

**PROCEEDING OF THE 306th VIRTUAL MEETING OF STA,
ODISHA, CUTTACK HELD ON 10.12.2025.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:-

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| 1- Shri Amitabh Thakur, IPS
Transport Commissioner, Odisha | ... | ... | Chairman |
| 2- Mrs. Chinmayee Biswal, OAS (SS)
Secretary, STA | ... | ... | Member |
| 3- Shri Somit Mitra | ... | ... | Member |

At the outset, the Chairman, STA welcomed all the members of the STA to the 306^h virtual meeting of STA.

Proceedings of the 305rd virtual meeting of State Transport Authority held on 08.08.2025 circulated among all the members vide this Office Memo No.12772/TC dated 26.08.2025 is confirmed.

Action taken by Chairman, STA, Secretary, STA and Addl. Secretary, STA as per delegation of powers by STA for the period from 09.08.2025 to 09.12.2025 are approved.

1. POLICY DECISION

1.1 FINANCIAL STABILITY CRITERIA.

In modification of decision taken in 291st STA meeting held on 19.02.2020 it was resolved that:-

To adjudge financial stability of a stage carriage operator, application for stage carriage permit shall be accompanied by Solvency Certificate or Bank Guarantee of Rs.99,000/- valid for one year issued in the name of applicant.

1.2 VALIDITY OF PERMANENT STAGE CARRIAGE PERMIT ON COMPLETION OF 15 YEARS OF A STAGE CARRIAGE.

Keeping in view interest of travelling public and to ensure road safety and as per Government in Commerce and Transport (Transport) Department vide letter No.4158 dated 15.04.2023 only temporary stage carriage permit are being issued in a route length of not more than 200 kms in one way in respect of a stage carriages after completion of its 15th year from the month and year of manufacture.

After due deliberation and in exercise of powers under section 72 (2) of M.V. Act, 1988 it was resolved that at the time of grant/renewal of permanent stage carriage permit following condition shall be imposed.

“The validity of permit shall be cease to be effective from the month and year in which the vehicle covered in it completes fifteenth year from the month and year of manufacture unless a new or higher model vehicle of same nature is replaced prior to it.”

1.3 REQUIREMENT OF NOC FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF STAGE CARRIAGE.

After due deliberation it was resolved that in cases where transfer of stage carriage permanent permit along with vehicle from one person to another was allowed by STA or in cases where the permit holder decided to transfer ownership of vehicle by way of sale in respect of a stage carriage permanent permit granted by STA, henceforth NOC from STA will not be required.

1.4 REQUIREMENT OF VOTER ID AND AADHAAR IN SUPPORT OF PROOF OF ADDRESS IN CASE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT / RENEWAL / TRANSFER OF PERMANENT STAGE CARRIAGE PERMIT ON INTERSTATE ROUTES.

It is observed that resident of other States are making application for grant / renewal / transfer of permanent stage carriage permit on interstate routes by usurping quota of permits meant for Odisha based bus operators.

In order to protect interest of Odisha based bus operators and to prevent other State bus operators to obtain permanent stage carriage permit on interstate routes against Odisha quota, it was resolved that no application for grant / renewal / transfer of permanent stage carriage permit on interstate routes shall be made and considered without submitting self-attested copy of valid Voter ID and Aadhaar in support of proof of address subject to verification by STA, Odisha. In case it is subsequently found that the applicant on submission of false and fabricated documents obtained permit, steps shall be taken for cancellation of permit.

1.5 REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLE.

The STA in 305th STA meeting held on 08.08.2025 it was decided that:-

1.2 REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLE BY THE SAME PERMIT HOLDER.



The STA in its 264th, 267th, 279th and 305th meeting resolved that :-

(B) REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLE BY THE SAME PERMIT HOLDER.

The STA in its 264th meeting resolved that in cases where grantee / P.P. holder applies to replace the vehicle by another vehicle, it must be either equal to or higher in terms of model and facilities provided in the present vehicle and which is registered subsequent to the date of registration of the vehicle for which replacement is sought for. Further STA in its 267th meeting, resolved that replacement of vehicle by another in a permanent stage carriage permit will be considered if the vehicle is registered in the same year for which replacement is asked for.

After due deliberation it was resolved that replacement of vehicle by another covered in two permanent stage carriage permits will be considered subject to the condition that both the permits and vehicles covered in it shall stand recorded in the name of same permit holder, both the vehicles are on road with valid M.V. documents and the permit holder shall produce tax clearance certificate in respect of both the vehicles.

In its 305th meeting it was resolved that –

“Replacement of vehicle by another covered in two permanent stage carriage permits will be considered subject to the condition that both the permits and vehicles covered in it shall stand recorded in the name of same permit holder, both the vehicles are on road with valid M.V. documents and tax / penalty must have been paid upto date. Both the vehicles must have equal facilities.”

Considering grievance of bus operators and after due deliberation it was resolved to modify the decision taken in 305th meeting in the following manner :-

Replacement of vehicle by another covered in two permanent stage carriage permits will be considered subject to the condition that both the permits and vehicles covered in it shall stand recorded in the name of same permit holder, both the vehicles are on road with valid M.V. documents and tax / penalty must have been paid upto date and no e-challan pending against any of the vehicle.

- (i) Replacement of a fully built Air Conditioned Sleeper Stage Carriage / Air Conditioned Sleeper Stage Carriage covered under a permanent stage carriage permit will be considered for replacement by Air Conditioned Deluxe Stage Carriage conforming AIS 052 and AIS 119 plying as day service only subject to condition that at the time of initial grant of permanent stage carriage permit the permit holder has not obtained the permit on the basis of qualification criteria for evaluation of stage carriages for grant of permanent permit.
- (ii) In cases where application for replacement of vehicle is made under Section 83 of M.V. Act, 1988, same will be considered on case to case basis subject to condition that a fully built Air Conditioned Sleeper Stage Carriage / Air Conditioned Sleeper Stage Carriage / Volvo etc covered under a permanent stage carriage permit by Air Conditioned Deluxe Stage Carriage conforming AIS 052 and AIS 119 plying as day service only subject to condition that at the time of initial grant of permanent stage carriage permit the permit holder has not obtained the permit on the basis of qualification criteria for evaluation of stage carriages for grant of permanent permit. The decision taken in 264th and 267th STA meeting will hold good.
- (iii) In cases where application for replacement of vehicle is made under Section 83 of M.V. Act, 1988, same will be considered on case to case basis subject to condition that a Air Conditioned Deluxe Stage Carriage covered under a permanent stage carriage permit by fully built Air Conditioned Sleeper Stage Carriage / Air Conditioned Sleeper Stage Carriage conforming AIS 052 and AIS 119 plying as day service covering a distance of more than 160 kms in a day (one way) only or night service. The decision taken in 264th and 267th STA meeting will hold good.

1.6 **RENEWAL / CANCELLATION OF STAGE CARRIAGE PERMIT.**

In its 291st meeting it was resolved that –

1.2 xx xx xx xx.



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.

Xx xx xx.

In its 304th meeting it was resolved that –

(i) Where the vehicle / vehicles and replacement made covered under a permanent stage carriage permit had been declared off road continuously for a period of one year or total one and half years in different spells during the currency of permit, renewal of such permit and replacement of vehicle shall not be considered. Besides step will also be taken for cancellation of permit as prescribed under Section 86 of M.V. Act, 1988. Xx xx xx xx xx."

After due deliberation, keeping in view interest of travelling public the STA decided to modify the aforesaid decision of STA taken in its 304th meeting in the following manner.

"Where the vehicle / vehicles and replacement made covered under a permanent stage carriage permit had been declared off road continuously for a period of one year or total not more than one and half years in different spells during the currency of permit, renewal of such permit and replacement of vehicle shall not be considered. Besides step will also be taken for cancellation of permit as prescribed under Section 86 of M.V. Act, 1988."



1.7 GRANT OF STAGE CARRIAGE PERMIT ON RATIONALIZED ROUTE BETWEEN SUNDERGARH TO ROURKELA.

Considering the interest of travelling public commuting on interstate routes, it was decided that vacant rationalized slots on Sundergarh - Rourkela route will be kept open for operation of stage carriages on interstate routes.

1.8 TRANSFER OF PERMANENT STAGE CARRIAGE PERMANENT PERMIT ON ACCOUNT OF DEATH OF PERMIT HOLDER.

The STA after due deliberation decided that in case of death of permit holder, at the time of consideration of transfer of stage carriage permanent permit, preference will be given to wife / husband of deceased permit holder.

1.9 CONSIDERATION OF GRANT OF STAGE CARRIAGE PERMIT ON INTRA-REGION ROUTES.

The STA after due deliberation decided that, the RTA may grant stage carriage permit in a route or routes on rationalized portion within the jurisdiction of RTA concerned without adhering to rationalized timing and ground rule made therefor in the interest of travelling public.

1.10 MODIFICATION OF CRITERIA FOR GRANT OF STAGE CARRIAGE PERMIT.

The STA in its 291st meeting held on 19.02.2020 resolved that:-

"1.6 MODIFICATION OF CRITERIA FOR GRANT OF STAGE CARRIAGE PERMIT.

The STA in its 279th meeting held on 17.06.2015 resolved that:

"4.1 (C) (b) Plying of vehicle by the applicant violating permit conditions, plying any vehicle without permit on any unauthorized route, making unauthorized trip, Vehicle Check Reports drawn / reports submitted to that effect will be considered irrespective of the fact that the VCR was closed on composition of offences. Five marks for each violation will be deducted for above offences".

The STA in its 287th meeting held on 22.01.2019 resolved that:

"3.9. Whenever it is detected that a bus operating as a stage carriage without permit under Section 192 (A) of M. V. Act, 1988, the bus will be

debarred for a stage carriage permit for minimum two years from the date of detection of such offence"

After due deliberation, it was resolved to modify the criteria in the following manner to make it more objective.

(a) Application for grant of stage carriage permit shall not be considered in respect of a vehicle which is plying (1) without permit, (2) making unauthorized trips, (3) as stage carriage under special permit / contract carriage within one year prior to the date of consideration of application. In such cases no stage carriage / contract carriage / temporary permit will be granted to said offending vehicle within one year from the date of consideration of application prospectively irrespective of the fact that the VCR / e-challan was closed.

(b) In cases where any of the vehicle owned by the applicant (except the vehicle covered under clause (a) above), plying (1) without permit, (2) making unauthorized trips, (3) as stage carriage under special permit / contract carriage permit, five marks for each VCR / e-challan drawn within one year from the date of consideration of application will be deducted for every VCR / e-challan whether pending or closed in respect of stage carriage for which grant of permit is under consideration. Commission of above offences will be considered as past performance of a stage carriage operator."

After due deliberation, it was resolved to modify the criteria in the following manner to make it more objective.

(a) Application for grant of stage carriage permit shall not be considered in respect of a vehicle which is plying (1) without permit, (2) making unauthorized trips, (3) as stage carriage under special permit / contract carriage within one year prior to the date of consideration of application. In such cases no stage carriage / contract carriage / temporary / permanent permit will be granted to said offending vehicle within one year from the date of consideration of application prospectively irrespective of the fact that the e-challan was closed except the cases where after issuance of e-challan ownership of vehicle was

transferred to any person other than the family members of the vehicle owner.

(b) In cases where any of the vehicle owned by the applicant (except the vehicle covered under clause (a) above), plying (1) without permit, (2) making unauthorized trips, (3) as stage carriage under special permit / contract carriage permit, five marks for each e-challan drawn within one year from the date of consideration of application will be deducted for every e-challan whether pending or closed in respect of stage carriage for which grant of permit is under consideration. Commission of above offences will be considered as past performance of a stage carriage operator except the cases where after issuance of e-challan ownership of vehicle was transferred to any person other than the family members of the vehicle owner.

1.11 GRANT OF STAGE CARRIAGE PERMIT TO VEHICLES TOUCHING PURI VIA KESHPUR, RAMASWAR, NIRAKARPUR, CHANDANPUR.

In order to provide more connectivity to Puri, a place of pilgrimage importance, after due deliberation it was resolved that stage carriage permit will be issued touching Puri via Keshpur, Ramaswar, Nirakarpur, Chandanpur covering the rationalized portion, if any, enroute in the interest of travelling public.

INTER REGION ROUTE (CASE MATTER)

ITEM NO.01:-CANCELLATION OF PERMANENT PERMIT NO.PP99/120700/G ISSUED TO SRI PRABIR CHANDRA SAHU ON THE ROUTE FROM UDALA TO BETANOTI, BETANOTI TO BARIPADA, BARIPADA TO BALASORE & BACK IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO.OD11C-8395.

Advocate Sri H.P. Mohanty is present for permit holder.

Advocate Sri S. Mishra is present on behalf of objector Sri Jayanta Singh & Smt. Minati Singh and stated that they have withdrawn their objection.

Heard the parties.



Permanent permit no.PP99/120700/G was granted to Sri Prabir Chandra Sahu in respect of vehicle no.OD11C-8395 on the route Udala to Betanoti, Betanoti to Baripada, Baripada to Balasore & back which is valid till 27.02.2028 w.e.f. 28.02.2023.

Sri Jayanta Kumar Singh, Sarapanch of Nadapur Gram Panchayat and Smt. Minati Singh, Sarapancha of Agria Gram Panchayat have filed petition alleging that the vehicle no.OD11C-8395 is plying via- Rangapani Chhak instead of Nadapur, Haripur, Agria. The RTO, Mayurbhanj was requested vide this office letter no.15252/TC dated 06.10.2023 to enquire into the matter and submit a detailed report.

In response to the above letter RTO, Mayurbhanj has submitted his enquiry report vide letter no.7056/RTA dated 29.11.2023 and intimated that the vehicle no. OD11C-8395 was plying from Manitri to Betanoti via-Dalki instead of via- Nadapur & Agria.

Accordingly, the permit holder was directed to file show cause vide this office letter No.3096/TC dated 23.02.2024.

The matter was placed in the 303rd meeting vide item No.14 and deferred to the next STA meeting. The Advocate for intervener will serve copy of the intervention petition upon the Adv. for permit holder within two weeks.

The above fact has placed in 304th STA meeting held on 17.03.2025 vide Sl.No.04 and after due deliberation decided to defer the matter to the next STA meeting as the permit holder has prayed for time.

The STA after due deliberation decided to drop the proceeding for cancellation of permit issued to Sri Prabir Chandra Sahu in respect of vehicle no.OD11C-8395 as the objectors namely Sri Jayanta Singh & Smt. Minati Singh have withdrawn their objections.

ITEM NO.02:- CANCELLATION OF PERMANENT PERMIT NO.PP99/170874/G ISSUED TO SRI JUBULA KUMAR JETHY ON THE ROUTE FROM OSTARAHAT TO ANGUL VIA- KENDRAPADA, SALIPUR AND BACK IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO. OD05AA-3733.

The permit holder is absent on call.

Permanent permit No. PP99/170874/G issued to Sri Jubula Kumar Jethy on the route from Ostarahat to Angul via- Kendrapada, Salipur and back in respect of vehicle no. OD05AA-3733 was cancelled by STA in its 301st meeting held on 19.07.2023.

Being aggrieved the permit holder has filed M.V Appeal No.10/2023 before Hon'ble STAT in which decision taken by STA was stayed. Accordingly, the matter was placed in the 302nd, 303rd and 304th meeting and decision deferred due to operation of interim order and pendency of M.V. Appeal.

Since the matter is subjudice before Hon'ble STAT, it is deferred to next STA meeting for decision.

ITEM NO.03:- CANCELLATION OF PERMANENT PERMIT NO. PP99/171164/G ISSUED TO CHOUDHURY PRAVAT KUMAR SWAIN ON THE ROUTE FROM PARADEEP TO PURI AND BACK IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO. OR21B-9180.

Permanent Permit no.**PP99/171164/G** has been granted to Choudhury Pravat Kumar Swain in respect of vehicle no.OD05V-3381 subsequently replaced by vehicle No.OR21B-9180 on the route Paradeep to Puri via-Cuttack & back which is valid till 15.12.2027 w.e.f. 16.12.2022.

Sri Sisir Kumar Patra has submitted petition before STA on 12.06.2025 alleging that the said vehicle no.OR21B-9180 has been kept off road from 01.01.2023 onwards and not operating in the given route.

On verification from VAHAN it is seen that the vehicle no.OR21B-9180 has kept off road from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2025 (for continuous period of three years) during validity of P.P. causing inconvenience of travelling public. F.C. of said vehicle was valid till 16.11.2023 and the registration certificate of said vehicle invalid from 17.11.2023 onwards. Insurance Certificate of said vehicle was valid till 03.03.2023.

Notice has been issued to Choudhury Pravat Kumar Swain, owner of vehicle No.OR21B-9180 to file show cause vide this office letter no.9970/TC dated 11.07.2025 by Speed Post as to why the P.P vide No.PP99/171164/G shall not be cancelled.

Besides RTO, Cuttack was requested to furnish a report regarding the operational status of vehicle No.OR21B-9180 vide this office letter no.9968/TC dated 11.07.2025.

In response to above letter, RTO, Cuttack has intimated vide his letter no.4076/RTA dated 16.08.2025 that the vehicle no.OR21B-9180 was not operating in the given route.

The permit holder has not operated his vehicle OR21B-9180 on the given route for a continuous period of three years causing inconvenience to travelling public.

The permit holder also did not intimate the STA about non-operation of bus from 01.01.2023 onwards as required under rule 75 (3) of OMV Rules, 1993.

The permit holder was intimated vide letter No.18135 dated 06.12.2025 by Speed Post to appear before STA in its meeting held on 10.12.2025.

The permit holder failed to provide service to the commuting public from Paradeep to Puri via- Cuttack & back since 01.01.2023 onwards for a continuous period of three years for which travelling public suffered a lot.

In view of forgoing discussion and the fact that the permit holder failed to provide service to the commuting public in the route Paradeep to Puri for which permit was granted to him. Soon after issue of permit to the permit holder, he declared the vehicle off road fourteen days after issue of permit.

It was resolved to cancel the permanent permit No.**PP99/171164/G** granted to Choudhury Pravat Kumar Swain, owner of vehicle No.OR21B-9180 for non-operation of service in the given route causing inconvenience to the travelling public.

The route be notified in the website inviting application for grant of permanent permit to deserving bus operators. The applicant may apply afresh pursuant to said notification.

ITEM NO.04:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMANENT PERMIT NO. SC/PP/04/04/2014 ISSUED TO ANJULATA SWAIN ON THE ROUTE FROM MAHAKALAPADA TO CUTTACK & CUTTACK TO KENDRAPARA & BACK IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO. OR04H-3792.

Applicant is present in person. Heard through video conference.

Permanent Permit no.**SC/PP/04/04/2014** was granted to Smt. Anjulata Swain in respect of vehicle no.OR04H-3792 on the route Mahakalapada to Cuttack & Cuttack to Kendrapara & back which was valid till 15.02.2024 w.e.f. 16.02.2019 issued by RTA, Chandikhole.

She has applied for renewal of PP for a further period of 5 years before the RTA, Chandikhole on 08.02.2024 i.e. before expiry of P.P.

The permit holder Smt. Anjulata Swain has filed application before STA on 12.03.2024 with prayer to change the jurisdiction from RTA, Chandikhol to STA as applied route covers more than one region and consider T.P. in her favour.

On the request of Smt. Anjulata Swain and in consonance with Rule 43 (4) of OMV Rules, 1993, the STA took up the matter regarding disposal of application for

renewal of permit filed by Smt. Anjulata Swain before RTO, Chandikhol on 08.02.2024.

On verification from VAHAN it is seen that Smt. Anjulata Swain, owner of vehicle No.OR04H-3792 kept the vehicle under off road from 01.11.2021 to 31.03.2023 (17 months) & 01.05.2023 to 16.11.2023 (06 months & 16 days) during currency of permanent permit valid from 16.02.2019 to 15.02.2024 causing inconvenience to the travelling public.

Notice vide this office letter No.13561/TC dated 12.09.2024 by speed post issued to Smt. Anjulata Swain to file show cause as to why application for renewal of permit shall not be rejected for keeping the vehicle off road for more than 23 months during validity of permanent permit causing inconvenience to travelling public.

In response to above notice she has submitted her show cause reply on 11.09.2024.

The STA in its 291st meeting resolved that,

“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 STA in its 304th meeting resolved that,

“Where the vehicle/vehicles and replacement made covered under a permanent stage carriage permit had been declared off road continuously for a period of one year or total one and half years in different spells during the currency of permit, renewal of such permit and replacement of vehicle shall not be considered. Besides step will also be taken for cancellation of permit as prescribed under Section 86 of M.V. Act 1988”.

In this regard Smt. Swain was kept her vehicle off road for 23 months and 16 days during P.P period.

Under the statute, it is the STA to look after the convenience of travelling public commuting from Mahakalapada to Cuttack & Cuttack to Kendrapara & back 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 twenty three months is bound to cause inconvenience to travelling public. The commuting public had suffered a lot due to

non-operation of bus. 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 her vehicle for more than twenty three months without intimating the fact of non-operation of his vehicle to STA / RTA, Chandikhol 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 twenty three months and thereby violated permit condition. Decision of STA to cancel the permit due to non operation is squarely applicable to the present case.

It is not disputed that her vehicle was under off road did not operate in the given route for twenty three months causing inconvenience to travelling public. The permit holder also did not intimate the STA / RTA, Chandikhol about non-operation of bus for more than twenty three months as required under rule 75 (3) of OMV Rules, 1993.

Considering facts and circumstances mentioned above, after due deliberation, STA decided to reject application for renewal of permanent permit filed by Smt. Anjulata Swain owner of vehicle No.OR04H-3792.

It was decided to notify the route in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public. The applicant may apply afresh pursuant to said notification.

ITEM NO.05:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMANENT PERMIT NO. PP99/150233/G ISSUED TO DHRUBA CHARAN BISWAL ON THE ROUTE FROM PARADEEP TO PURI VIA- JAGATSINGHPUR, CHARICHHAK, GOP AND BACK IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO. OR21B-9045.

Heard Sri A. K. Behera, Advocate for Sri Dhruba Charan Biswal.

Permanent Permit no.**PP99/150233/G** has been granted to Sri Dhruba Charan Biswal in respect of vehicle no.**OR21B-9045** on the route Pradeep to Puri via- Jagatsighpur, Charichhak, Gop & back which is valid till 08.06.2025 w.e.f. 09.06.2020. The permit holder has applied for renewal of P.P. after expiry of permanent permit granted to him.

The STA in its 301st meeting resolved that:-



"Where the holder of permanent stage carriage permit did not apply for renewal of permit before 15 days of its expiry or within the validity of permit stating reason of delay, the route shall be notified in the website on the next day of expiry of permanent permit inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interest of travelling public".

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 xxxx *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 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)."

“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 proviso 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



sub-section (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 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 expiry of permit and not after expiry of permit.**

Considering facts and circumstances mentioned above, after due deliberation, STA decided to reject the application for renewal of permanent permit filed by Sri Dhruva Charan Biswal, owner of vehicle No. **OR21B-9045** which was filed after expiry of permanent permit on the ratio 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.

It was decided to notify the route in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public. The applicant may apply afresh pursuant to said notification.

ITEM NO.06:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMANENT PERMIT NO. SC/SIRP99/00868/2020 ISSUED TO SASMITA DAS ON THE ROUTE FROM BHUBANESWAR TO PALALAHARA VIA- KAMAKHYANAGAR, DIHADOL AND BACK IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO.OD35E-0036.

Notice was issued to Smt. Das by Speed Post vide letter No.18132 dated 06.12.2025 to appeared before STA on 10.12.2025 for hearing.

Permanent Permit no. **SC/SIRP99/00868/2020** was granted to Sasmita Das in respect of vehicle no. **OD35E-0036** on the route Bhubaneswar to Palalahara via- Kamakhyanagar, Dihadol & back which is valid from 24.03.2020 to 24.03.2025.

She has applied for renewal of P.P. on 24.03.2025.

On verification from VAHAN it is seen that the vehicle No. **OD35E-0036** was kept off road from 01.11.2021 to 30.06.2022 (08 months), 01.08.2022 to 31.12.2023 (17 months) & 01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024 (06 months) i.e. total two years seven months during validity of permanent permit.

Notice was issued to Smt. Das vide this office letter No.4722/TC dated-04.04.2025 by Speed Post to file show cause. Smt. Das has filed reply to show cause which was considered.

The STA in its 291st meeting resolved that:-

“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 STA in its 303rd meeting resolved that:-

“Where the vehicle/vehicles and replacement made covered under a permanent stage carriage permit had been declared off road continuously for a period of one year or total one and half years in different spells during the currency of permit, renewal of such permit and replacement of vehicle shall not be considered. Besides step will also be taken for cancellation of permit as prescribed under Section 86 of M.V. Act 1988”.

In this regard Smt. Das was kept her vehicle off road for 31 months during P.P period.

Under the statute, it is the STA to look after the convenience of travelling public commuting from Bhubaneswar to Palalahara via- Kamakhyanagar, Dihadol & back 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 31 months is bound to cause inconvenience to travelling public. The commuting public had suffered a lot due to non-operation of bus. 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 her vehicle for more than 31 months 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 31 months and thereby violated permit condition. Decision of STA to cancel the permit due to non operation is squarely applicable to the present case.

It is not disputed that her vehicle was under off road did not operate in the given route for 31 months causing inconvenience to travelling public. The permit

holder also did not intimate the STA about non-operation of bus for more than 31 months as required under rule 75 (3) of OMV Rules, 1993.

Considering facts and circumstances mentioned above, after due deliberation, STA decided to reject application for renewal of permanent permit filed by Smt. Sasmita Das owner of vehicle No.OD35E-0036.

It was decided to notify the route in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public. The applicant may apply afresh pursuant to said notification.

ITEM NO.07:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION OF SUJIT KUMAR BISOI FOR RENEWAL OF PERMANENT PERMIT NO.SC/SIRP99/03118/2018 AND REPLACEMENT VEHICLE NO-OD02X-1855 by OR02AQ-0807 ON THE ROUTE FROM BALIGUDA TO RAYAGADA VIA-TUMUDIBANDHA, KOTAGADA, MUNIGUDA, BISSAM CUTTACK AND BACK.

Notice was issued to Sri Sujit Kumar Bisoi by Speed Post vide letter No.18131 dated 06.12.2025 to appeared before STA on 10.12.2025 for hearing.

Permanent Permit no.**SC/SIRP99/03118/2018** was issued to Sri Sujit Kumar Bisoi in respect of vehicle no.**OR02AQ-0807** on the route Baliguda to Rayagada via-Tumudibandha, Kotagada, Muniguda, Bissam Cuttack & back which is valid from 30.12.2018 to 30.12.2023.

He has applied for renewal of PP on 20.12.2023. He also filed application on 09.01.2025 for replacement of vehicle OR02AQ-0807 by OD02X-1855.

On verification from VAHAN it is seen that the vehicle bearing No.OR02AQ-0807 was kept off road from 01.12.2021 to 31.05.2022 (06 months) during currency of permanent permit. The owner of vehicle OR02AQ-0807 has not paid tax from 01.06.2022 to 19.03.2025.

Apart from above, registration certificate of vehicle OR02AQ-0807 was cancelled by RTO, Rayagada on 19.03.2025 under section 55(3) of M.V. Act, 1988.

Rule 73 (4) of OMV Rules, 1993 provides that "tax and addl. tax under the Odisha Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1975 shall be regularly paid in respect of the vehicle in order to operate under the permit" which is one of the condition of permit. The permit holder failed to comply the aforesaid requirement of statute and thereby violated permit conditions by not paying tax / addl. tax in respect of his vehicle OR02AQ-0807 from 01.06.2022 to 19.03.2025.

For the foregoing reason, the STA after due deliberation decided to reject the application for renewal of permit and replacement of vehicle filed by Sri Sujit Kumar Bisoi.

It was decided to notify the route in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public. The applicant may apply afresh pursuant to said notification.

ITEM NO.08:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FILED BY SRI BARADA PRASANA ACHARYA FOR GRANT PERMANENT PERMIT IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO.OD02G-8555 ON THE ROUTE FROM PURI TO BHANJANAGAR AND BACK.

Heard Sri Barada Prasana Acharya in person.

After due deliberation it was decided to authorize, Chairman, STA to take decision on the application filed by Sri Barada Prasana Acharya for grant of permanent permit in the route Puri to Bhanjanagar in respect of vehicle OD02G-8555.

ITEM NO.09:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FILED BY OSRTC FOR RENEWAL OF PERMANENT PERMIT VIDE NO.SC/SIRP99/02086/2019 IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO. OD17L-0725 ON THE ROUTE FROM JHARSUGUDA TO MALKANAGIRI VIA.PASTIKUDI, BHAWANIPATNA AND BACK.

Notice was issued to CMD, OSRTC by Speed Post vide letter No.18138 dated 06.12.2025 to appeared before STA on 10.12.2025 for hearing.

Permanent Permit no.**SC/SIRP99/02086/2019** has been granted to OSRTC in respect of vehicle no. **OD17L-0725** on the route Jharsuguda to Malkanagiri via- Pastikudi, Bhawanipatna & back which is valid till 24.09.2024 w.e.f. 19.09.2019. The permit holder has applied for renewal of P.P after expiry of permanent permit granted to him.

The STA in its 301st meeting resolved that:-

“Where the holder of permanent stage carriage permit did not apply for renewal of permit before 15 days of its expiry or within the validity of permit stating reason of delay, the route shall be notified in the website on the next day of expiry of permanent permit inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interest of travelling public”.

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 xxxx 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 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).”

“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 proviso 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 sub-section (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 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 expiry of permit and not after expiry of permit.**

Considering facts and circumstances mentioned above, after due deliberation, STA decided to reject the application for renewal of permanent permit filed by OSRTC, owner of vehicle No. **OD17L-0725** which was filed after expiry of permanent permit on the ratio 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.

It was decided to notify the route Jharsuguda to Malkanagiri via- Pastikudi, Bhawanipatna & back in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public. The applicant may apply afresh pursuant to said notification.

ITEM NO.10:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION OF DTM, OSRTC, PURI FOR RENEWAL OF PP VIDE NO.SC/SIRP99/00244/2020 AND REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLE NO.OD13Q-1883 IN PLACE OF OR05AL-6890 ON THE ROUTE FROM PURI TO ASKA VIA-NIRAKARPUR, RANAPUR AND BACK.

Notice by Speed Post was issued to DTM, OSRTC, Puri vide letter No.18139/TC, dated 06.12.2025 to appear before STA on 10.12.2025 for hearing.

Permanent Permit no.**SC/SIRP99/00244/2020** has been granted to OSRTC in respect of vehicle no.**OR05AL-6890** on the route Puri to Aska via- Nirakarpur, Ranapur & back which was valid till 31.01.2025.

The DTM, OSRTC, Puri has applied for replacement his existing vehicle No.OR05AL-6890 by vehicle No.OD13Q-1883 online on 30.01.2025. The OSRTC has applied for renewal of permit on 17.02.2025 i.e. after expiry of permit.

On verification from VAHAN it is seen that the vehicle bearing No.**OR05AL-6890** was kept off road from 01.06.2022 to 31.08.2022 (03 months), 01.10.2022 to 30.09.2023 (12 months) & 01.12.2023 to 31.05.2024 (06 months) total off road period is 21 months during validity of permanent permit.

Accordingly, notice was issued vide this office letter No.2011/TC dated 12.02.2025 by speed post to file show cause as to why the above PP shall not be cancelled.

In response to above notice DTM, OSRTC, Puri has submitted his show cause vide their letter No.228 dated 15.02.2025.

Further the registration certificate of vehicle No. **OR05AL-6890** covered under permanent permit no. SC/SIRP99/00244/2020 was cancelled by RTO, Puri on 07.12.2023 rendering the permit invalid.

The STA in its 301st meeting resolved that:-

“Where the holder of permanent stage carriage permit did not apply for renewal of permit before 15 days of its expiry or within the validity of permit stating reason of delay, the route shall be notified in the website on the next day of expiry of permanent permit inviting applications for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interest of travelling public”.

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:

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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)."

"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 proviso 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 by 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 sub-section (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 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 expiry of permit and not after expiry of permit.**

Considering facts and circumstances mentioned above, after due deliberation, STA decided to reject the application for renewal of permanent permit filed by OSRTC, owner of vehicle No. **OR05AL-6890** which was filed after expiry of permanent permit on the ratio 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. The vehicle OR05AL-6890 was under off road 21 months during validity of permanent permit and moreover registration certificate of said vehicle was cancelled by RTO, Puri on 07.12.2023 rendering the permit invalid.

For the foregoing reasons, it was decided to notify the route Puri to Aska via Nirakarpur, Ranapur & back in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public. The applicant may apply afresh pursuant to said notification.

ITEM NO.11:-CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION OF SRI MAHENDRA SENAPATI HOLDER OF P.P.NO.SC/SIRP99/02908/2023 FOR MODIFICATION OF TIMING IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO.OD04P-2552 ON THE ROUTE FROM BHUBANESWAR TO TIDIKI AND BACK.

Heard Advocate Sri S. Mishra for applicant.

Permanent Permit no.**SC/SIRP99/02908/2023** was issued to Sri Mahendra Senapati in respect of vehicle no.**OD04P-2552** on the route Bhubaneswar to Tidiki &

back valid till 19.06.2028 w.e.f. 20.06.2023 to make one trip daily with Bhubaneswar Departure at 08:39 hrs in slot No.85, Cat-C in Up Trip towards Tidiki. Similarly, Soro departure at 10:24 hrs in Slot No.99 Cat-C in Down Trip towards Bhubaneswar.

Sri Mahendra Senapati has applied for modification of timing in respect of his vehicle No.OD04P-2552 in down trip from Slot No.99 to free zone with Tidiki departure at 19:40 hrs instead of 07:28 hrs (Next Day) to make two trips daily instead of one trip daily.

The owner also requested to consider his application for modification of timing without alter service of vehicle OD04P-5785.

As per records permanent permit has been granted to Mahendra Senapati, owner of vehicle OD04P-2552 as alter service of OD04P-5785 in the route Bhubaneswar to Tidiki. The permit holder has applied in increase number of trips in the existing route which shall be treated as an application for the grant of a new permit as provided under Section 80 (3) of M.V. Act, 1988. The applicant has not filed application for grant of a new stage carriage permit under Section 70 of M.V. Act, 1988 on the route Bhubaneswar to Tidiki for making two trips daily on the available slots on rationalized timing by surrendering the existing permanent permit. Permanent permit has been granted to Sri Senapati to ply as alter service of OD04P-5785 and to make single trip daily and travelling public are acquainted with the existing timing. There is no vacant slot available on the rationalized timing to operate bus of Sri Senapati from Bhubaneswar to Tidiki on daily basis.

For the foregoing reasons, after due deliberation it was decided to reject the application filed by Sri Mahendra Senapati, owner of vehicle OD04P-2552 to increase of trips on existing permit which is in the interest of travelling public.

ITEM NO.12:- CANCELLATION OF PERMANENT PERMIT VIDE NO.SC/SIRP99/00695/2023 IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO.OR04J-4546 ON THE ROUTE FROM BHUBANESWAR TO OLAMARA AND BACK IN FAVOUR OF SRI PRAKSH CHANDRA JENA

Heard Advocate Sri H.P. Mohanty for Sri Prakash Ch. Jena. He submitted that no show cause notice has been issued to the permit holder.

Brief fact of the case is that the CMD, OSRTC has applied for temporary permit on the route Nayagarh to Balasore & back in respect of vehicle no.OD02BT-6337 on 14.02.2022 which was placed in the permit grant committee meeting held on

21.03.2022 vide SI.No.10 with Bhubaneswar dep 07:25 hrs. in Up Trip & Balasore dep 14:00 hrs in down trip. The matter was deferred to next meeting.

The matter was placed in the permit grant committee meeting held on 26.05.2022 vide SI.No.446. In the said meeting it was decided to grant temporary permit in favour of OSRTC in respect of vehicle no.OD02BT-6337 with Bhubaneswar Dep 08:31 hrs in Up Trip slot No.83 towards Balasore & Balasore Dep 16:52 hrs slot No-209 in Down trip towards Nayagarh which was valid from 16.07.2022 to 12.11.2022.

Sri Sujit Kumar Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD02BZ-7857 has applied for grant of new T.P. on 22.03.2022 on the route Bhubaneswar to Balasore & back which was placed in the permit grant committee meeting held on 26.05.2022 vide SI.No-339 with Bhubaneswar Dep 08:31 hrs. in Up Trip slot No.83 towards Balasore & Balasore dep 14:08 hrs slot No.168 in down trip towards Bhubaneswar which was rejected by Chairman, STA on 20.07.2022 as the slot No.83 with Bhubaneswar dep. 08:31 hrs. was allotted to OSRTC and Slot No.168 was not feasible.

Sri Prakash Chandra Jena, owner of vehicle No.OR04J-4546 has applied for grant of temporary permit on 12.08.2022 on the route from Bhubaneswar to Olamara & back which was placed in the permit committee meeting held on 25.08.2022 vide SI.No.243 with Bhubaneswar departure at 02:55 hrs in slot No.17, Cat-B in Up Trip towards Olamara and Balasore departure at 14:08 hrs in Slot No.168 Cat-B in Down Trip towards Bhubaneswar. He has submitted copy of order passed by Hon'ble High Court in W.P.(C) No.23592/2022. Temporary permit was granted in favour of Sri Jena in the route Bhubaneswar to Olamara in respect of vehicle No.OR04J-4546 and subsequently he lifted PP vide No.SC/SIRP99/00695/2023 valid till-30.03.2028 w.e.f 31.03.2023. The vehicle No.OR04J-4546 was replaced by vehicle No.OD33AB-8434.

Sri Sujit Kumar Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD02BZ-7857 has filed a petition along with copy of order dated 10.05.2023 passed by Hon'ble High Court in W.P.(C) No.4039/2023.

In the said case Hon'ble High Court has passed the following order:-

“there shall be a fresh consideration for grant of permit in respect of slot no-83 (Up Trip) & 168 (Down Trip) on the route from Bhubaneswar/Cuttack-Akhuapada- Bhadrak- Soro- Balasore/Baripada giving opportunity of hearing to the applicants as on 26th may 2022. The entire exercise shall be completed within a period of four weeks hence. If the exercise is not completed within four

weeks hence then the permit granted in favour of OP No.4 & 5 shall be kept in abeyance till final decision is taken as directed above.”

As per order dated 10.05.2023 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Orissa in W.P.(C) No.4039/2023 and subsequent order passed by Secretary, STA in MV Misc Case No.118/2023 dated 23.08.2023, Permanent permit was issued to Prakash Ch. Jena in respect of vehicle No.OR04J-4546 on the route from Bhubaneswar to Olamara & back valid till 30.03.2028. Permanent permit granted to Prakash Ch. Jena and OSRTC were kept in abeyance until further orders vide office order No.14069/TC dated 15.09.2023 & order No.14072/TC dated 15.09.2023 respectively.

Pursuant to order passed by Hon'ble High Court in W.P.(C) No.4039/2023, and after hearing CMD, OSRTC, owner of vehicle No.OD02BT-6337, Sri Prakash Chandra Jena, owner of vehicle No.OR04J-4546 & Sri Sujit Kumar Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD02BZ-7857, vide order dated 19.05.2025 passed by Secretary, STA in MV Misc Case No.118/2023, Temporary Permit was granted to Sri Sujit Kumar Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD02BZ-7857 from 15.10.2025 to 10.02.2026 on the route from Bhubaneswar to Baripada in the Slot No.83 in Up trip & 168 in down trip on the Rationalised route Bhubaneswar/Cuttack-Akhuapada-Bhadrak-Soro-Balasore-Baripada.

Since W.P.(C) No.4039/2023 is pending before Hon'ble High Court, after due deliberation it was decided to defer the matter to next STA meeting for decision.

INTER STATE ROUTE (CASE MATTER)

ITEM NO.01:- CANCELLATION OF PERMANENT PERMIT BEARING NO.23-G-2023 ISSUED TO VEHICLE NO.OD17AA-4774 IN FAVOUR OF SRI NITESH SHARMA OPERATING ON THE INTERSTATE ROUTE BARGARH TO RAIPUR VIA.SOHELA, LOHARCHATI, PITHORA, ARANGA & BACK.

Applicant is absent on call.

Permanent permit No.23-G/2023 was issued in favour of Sri Nitesh Sharma in respect of vehicle No.OD17AA-4774 to operate on the Interstate route Bargarh to Raipur via- Sohela, Loharchati, Pithora, Aranga & back w.e.f.16.09.2023 to 15.09.2028 against notified vacancy of PP No.01-R-2017 issued in respect of vehicle No.OR16J-7374.

Sri Amit Kumar Pasayat, owner of vehicle No OD15L-2626 has filed an objection against vehicle No.OD17AA-4774 stating that the permit holder Sri Sharma is not operating his vehicle as per notified timing.

Permanent permit issued to Sri Nitesh Sharma was countersigned by STA, CG vide No.CG/STA/308/2024 in respect of vehicle No.OD17AA-4774.

Sri Pasayat has filed Revision petition vide No.56 of 2024 to quash countersignature vide No.CG/STA/308/2024 issued in respect of vehicle No.OD17AA-4774 in favour of Sri Nitesh Kumar Sharma before the Hon'ble STAT Chhatisgarh and Hon'ble STAT, Chhatisgarh has quashed the above countersignature vide order dated 04.04.2025.

Since countersignature No.CG/STA/308/2024 issued in respect of vehicle No.OD17AA-4774 in favour of Sri Nitesh Kumar Sharma on the interstate route Bargarh to Raipur via- Sohela, Loharchati, Pithora, Aranga & back has been cancelled by Hon'ble STAT, CG in Revision No.56 of 2024, Permanent permit No.23-G/2023 issued in favour of Sri Nitesh Sharma in respect of vehicle No.OD17AA-4774 on the Interstate route Bargarh to Raipur via- Sohela, Loharchati, Pithora, Aranga & back will not be valid in the State of Chhatisgarh as provided under Section 88 (1) of M.V. Act, 1988.

After due deliberation it was resolved to cancel the Permanent permit No.23-G/2023 was issued in favour of Sri Nitesh Sharma in respect of vehicle No.OD17AA-4774 to operate on the Interstate route Bargarh to Raipur via- Sohela, Loharchati, Pithora, Aranga & back.

The route be notified in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit from intending bus owners in the interest of travelling public.

ITEM NO.02:- CANCELLATION OF PERMANENT PERMIT BEARING NO.13-R-2020 ISSUED TO VEHICLE NO.OD01G-2225 OPERATING ON THE INTERSTATE ROUTE CHANDINIPAL TO KOLKATA VIA-BALASORE, JALESWAR, CONTAI & BACK.

Advocate Sri H.P. Mohanty is present on behalf of applicant and requested to defer the matter in to the next STA meeting.

Permanent permit No.13-R/2020 has been issued in favour of Smt. Amulyamani Jena in respect of vehicle No.OD01G-2225 to operate on the Interstate route Chandinipal to Kolkata via- Balasore, Jaleswar, Contai & back w.e.f.11.07.2020 to 10.07.2025 and Secretary, STA, West Bengal, Kolkata was requested to countersign the above permit for smooth operation of vehicle vide this office letter No.13571/TC dated 01.10.2022.

Then RTO, Balasore vide his letter No.4672/RTA dated 04.09.2022 has intimated that the vehicle No.OD01G-2225 was plying on the aforesaid route with



carrying 08 no's of passengers along with goods on the top as well as inside of the bus for which e-Challan has drawn on 04.09.2022 U/s 194(1), 177,178 & 192(A).

Accordingly, notice was issued to Smt. Jena vide this office letter No.13584/TC dated 01.10.2022 to file show cause as to why PP shall not be cancelled U/s 86 of M.V Act 1988. The permit holder has filed show cause and no final decision has been taken on the show cause notice.

Smt. Jena has applied for renewal of P.P for further period of five years on 02.07.2025 i.e. before 08 days expiry of permit without submitting copy of countersignature of PP and Annexure - C.

Clause – (h) of Reciprocal Transport Agreement executed between Odisha and West Bengal published in the extraordinary issue of Odisha Gazette No.605 dated 15.05.2009 under Section 88 (6) of M.V. Act, 1988 it has been provided that "Unless a temporary / permanent permit granted by the Home State is countersigned by the reciprocating State no further permit on the self same route shall be granted to the permit holder except under the circumstances beyond the control of the permit holder. The permit holder while making application for subsequent grant or renewal of permit shall submit copy of previous countersignature duly authenticated.

The permit holder has not submitted copy of countersignature granted by STA, West Bengal.

Fitness of vehicle OR01G-2225 was valid till 15.04.2024, I.C. valid till 30.10.2023 and Tax paid upto 31.12.2023.

The above fact has placed before the Secretary, STA and it has been ordered to place the matter in next STA meeting and the same has been intimated to Smt. Jena vide this office letter No.10703/TC dated 21.07.2025.

Further Learned Advocate on behalf of Smt. Jena has submitted a petition before the Secretary, STA on 09.09.2025 and requested to reconsider the above renewal application on the above route.

Considering the prayer made by Advocate for the permit holder the matter is deferred to next STA meeting. The applicant shall furnish copy of countersignature granted by STA, West Bengal failing which appropriate action will be taken on the application for renewal of permit in terms of Reciprocal Transport Agreement.

ITEM NO.03:- CANCELLATION OF PERMANENT PERMIT BEARING NO.56-R-2021 ISSUED TO VEHICLE NO.OR01R-1125 OPERATING ON THE INTERSTATE ROUTE BHUBANESWAR TO HALADIA VIA-JALESWAR, CONTAI & BACK.

Advocate Sri S. Mishra is present on behalf of applicant. Heard.

Permanent Permit vide No.56-R/2021 was issued to Sri Prabodha Kumar Bhuyan in respect of vehicle No.OR01R-1125 on the I/S route from Bhubaneswar to Haladia via- Jaleswar, Contai & back w.e.f 16.07.2021 to 15.07.2026. The Secretary, STA, WB has been requested vide this office letter No.9650/TC dated 09.09.2021 for countersignature with a copy to the permit holder to get the permit countersigned within 90 days from the date of issue of permit.

Advocate on behalf of Suchismita Sarangi, owner of vehicle No.OD05BZ-1497 has submitted an objection that the vehicle No.OR01R-1125 has never operated in the route Bhubaneswar to Haladia via- Jaleswar, Contai & back for a single day and also alleged that the MV documents of said vehicle are no more valid.

Fitness of vehicle OR01R-1125 was valid till 15.03.2023 and I.C. valid till 03.05.2023.

On the basis of allegation made, RTO, Bhubaneswar & RTO, Balasore has been requested vide this office letter No.8885/TC dated 18.06.2025 & letter No.8886/TC dated 18.06.2025 respectively to furnish the operational status of vehicle No.OR01R-1125.

The RTO, Balasore has furnished reply vide letter No.3820/RTA dated 02.08.2025 stating that the vehicle OR01R-1125 was not operating in the route Bhubaneswar to Haladia since last two years & also intimated that the MV documents of said vehicle are not valid.

The permit holder Sri Prabodha Kumar Bhuyan was directed vide this letter No.12587/TC dated 21.08.2025 to file show cause as to why P.P. No.56-R/2021 shall not be cancelled. The permit holder has not submitted copy of countersignature granted by STA, WB which was one of the conditions of permit. The permit holder failed to submit any documentary evidence to the effect that he is operating the vehicle in the given route. Due to non-operation of vehicle by Sri Bhuyan in the route Bhubaneswar to Haladia, travelling public are suffered a lot and very purpose of issue of permit is frustrated. Insurance certificate was valid upto 03.05.2023 and fitness was expired on 15.03.2023 in respect of vehicle OR01R-1125 rendering the registration invalid.

For the foregoing reasons, it was resolved to cancel the Permanent Permit vide No.56-R/2021 was issued to Sri Prabodha Kumar Bhuyan in respect of vehicle No.OR01R-1125 on the I/S route from Bhubaneswar to Haladia via- Jaleswar, Contai & back.

The route be notified in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit from intending bus owners in the interest of travelling public.

ITEM NO.04:- CANCELLATION OF PERMANENT PERMIT BEARING NO.57-R-2017 ISSUED TO VEHICLE NO.OR02AS-8229 OPERATING ON THE INTERSTATE ROUTE CHANDBALI TO KOLKATA VIA.LAXMANNATH & BACK.

Heard Advocate Sri S. Mishra is present on behalf of applicant.

Permanent permit No.57-R/2017 has been issued in favour of Sri Rabindra Kumar Das in respect of vehicle No.OR02AS-8229 to operate on the Interstate route Chandbali to Kolkata via. Laxmannath & back w.e.f. 05.01.2018 to 04.01.2023 and Secretary, STA, West Bengal was requested to countersign the above permit.

The learned advocate on behalf of Sri Das has filed an application for renewal of permanent permit in respect of the above mentioned vehicle. He has stated in his petition that, the owner Sri Rabindra Kumar Das is more than 72 years old and finance companies/ Banks are reluctant to finance him for a higher model vehicle. Further the vehicle OR02AS-8229 has already completed 15 years of its life.

On verification from Vahan-4 database, it is seen that the vehicle OR02AS-8229 has been kept off-road for the period from 01.04.2018 to 30.06.2018 (three months), 01.11.2018 to 31.10.2019 (one year), 01.04.2020 to 30.06.2020 (three months), 01.08.2020 to 31.10.2020 (three months) and 01.05.2021 to 31.10.2021 (six months). While computing the off-road period of vehicle after excluding the period of COVID-19 i.e.01.01.2020 to 31.10.2021, the total period of off-road comes to one year and three months i.e.01.04.2018 to 30.06.2018 and 01.11.2018 to 31.10.2019.

STA in its 291st meeting held on date 19.02.2020 has decided that, **“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 U/s 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”**.

The said matter was placed in the 300th meeting of STA held on 24.03.2023 wherein it was ordered to issue show cause notice to Sri Rabindra Kumar Das as to why permanent permit so granted shall not be cancelled U/s 86 of M.V Act 1988 for violation of permit conditions.

In response to this office letter No.6711/TC, dated 03.05.2023 the owner has furnished his reply to the show cause along with a prayer to replace the vehicle OR02AS-8229 by vehicle No.OD02BD-2199.

The permit holder did not operate his vehicle from 01.04.2018 to 30.06.2018 and 01.11.2018 to 31.10.2019 i.e. one year and three months without intimating the fact of non-operation of his vehicle to STA violating permit conditions. 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 one year and three months 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 fact and circumstances of the case, provisions of law and decision taken by STA in 291st meeting, it was resolved to reject application for renewal of permanent permit No.57-R-2017 and replacement of vehicle OR02AS-8229 by OD02BD-2199 issued to Sri Rabindra Kumar Das on the route Chandbali to Kolkata for violating permit conditions. Consequent upon rejection of application for renewal of permanent permit, application for replacement of vehicle is rejected. It was resolved that the route be notified in the website of STA inviting applications for grant of permanent permit from deserving stage carriage operators.

Being aggrieved to the above decision the learned advocate on behalf of the permit holder had filed a memo stating that Sri Das has filed M.V. appeal No.12 of 2023 wherein it was ordered by the Hon'ble STAT "to stay operation of the notification dated 25.08.2023 and 20.10.2023 inviting fresh applications in the Interstate vacant route from Chandbali to Kolkata via. Laxmannath & back till 16.12.2023".

The matter is deferred to next STA meeting for decision.

ITEM NO.05:- RENEWAL OF. PERMANENT PERMIT IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO.OR11E-1545 TO OPERATE ON THE INTER-STATE ROUTE PURI TO KOLKATA VIA.LAXMANNATH AND BACK.

The matter was placed in the 295th STA meeting held on 10.01.2022 in which following decision taken.



"Permanent permit No.11-R/2015 has been issued by STA to Prakash Chandra Sahoo in respect of vehicle OR11E-1545 (Model-2005) to operate in the interstate route Puri to Kolkata via-Jamsola which was valid till 16.04.2020. The permit holder has applied for renewal of permanent permit on dt.13.01.2020 which was processed and it was ordered that the owner should place higher model vehicle vide this office letter no.3075/TC, dt.29.02.2020. Further on verification from VAHAN database, it is found that the said vehicle was kept off-road for a period from 01.07.2018 to 31.12.2019 and released from off-road on dated 05.12.2019.

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In view of foregoing reason, after due deliberation, STA decided to reject application for renewal of permit filed by Prakash Ch. Sahoo for not operating his bus on the given route for more than one year in the route Puri-Kolkata causing inconvenience to travelling public.

The STA after due deliberation decided to notify the route in the website inviting applications for grant of permanent permit in the interest of commuting public."

Being aggrieved, Prakash Chandra Sahoo has filed M.V. Appeal No.5 of 2022 in which stay of operation of decision taken by STA in 295th meeting has been granted. The matter was placed in the 296th, 297th, 298th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd and 304th meeting and decision deferred due to pendency of M.V. Appeal No.5 of 2022 which is subjudice.

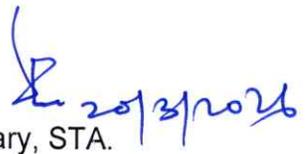
The matter is deferred to next STA meeting.


Chairman, STA.

Memo No. 4514/TC

dated 20-03-2022

Copy forwarded to all Members of STA / all RTOs / OPTICS Cell, STA for information and necessary action.


Secretary, STA.