291st meeting held on 19.02.2020 resolved the following.

### "1.2 RENEWAL / CANCELLATION OF STAGE CARRIAGE PERMIT.

It was brought to the notice of STA that after availing permanent stage carriage permit, some of the permit holders are (1) not operating the bus in the given route and timing, (2) kept the vehicle off road for more than one year causing disruption of service which is detrimental to commuting public and (3) not paying tax due.

In order to prevent such type of non-operation of bus services and keeping in view interest of travelling public, it was resolved that:

(i) Where the vehicle for which permanent stage carriage permit was issued in a route / routes had been declared off road for a period of one year during currency of permit in different spells, renewal of such permit shall not be considered. Besides, steps will also be taken for cancellation of permit before its expiry under Section 86 of M.V. Act, 1988. The permit holder will furnish / upload self-declaration in **Annexure-C** at the time of making application for renewal of permit."

It is not disputed that his vehicle was under off road did not operate in the given route from 01.08.2017 to 31.03.2021 i.e. three years and eight months causing inconvenience to travelling public. The permit holder also did not intimate the STA about non-operation of bus from 01.08.2017 to 31.03.2021 as required under rule 75 (3) of OMV Rules, 1993.

Under the statute, it is the STA to look after the convenience of travelling public commuting from LAIKERA to ROURKELA for which permit was grated to petitioner considering volume of traffic in the said route. Non-plying of bus by the petitioner for more than three years is bound to cause inconvenience to travelling public. The commuting public had suffered a lot due to non-operation of bus by the petitioner from

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01.08.2017 to 31.03.2021. For such deficiency in providing serviced to public by the petitioner, his conduct as stage carriage operator found to be not satisfactory.

The permit holder did not operate his vehicle from 01.08.2017 to 31.03.2021 i.e. more than three years without intimating the fact of non-operation of his vehicle to STA violating permit conditions for which the permit is liable to be cancelled under Section 86 (1) (a) of M.V. Act, 1988. The members of STA, after due deliberation, are of the view that the permit holder has failed to operate the bus in the given route for more than three years and thereby violated permit condition. Decision of STA to cancel the permit due to non operation is squarely applicable to the present case.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, provisions of law and decision taken by STA in 264<sup>th</sup> and 291<sup>st</sup> meetings, in exercise of powers under Section 86 (1) (a) of M.V. Act, 1988, it was resolved to cancel the permanent permit No.709-R/2017 issued to Md. Kayum, owner of vehicle OR16D-1955 in the route **LAIKERA** to **ROURKELA** for violating permit conditions. It was resolved that the route be notified in website of STA inviting applications for grant of permanent permit from deserving stage carriage operator.

# ITEM NO.36:-CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PERMIT IN THE ROUTE BHUBANESWAR TO KANDIA AND BACK IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO.OR11G-7595.

Heard Mr. K. Mohammad, Advocate applicant Aftab Alam, owner of vehicle OR11G-7595 is represented by Advocate Mr. K. Mohammad Aftab. Alam has filed application for grant of temporary permit on dated 10.01.2021 in respect of vehicle no.OR11G-7595 on the route Bhubaneswar to Kandia and back which was placed in the permit committee meeting held on- 04.08.2021 item no- 279. Application of Aftab Alam was not considered on the ground that the timing of route Bhubaneswar / Cuttack – Jajpur is under rationalisation.

Being aggrieved Aftab Alam filed W.P. (C) No.8042 of 2022 which was disposed of on 08.04.2022 with direction to STA that the rationalization process which is going on, the same shall be finalized within a period of six months hence and after rationalization of the same, invite applications and in that event, the petitioner may approach the authority for grant of route permit. It is open to the petitioner to apply for temporary permit and the authority concerned on receipt of such application, may dispose of the same in accordance with law.

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From records it is found that rationalisation of timing in respect of stage carriages operating in the route Bhubaneswar / Cuttack to Jajpur-Bari-Bandhadiha was finalised by STA and decided to implement w.e.f. 06.04.2021 and hosted in the website vide office order No.4246 dated 31.03.2021. That due to objections filed by Secretary Zone-6, All Odisha Bus Owners' Association, Govt. in Commerce and Transport Dept. vide letter No.3519 dated 05.04.2021 requested to defer implementation of rationalised timing. And in compliance to the Govt. instructions it was postponed vide office order No.4330 dated 05.04.2021. The route applied for by the petitioner Aftab Alam covers the route Bhubaneswar / Cuttack – Jajpur-Bari-Bandhadiha.

It is decided that steps may be taken to implement the rationalised timing in the route Bhubaneswar / Cuttack – Jajpur immediately as directed by Hon'ble High Court.

After due deliberation it was decided to grant temporary permit for 119 days in favour of Aftab Alam, owner of vehicle OR11G-7595 in the route Bhubaneswar to Kandia as ordinary service to perform two trips daily in slot No.13 in up trip and slot No.133 in down trip in the interest of travelling public. The applicant shall file application for grant of permanent permit before expiry of the temporary permit.

# ITEM NO.37:-CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMANENT PERMIT IN THE ROUTE NARSINGHPUR TO BHUBANESWAR IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO- OR05-6145.

Heard Sri S. Mishra, Advocate for Rajalaxmi Das and objector Sri Bichitra Ranjan Behera, owner of vehicle OD05AN-4249 in person through Video Conference.

Advocate Sri Mishra submitted that renewal permanent permit No.468-R/2016 was issued to Premananda Das, owner of the vehicle No.OR05T-6145 in the route Narasinghpur to Bhubaneswar via Athagarh which was valid from 25.08.2016 to 24.08.2021. The permit holder died on 04.05.2018. Rajalaxmi Das, wife of the permit holder has filed an application on dated 06.11.2021 for renewal of said permanent permit and to replace better model vehicle in place of OR05T-6145 in enclosing Xerox copy of death certificate of her husband, permit copy and copy of Aadhaar card. Rajalaxmi Das has filed an application on 28.02.2022 enclosing application fee for permanent permit renewal vide M.R. No.W1160896 dated 28.02.2022. She has filed W.P. (C) No.12599 of 2022 which was disposed of on 21.06.2022 with direction to STA to consider application of the petitioner under Annexure-4 for transfer of permit and substitution of higher model vehicle in accordance with law. He submitted that



permanent permit issued to Late Premananda Das may be transferred to name of his wife Rajalaxmi Das, permit may be renewed and vehicle OR05T-6145 may be replaced by OR04P-4856.

Sri Bichitra Nanda Behera, owner of vehicle OD05AN-4249 filed an objection on 22.04.2022 (objector) submits that permanent permit No.468(R)/2016 was issued to husband of the applicant in respect of vehicle OR05T-6145 which was valid from 25.08.2016 to 24.08.2021. Said permanent permit was surrendered on 25.06.2020 online which was accepted. Once a permanent permit was surrendered, it is to be cancelled and transfer of said permit cannot be effected. Husband of the applicant was died on 04.05.2018 whereas she has applied for transfer of permit on 04.04.2022 after lapse of three years and eleven months which may not be entertained. He submitted that application filed by Rajalaxmi Das for renewal of permit, replacement of vehicle and transfer of permit may be rejected.

On verification of records it reveals that permanent permit No.468-R/2016 was issued to Premananda Das, owner of vehicle OR05T-6145 to operate in the route Narsinghpur to Bhubaneswar via Athagarh which was valid from 25.08.2016 to 24.08.2021. Certificate of death issued by Cuttack Municipal Corporation discloses that Pramananda Das was died on 04.05.2018. Rajalaxmi Das has filed application on 06.11.2021 without any fee provided under Rule 52 (1) of OMV Rules.

From VAHAN data it reveals that vehicle OR05T-6145 was under off road from 01.12.2016 to 30.11.2017, 01.12.2017 to 31.03.2018, 01.04.2018 to 11.02.2019, (two years two months continuously) 01.03.2020 to 31.03.2020, 01.04.2020 to 30.09.2020, 01.10.2020 to 28.02.2021 and 01.03.2021 to 31.08.2021 (one year six months continuously). In all during the validity of permanent permit, the vehicle was not operated for three years and eight months causing inconvenience to travelling public. During lifetime of permit holder late Premananda Das, the vehicle was not operated for one year five months.

The STA in 264<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31.01.2012 decided that:-

### "ITEM NO - 3 POLICY DECISIONS:

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b) It is noticed that after obtaining permanent / temporary permit, holder of permits declaring the vehicles off road for months together, not operating in the given route which frustrates very purpose of grant of permit and thereby causing inconvenience to the traveling public. Keeping in view the interest of commuting public, after due deliberation it was resolved that, if a vehicle is continuously declared off-road for more than six months, it will be presumed that either the vehicle is so badly damaged that it cannot be repaired or the operator does not have adequate financial resources to get the vehicle repaired. In such a cases, if the vehicle is covered under permit and the vehicle, covered in it is declared off-road for more than three months and less than six months, the route will be notified. If the vehicle is operating under Permanent Permit and declared off road for more than six months it will be deemed that his performance as a stage carriage operator is not satisfactory. in such event, the P.P. so granted is to be suspended / cancelled following procedure laid down under section 86 of M.V. Act, 1988."

The STA in 291st meeting held on 19.02.2020 resolved the following.

### "1.2 RENEWAL / CANCELLATION OF STAGE CARRIAGE PERMIT.

It was brought to the notice of STA that after availing permanent stage carriage permit, some of the permit holders are (1) not operating the bus in the given route and timing, (2)kept the vehicle off road for more than one year causing disruption of service which is detrimental to commuting public and (3) not paying tax due.

In order to prevent such type of non-operation of bus services and keeping in view interest of travelling public, it was resolved that:

(i) Where the vehicle for which permanent stage carriage permit was issued in a route / routes had been declared off road for a period of one year during currency of permit in different spells, renewal of such permit shall not be considered. Besides, steps will also be taken for cancellation of permit before its expiry under Section 86 of M.V. Act, 1988. The permit holder will furnish / upload self-declaration in **Annexure-C** at the time of making application for renewal of permit."

Under the statute, it is the STA to look after the convenience of travelling public commuting from Narasinghpur to Bhubaneswar via. Athagarh for which permit was granted. Non-plying of bus for more than three years and eight months is bound to



cause inconvenience to travelling public. The commuting public had suffered a lot due to non-operation of bus.

The applicant Rajalaxmi Das has filed application for renewal of permit on 06.11.2021 i.e. two months and ten days after expiry of permanent permit issued to her husband Late Premananda Das without payment of applicant fee.

Under the statute, the STA has no power to renew the permanent permit in cases where the application for renewal of permit was filed after expiry of permit.

Section 81 (2) & (3) of M.V. Act, 1988 are quoted below for better appreciation.

- "(2) A permit may be renewed on an application made not less than fifteen days before the date of its expiry.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), the Regional Transport Authority or the State Transport Authority, as the case may be, may entertain an application for the renewal of a permit after the last date specified in that sub-section if it is satisfied that the applicant was prevented by goods and sufficient cause from making an application within the time specified."

On plain reading of provisions contained under Section 81 (2) of M.V. Act, 1988, it can be safely concluded that application for renewal of permit shall be filed "before the date of its expiry" which means the application for renewal of permit cannot be filed after expiry of permit which has been done in the present case. On conjoint reading of Sub-section (2) and (3) of Section 81 of M.V. Act, 1988, it can be safely concluded that in cases where the application for renewal of permit is made after fifteen days of specified date mentioned in sub-section (2) and before expiry of permit, same can be considered under Sub-section (3) if the transport authority is satisfied that the applicant was prevented by good and sufficient cause from making an application within the time specified under Sub-Section (2). In no case application for renewal of permit can be entertained by STA after expiry of permit.

In this regard Hon'ble Supreme Court vide their judgment reported in AIR 1976 SC 2161 held that:

"7. xx xx xx The proviso to sub-section (2) requires that an application for renewal of a permit should be made not less than 120 days before the date of

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expiry of the permit. But, notwithstanding this provision, the Regional Transport Authority may, under sub-section (3), entertain an application for renewal of a permit after the last date specified in sub-section (2), "if the application is made not more than 15 days after said last date and is accompanied by the prescribed fee." Sub-section (3) thus vests a discretion in the Regional Transport Authority to entertain an application for renewal of a permit even if it is beyond time, but in that case the delay should not be of more than fifteen days. The word used in sub-section (3) is "may" and not "shall" and the Regional Transport Authority is given a discretion to entertain an application for renewal of a permit even where it is beyond time, though not more than 15 days. It may condone the delay or it may not, depending on the circumstances of each case. The discretion is to be exercised not on any arbitrary or fanciful grounds or whim or caprice of the Regional Transport Authority, but it is to be a judicial discretion. It is true that the criterion which is to guide the Regional Transport Authority in the exercise of its discretion is not articulated in sub-section (3), but it is implicit in every conferment of discretion on a judicial or quasi-judicial authority that the discretion is to be exercised in a judicial manner on well -settled legal principles. It would not be right to attribute to the legislature an intention to confer unguided and unfettered discretion on the Regional Transport Authority which is a quasi judicial authority. The discretion is obviously to be exercised where sufficient cause for not making the application for renewal within time is made out by the applicant. This criterion can legitimately be imported from Section 5 of the Limitation Act, 1963 which contains an allied provision for condonation of delay where an application is made beyond time. It could never have been the intention of the Legislature that even where there is no sufficient cause for delay in making an application for renewal, the Regional Transport Authority should still be bound to entertain the application for renewal merely on the ground that the delay is of not more than 15 days. Sub-section (3) enacts a provision for condonation of delay in making an application for renewal and not a provision extending the time limit specified in the proviso to sub-section (2) in all cases as a matter of course. If the intention of the Legislature were that in every case delay of not more than 15 days in making an application for renewal should be condoned as of course, there was no need for a separate provision in sub-section (3), but the Legislature could have very well specified "one hundred and five days" instead of "one hundred and twenty days" in the proviso to sub-section (2)."

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"8. It is, therefore, clear that sub-section (3) of Section 58 confers a discretion on the Regional Transport Authority to entertain an application for renewal when it is made beyond the time limit specified in the provision to sub-section (2), but not more than 15 days late and the discretion is to be exercised in favour of entertaining the application for renewal when it is shown that there was sufficient cause for not making it in time. Now the question which arises is: does Section 5 of the Limitation Act, 1963 apply so as to empower the Regional Transport Authority, for sufficient cause, to entertain an application for renewal even where it is delayed by more than 15 days? Section 29,, sub-section (2) of the Limitation Act, 1963 makes Section 5 applicable in the case of an application for renewal unless its applicability can be said to be expressly excluded by any provision of the Act. The only provision of the Act sought to be pressed into service for this purpose was sub-section (3). Does sub-section (3) expressly exclude further extension of time under Section 5? If it does, then Section 5 cannot be availed of any the appellant for condonation of the delay. Sub-section (3) in so many terms says that the Regional Transport Authority may condone the delay in making of an application for renewal and entertain it on merits provided the delay is of not more than 15 days. This clearly means that if the application for renewal is beyond time by more than 15 days, the Regional Transport Authority shall not be entitled to entertain it, or in other words, it shall have no power to condone the delay. There is thus an express provision in sub-section (3) that delay in making an application for renewal shall be condonable only if it is of not more than 15 days and that expressly excludes the applicability of Section 5 in cases where an application for renewal is delayed by more than 15 days. This provision may seem harsh, but it has been deliberately and advisedly made because the question of renewal of a permit must obviously be decided before the expiration of the period of the permit and in view of the elaborate procedure set out in Section 57 for dealing with an application for renewal, a certain minimum period before the expiration of the period of the permit must be provided within which this procedure can be completed so that the renewal can, if at all, be granted well in time before the permit expires. If an application for renewal could be entertained even if made at any stage, it would dislocate the procedural machinery set out in Section 57 and that is why the Legislature prescribed in subsection (3) of section 58 that the delay in making an application for renewal may be condoned by the Regional Transport Authority only if it is of not more than 15



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days. Here, the application made by the appellant for renewal of his permit was admittedly late by more than 15 days and hence the delay was not condonable and the Regional Transport Authority was right in rejecting the application for renewal as time barred."

Section 81 (3) of M.V Act, 1988 provides that the STA may entertain an application for renewal of permanent permit which was filed after the last date specified in sub-section (2) of Section 81 i.e. less than 15 days before the expiry of permit and not after expiry of permit.

Considering facts and circumstances mentioned above, after due deliberation, STA decided to reject application for renewal of permanent permit filed by Rajalaxmi Das two months and ten days after expiry of permanent permit in the view of decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court (supra) which is in aid and consonance of Section 81 (2) and (3) M.V. Act, 1988 and rules made there under and in view of the fact that the vehicle was under off road and not operating during the validity of permit for three years and eight months. Consequent upon rejection of application for renewal of permanent permit, application for transfer of permit and replacement of vehicle is rejected. It was decided to notify the route in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public.

Chairman ( 5° STA, Odisha, Cuttack.

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