PROCEEDING OF THE 308th VIRTUAL MEETING OF STA, ODISHA, KATAKA HELD ON 06.10.2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT:-

1- Shri Amitabh Thakur, IPS Transport Commissioner, Odisha	...	...	Chairman
2- Shri Shibo Toppo, OAS (SAG) Secretary, STA	...	...	Member
3- Shri Somit Mitra	...	...	Member

At the outset, the Chairman, STA welcomed all the members of the STA to the 308th virtual meeting of STA.

Proceedings of the 307th virtual meeting of State Transport Authority held on 23.04.2026 circulated among all the members vide this Office Memo No.9648/TC dated 25.05.2026 is confirmed.

POLICY DECISION:.

1.1. Action taken by Chairman, STA, Secretary, STA and Deputy Secretary, STA as per delegation of powers by STA for the period from 24.04.2026 to 05.10.2026 are approved.

1.2. Delegation of Powers in favour of Chairman.

After due deliberation, it was decided to authorize the Chairman, STA, to take a decision regarding the grant of permanent permits on the notified routes in cases involving multiple applications.

1.3. Rationalization

- Change of slot in rationalized route will be allowed during finalization of rationalization time and publication of advertisement for slot change. Change of slot will not be considered thereafter.
- Free zone time in rationalized route will be allowed to local vehicles in such a way that it has to cover maximum 30% of the rationalized route or will cover entire rationalization route in free zone. This rule is not applicable to Night Coach Services and Inter State bus services.
- Grant of permit in multiple excluded routes as per ground rule of rationalized route will be considered if the owner of vehicle applies in different rationalized route. However, the same is not applicable in one rationalized route.

- Permit applications for rationalized routes involving the combination of multiple categories will not be considered.
- Addition of slot time in vacant slots to the points where no time has been mentioned will not be allowed in rationalized route. i.e. permit will be issued to vehicles in vacant slots up to which the time has been mentioned.
- In cases where two or more vehicle owners apply for the same slot on a rationalized route, priority for allotment of the slot shall be determined on the basis of seniority rather than the model or year of manufacture of the vehicle.

1.4 Declaration of free zone for stage carriage :-

The STA in its 289th STA meeting held on 05.09.2019 in policy decision 1.5 resolved that:-

"*In view of high traffic potentiality it is necessary to provide bus services connecting Bhubaneswar / Cuttack for the convenience of travelling public. After due deliberation it was decided that following stretch of routes will be considered of free zone while granting stage carriage permit.*

a) Bhubaneswar / Cuttack to Panikoili with one stoppage at Chandikhol.

b) Bhubaneswar / Cuttack to Balugaon with one stoppage at Khurda.

c) Bhubaneswar / Cuttack to Dhenkanal with two stoppages at Manguli and Khuntuni.

While considering grant of temporary / permanent stage carriage permit overlapping above stretches, timing of existing stage carriage operators in between stretches will not be taken into consideration as clash of timing in the interest of travelling public on longer routes beyond those points".

The STA in its 303rd STA meeting held on 05.11.2024 resolved that:-

"*Considering high traffic potentiality and keeping in view interest of travelling public it was resolved that the route from Berhampur to Aska and Angul to Talcher will be considered as free zone while considering grant of stage carriage permit on the above routes*".

In modification of decision taken by STA in its 289th meeting held on 05.09.2019 in policy decision 1.5(b), Keeping in view the interest of commuting public, it was decided by STA by considering high traffic potentiality and keeping in view interest of travelling public it was resolved that the route from Bhubaneswar / Cuttack to Keshpur with one stoppage at Balugaon will be considered as free zone while considering grant of stage carriage permit on the above routes and keeping the

above resolutions intact. After due deliberation it was further resolved that following stretch of routes will be considered of free zone while granting stage carriage permit,

1) Bhubaneswar/Kataka to Jatamundia via Trisulia
2) Bhadrak to Soro, solely for the purpose of providing connectivity from Bhadrak to Nilagiri, Kaptipada and Udala, and vice versa.
3) Inter-Region night coach bus services operating from various corridors to Bhubaneswar may be extended to Puri, provided the total round-trip running time between Bhubaneswar and Puri-along with the required halting time at Puri-fits within the permitted schedule.

1.5. Grant of temporary permit to a stage carriage more than 15 years and less than 20 years of age.

The STA in its 299th meeting held on 20.01.2023 resolved that:-

"Considering safety and comfort of passengers travelling in buses, the bus owners were asked to produce latest model / new vehicles in place of buses which are more than 15 years old for the safety of commuting public. However, the bus owners have stated that they are willing to provide new buses against the old stage carriages which are more than 15 years old, but they want some time to place new / later model vehicles.

The STA after due deliberation and keeping in view safety and comfort of commuting public resolved that one temporary permit for four months will be considered by Chairman, STA in respect of stage carriages more than 15 years and less than 20 years old from the month/year of manufacture."

The STA in its 301st meeting held on 19.07.2023 resolved that:-

"one temporary permit for 119 days (second time) will be considered by Chairman, STA or Chairman, RTA, as the case may be, in any route length of which does not exceed 200 kms (one way) in respect of stage carriages more than 15 years and less than 20 Years old from the month/year of manufacture. No permanent stage carriage / contract carriage permit shall be issued to vehicles which are more than 15 Years old. No permit (permanent and temporary permit) shall be granted to vehicles which is more than 20 years old by the STA and RTA. All the RTAs shall adhere to above decision while granting permanent / temporary stage / contract carriage permits in their respective regions."

Keeping the above resolutions intact, after deliberation it was resolved to modify only the reference point for computation of the vehicle's age, from the

date/month of manufacture to the date of registration, without disturbing the remaining conditions of the 299th and 301st meeting resolutions."

INTER-STATE ROUTES (MULTI APPLICATIONS)

ITEM NO.1:- BARGARH TO GUMLA & BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in the official website on 07.08.2026, applications were invited for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Bargarh to Gumla & back which is notified vide Sl. No.1205 of the notification regarding non-renewal of permanent permit.

The vacancy arose due to non renewal of permanent permit No.20-G/2015 issued to vehicle OD14R-5639.

The following applicants have applied for grant of permanent permit on the above vacancy as detailed below.

1- Sri Dibyaketan Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD17AF-1822
2- Anita Purohit, owner of vehicle No.OD15AH-0700
3- Gudia Tours & Travels, owner of vehicle No.OD23U-2666
4- Rosy Dash, owner of vehicle No.OD23U-7479

Heard,

Applicant, Sri Dibyaketan Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD17AF-1822 was represented by advocate Sri J.N. Mohanty. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Sri Dibyaketan Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD17AF-1822 secured **45 marks.**

Applicant, Anita Purohit, owner of vehicle No.OD15AH-0700 was represented by advocate Sri S. Mishra. He has submitted self-declaration in Annexure-A and B. He has submitted bank guarantee on 06.11.2026 i.e. after cutoff date for filing of application. Hence application of Anita Purohit is rejected for non submission of Bank Guarantee/Solvency Certificate within stipulated period.

Applicant, Gudia Tours & Travels, Prop. Rajesh Kumar Singh, owner of vehicle No.OD23U-2666 was present. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Gudia Tours & Travels, Prop. Rajesh Kumar Singh, owner of vehicle No.OD23U-2666 secured **65 marks.**

Applicant, Rosy Dash, owner of vehicle No.OD23U-7479 was represented by advocate Sri Krutibash Mohapatra. He has submitted the Solvency Certificate along with self-declaration in Annexure-A, and not submitted Annexure-B.

The STA after due deliberation decided to reject the application filed by Rosy Dash, owner of vehicle No.OD23U-7479 for non-submission of Annexure-B as required by 291st STA Resolution.

Advocate P.K. Behera on behalf of Sri Saroj Kumar Patra, owner of vehicle No.OD15Q-5300 has filed an objection stating that the notified route is deviation from the original timing and the departure from Sambalpur is 07.45 whereas objector's vehicle is 07.50 hrs towards Sundargada.

Sri Pradeep Kar, owner of vehicle No.OD15AF-0557 has filed an objection stating that there is clash of timings at Sambalpur.

Advocate, P.K. Behera, on behalf of Pradeep Kar, owner of vehicle No.OD15AF-0557 has filed an objection stating that there is clash of timings at Sambalpur.

Advocate, H.P. Mohanty, on behalf of Bijayshree Singh, owner of vehicle No.OD16N-0072 has filed an objection stating that the Interstate services cannot be accommodated in the slot timings meant for the services operating from Rourkela to Sambalpur and vice versa.

Advocate Krutibash Mohapatra on behalf of Rosy Das, owner of vehicle No.OD23U-7479 & OD23U-7498 has filed an objection stating that notification of vacancy in Bargarh to Gumla Interstate route without consideration of his prior pending application dated 09.06.2026.

After due deliberation, it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Gudia Tours & Travels, Prop. Rajesh Kumar Singh in respect of vehicle No.OD23U-2666 in the Interstate route Bargarh to Gumla & back as Express nature of service, subject to verification of original documents submitted by him and subject to disposal of objections filed by Sri H.P. Mohanty, Advocate and Sri P.K. Behera,

Advocate. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, Jharkhand, Ranchi. 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 30 days from the date of communication of grant order, 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:-BARGARH TO GUMLA & BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in the official website on 07.08.2026, applications were invited for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Bargarh to Gumla & back which is notified vide Sl. No.1206 of the notification regarding non-renewal of permanent permit.

The vacancy arose due to non renewal of permanent permit No.21-G/2015 issued to vehicle OD14F-2698.

The following applicants have applied for grant of permanent permit on the above vacancy as detailed below.

1- Sri Dibyaketan Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD17AF-1860
2- Anita Purohit, owner of vehicle No.OD15AG-9700
3- Gudia Tours & Travels, owner of vehicle No.OD23W-1777
4- Rosy Dash, owner of vehicle No.OD23U-7498

Heard,

Applicant, Sri Dibyaketan Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD17AF-1860 was represented by advocate Sri J.N. Mohanty. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Sri Dibyaketan Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD17AF-1860 secured **45 marks.**

Applicant, Anita Purohit, owner of vehicle No.OD15AG-9700 was represented by advocate Sri S. Mishra. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Anita Purohit, owner of vehicle No.OD15AG-9700 secured **70 marks.**

Applicant, Gudia Tours & Travels, Prop. Rajesh Kumar Singh, owner of vehicle No.OD23W-1777 was present. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Gudia Tours & Travels, Prop. Rajesh Kumar Singh, owner of vehicle No.OD23W-1777 secured **65 marks.**

Applicant, Rosy Dash, owner of vehicle No.OD23U-7498 was represented by advocate Sri Krutibash Mohapatra. He has submitted the Solvency Certificate along with self-declaration in Annexure-A, and not submitted Annexure-B.

The STA after due deliberation decided to reject the application filed by Rosy Dash, owner of vehicle No.OD23U-7498 for non-submission of Annexure-B as required by 291st STA Resolution.

Advocate P.K. Behera on behalf of Sri Saroj Kumar Patra, owner of vehicle No.OD15Q-5300 has filed an objection stating that the notified route is deviation from the original timing and the departure from Sambalpur is 07.45 whereas objector's vehicle is 07.50 hrs towards Sundargada.

Sri Pradeep Kar, owner of vehicle No.OD15AF-0557 has filed an objection stating that there is clash of timings at Sambalpur.

Advocate, P.K. Behera, on behalf of Pradeep Kar, owner of vehicle No.OD15AF-0557 has filed an objection stating that there is clash of timings at Sambalpur.

Advocate, H.P. Mohanty, on behalf of Bijayshree Singh, owner of vehicle No.OD16N-0072 has filed an objection stating that the Interstate services cannot be accommodated in the slot timings meant for the services operating from Rourkela to Sambalpur and vice versa.

Advocate Krutibash Mohapatra on behalf of Rosy Das, owner of vehicle No.OD23U-7479 & OD23U-7498 has filed an objection stating that notification of vacancy in Bargarh to Gumla Interstate route without consideration of his prior pending application dated 09.06.2026.

After due deliberation, it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Anita Purohit, owner of vehicle No.OD15AG-9700 in the Interstate route Bargarh to Gumla & back, as express nature of service, subject to verification of original documents submitted by him and subject to disposal of objections filed by Sri H.P. Mohanty, Advocate and Sri P.K. Behera, Advocate. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, Jharkhand, Ranchi. 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 30 days from the date of communication of grant order, 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.3:-JODA TO KOLKATA VIA.KEONJHAR, LAXMANNATH & BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in the official website on 28.07.2026, applications were invited for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the interstate route Joda to Kolkata via.Keonjhar, Laxmannath & back which is notified vide Sl. No.1189 of the notification regarding surrender of permit.

The vacancy arose due to surrender of permanent permit No.08-G/2021 issued to vehicle OD05AR-6774.

The following applicants have applied for grant of permanent permit on the above vacancy as detailed below.

1- Ratikanta Parida, owner of vehicle No.OD22AF-7727
2- Nirupama Kar, owner of vehicle No.OD01BJ-7668
3- Narendra Bihari Das, owner of vehicle No.OD01BD-7575

Heard,

Applicant, Sri Ratikanta Parida, owner of vehicle No.OD22AF-7727 was represented by advocate Sri S. Mishra. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Upon scrutiny of the above application as applied by the applicant, it is found that, he has submitted Annexure-A & B disclosing that, he is the owner of vehicle No.OD22AF-7727, OD22M-7727, OD22K-7727, OD22D-7727, OD22B-7727,

OD22Y-7727, OD22AS-6957, OR22G-2777 & OR22D-2777 suppressing the fact that he owns another vehicle i.e. OD02AS-6957.

The STA after due deliberation decided to reject the application filed by Sri Ratikanta Parida, owner of vehicle No.OD22AF-7727 for suppression of fact and submitting wrong information in Annexure A & B.

Applicant, Nirupama Kar, owner of vehicle No.OD01BJ-7668 was represented by advocate Sri S. Mishra. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Applicant, Narendra Bihari Das, owner of vehicle No.OD01BD-7575 was absent. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data one e-challan on dated 30.10.2025 has been 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.

As per decision taken in 291st STA meeting held on 19.02.2020, no permit shall be granted to a vehicle for one year against which VCR has been drawn U/s 192 (A) of M.V. Act, 1988. Since the applicant operated his vehicle without permit/violating permit conditions, his past performance as stage carriage operator is found not satisfactory and not congenial to traveling public. It was decided to reject the application of Narendra Bihari Das in respect of vehicle No.OD01BD-7575. No permit will be granted to vehicle OD01BD-7575 for a period of one year.

After due deliberation, it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Nirupama Kar, owner of vehicle No.OD01BJ-7668 in the Interstate route Joda to Kolkata via.Keonjhar, Laxmannath & back as express nature of service, subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal, Kolkata. 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 30 days from the date of communication of grant order, 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.

INTERSTATE CASE MATTER

ITEM NO.01:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMANENT PERMIT BEARING NO.42-R/2021 ISSUED TO VEHICLE NO.OD05Q-4250 OPERATING ON THE INTERSTATE ROUTE PARADEEP TO KOLKATA VIA.KENDRAPADA, BALASORE AND BACK.

Permanent permit No.42-R/2021 has been issued in favour of Smt. Nilima Mishra in respect of vehicle No.OD05Q-4250 to operate on the Interstate route Paradeep to Kolkata via. Kendrapara, Balasore & back w.e.f. 30.04.2021 to 29.04.2026.

STA in its 291st meeting held on date 19.02.2020 has decided that, "***where permanent stage carriage permit was issued on any interstate route and not countersigned by the reciprocating State within three months from the date of issue or within such further time as may be granted by STA, 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.***" The permit holder was requested vide this office letter No.7868/TC dated 30.07.2021 to furnish copy of countersignature granted by STA, West Bengal.

Further fitness certificate of the above vehicle was expired since 26.12.2024 and Insurance certificate was expired since 15.12.2024. Since Registration Certificate of vehicleNo.OD05Q-4250 was not valid from 27.12.2024 to till date, it is ascertained that the permit holder has not operated the vehicle for the above period and violating permit conditions

Heard, Adv. J.N Mohanty appeared for the applicant.

In view of decision taken by STA in its 291stmeeting held on 19.02.2020 and the fact that the Permanent permit No. 42-R/2021 has been issued in favour of Smt. Nilima Mishra in respect of vehicle No.OD05Q-4250 to operate on the Interstate route Paradeep to Kolkata via. Kendrapara, Balasore & back w.e.f. 30.04.2021 to 29.04.2026 has not been countersigned till date. Thus, it is established that the permit holder is not operating his bus in the given route without getting the permit

countersigned as required under Section 88(1) of M.V. Act, 1988 causing inconvenience to the travelling public.

The STA after due deliberation decided to reject application for renewal of permanent permit No.42-R/2021 and to notify the route inviting applications for grant of permanent permit to the deserving bus operators in the interest of travelling public. All the RTOs under whose jurisdiction the route surpasses are instructed to seized the vehicle OD05Q-4250 if found plying on the above route or portion thereof.

ITEM NO.02:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT PERMIT 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 was 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-Laxmannath 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 (15 months in one stretch).

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 Purl-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."

Pursuant to the advertisement published in official Website, daily Odia newspaper and English news paper on 12.02.2022, the following applications have applied for grant of permanent permit on the above vacancy.

1. Smt. Renubala Mallick, owner of vehicle No.OD05BD-8162
2. CMD, OSRTC, Bhubaneswar, owner of vehicle No.OD02BA-3686
3. CMD, OSRTC, Bhubaneswar, owner of vehicle No.OD02BA-3696

4. Sri Soumya Ranjan Pradhan, owner of vehicle No.OD02BU-0094
5. Sri Ratikanta Parida, owner of vehicle No.OD08H-3588
6. Sri Niranjan Sundaray, owner of vehicle No.OD02BL-0599
7. Sri Sajan Kumar Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OD02BV-6061
8. Sri Gajendra Nayak, owner of vehicle No.OD01AM-3166
9. Sri Ganesh Chandra Swain, owner of vehicle No.OD02BU-8046

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, 304th and 306th meeting and decision deferred due to pendency of M.V. Appeal No.5 of 2022 which is subjudice and Hon'ble STAT vide order dated 26.03.2026 vacated stay order granted earlier.

Sri Prakash Ch. Sahoo has filed W.P. (C) No.31799 of 2026 which was disposed of on 06.10.2026 and Hon'ble High Court passed the following order.

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4. Admittedly, the only grievance of the writ petitioner is for a direction to OPNo.2-cum-Chairman, State Transport Authority, Cuttack to consider and dispose of his application under Annexure-1 and this Court, therefore, without delving the matter on merit, disposes of the Writ Petition at the threshold of admission by directing OPNo.2 to consider and dispose of the application of the petitioner under Annexure-1 which does form part of the order, in accordance with law.

5. It is, however, clarified that this Court has not observed anything on merit and the authority concerned is free to pass any order in accordance with law. The downloaded copy of the aforesaid order, subject to verification can be utilized for the purpose of the relief as advanced for the petitioner."

As directed by Hon'ble High Court his application is taken into consideration.

Heard,

Applicant, Sri Praksah Chandra Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OD05CB-0529 was represented by advocate Sri H.P Mohanty. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Smt. Renubala Mallick, owner of vehicle OD05BD-8162 is absent on call. She has not submitted Solvency Certificate and other required documents. Her application is rejected.

The representation of OSRTC appeared and stated that the OSRTC will place two Volvo vehicles. They have not produced documents of vehicle proposed to be placed for consideration in course of the day. The applications filed by OSRTC are rejected.

Sri M.B.K. Rao, Advocate appeared for Somya Ranjan Pradhan, owner of vehicle OD02BU-0094. He submitted that he will produce vehicle No.OD02DQ-0094 in place of applied vehicle. He has not produced Solvency Certificate. His application is rejected.

Sri Ratikanta Parida, owner of vehicle OD08H-3588 and Sri Niranjan Sundary, owner of vehicle No.OD02BL-0599 are absent on call. They have not submitted Solvency Certificate and other required documents. Their applications are rejected.

Sri Sajan Kumar Mishra, owner of vehicle OD02BV-6061 is present in person. He has not submitted Solvency Certificate and other required documents. His application is rejected.

Sri Gajendra Kumar Nayak, owner of vehicle OD01AM-3166 is absent on call. He has not submitted Solvency Certificate and other required documents. His application is rejected.

Sri A. Behera, Advocate appeared for applicant Ganesh Ch. Swain, owner of vehicle OD02BU-8046. He has not submitted Solvency Certificate and other required documents. His application is rejected. However on verification of OPTICS database it is found that all the vehicles applied are not standing idle.

After due deliberation, it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Praksah Chandra Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OD05CB-0529, in the Interstate route Puri to Kolkata via-Laxmannath & back as express nature of service, subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal, Kolkata. 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 30 days from the date of communication of grant order, 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.03:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL 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.

Heard the permit holder in person.

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 show cause notice was issued to Smt. Jena vide this office show cause notice No.13584/TC dated 01.10.2022 as to why P.P shall not be cancelled U/s 86 of M.V Act 1988.

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

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.

In the meantime Amulyamani Jena, owner of vehicle No.OD01G-2225 has submitted copy of countersignature issued by STA, West Bengal, Kolkata on 15.07.2026.

After due deliberation it was decided to renew the P.P. No.13-R/2020 granted to Amulyamani Jena, owner of vehicle OD01G-2225 in the interstate route Chandinipal to Kolkata via- Balasore, Jaleswar, Contai & back, subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The permit is valid subject to grant of countersignature by STA, West Bengal, Kolkata. 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 30 days from the date of communication of grant order, 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.04:-CONSIDERATION OF AN ALLEGATION PETITION FILED BY SRI PRABODH KUMAR BHUYAN AGAINST SMT SUCHISMITA SARANGI FOR OBTAIN STAGE CARRIAGE PERMIT BY MANIPULATING RESIDENT CERTIFICATE.

Permanent Permit vide No.30-G/2026 issued in favour of Smt. Suchismita Sarangi, owner of vehicle No.OD05BZ-1497 to operate on the Interstate route Bhubaneswar to Haladia via.Jaleswar, Contai & back w.e.f. 01.08.2026 to 31.07.2031.

It is pertinent to mention here that Smt. Sarangi has lifted above permit against the notified vacancy of vehicle No.OR01R-1125. The said vacancy was notified in website on 30.04.2026 and in pursuant to said notification, there are two applications were received by this authority namely Smt. Suchismita Sarangi, owner of vehicle No.OD05BZ-1497 and Sri Prabodh Kumar Bhuyan, owner of vehicle No.OD01BE-9634.

Upon verification it is seen that one e-challan U/s 192 (A) has drawn by RTO, Balasore on 31.05.2026 in respect of vehicle No.OD01BE-9634. The above applications have processed and the Chairman, STA has granted Permanent Permit in favour of Smt. Sarangi, owner of vehicle No.OD05BZ-1497 to operate on the above mentioned route.

Thereafter the Ld. Advocate on behalf of Sri Bhuyan filed an objection on 18.06.2026 alleging that the owner of vehicle No.OD05BZ-1497 (Smt. Suchismita Sarangi) has lifted Permanent Permit by manipulating the resident of Odisha quota, whereas she is originally resident of West Bengal State. Though, her father has lifted two permits i.e Contai to Puri in respect of vehicle No.WB29A-3295 and Ghatal to Bhubaneswar in respect of vehicle No.OD11K-7383. So Smt. Sarangi has suppressed the fact that she is resident of West Bengal. He has also intimated that his application was rejected due to one e-challan U/s 192 (A) was drawn against his vehicle. But the said Challan was issued after the filing of application which was duly compounded.

Sri A. Behera, Advocate for the petitioner Sri P.K. Bhuyan submitted that he has challenged the residence certificate granted to Smt. S. Sarangi before the appellant authority which is sub-judice.

The STA decided to defer the matter to next STA meeting.

ITEM NO.05:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLE NO.OR11H-5888 BY VEHICLE NO.OD11R-4661 FOR OPERATION ON THE INTERSTATE ROUTE PURI TO TAMLUK VIA- BALASORE, BAJKUL & BACK

Permanent permit vide No.18-G/2023 was issued in favour of Sri Mahendra Nath Behera in respect of vehicle No.OR11H-5888 to operate on the inter-State route Puri to Tamluk via Balasore, Egra, Bajkul and back w.e.f 07.05.2023 to 06.05.2028, subject to the condition that the existing vehicle be replaced by a BS-IV or higher-model vehicle within three months from the date of issuance of the permanent permit. The matter was also recommended to the Secretary, STA, West Bengal, vide this office letter No.6809/TC dated 06.05.2023.

Thereafter, the owner of vehicle No.OR11H-5888 submitted an application dated 08.07.2026 for replacement of the existing vehicle by a higher-model vehicle No.OD11R-4661, without furnishing a copy of the countersignature issued by STA, West Bengal. The owner was intimated vide this office letter No.13338/TC dated 27.07.2026, directing him to furnish copy of the countersignature issued by STA, West Bengal, Kolkata.

Subsequently, Sri Behera, owner of the aforesaid vehicle, submitted a petition dated 02.09.2026 stating that the existing vehicle has completed 15 years of service and, therefore, STA, West Bengal, has refused to countersign the said permit, due to which he is unable to furnish a copy of the countersignature. He has further requested for replacement of the existing vehicle by a higher-model vehicle in the interest of safe, comfortable and efficient transportation of the travelling public.

In this regard the Project Director, NHAI, Toll Plaza Sergarh, Balasore has been requested vide this office letter no.16482/TC dated 17.09.2026 to enquiry into the matter and furnish a report regarding the operational status of vehicle No.OR11H-5888 on the above route from 07.05.2023 into till date.

Further show cause notice has also been issued vide this office letter No.16480/TC dated 17.09.2026 to Sri Behera as to why the Permanent permit so granted shall not be cancelled for violating the permit conditions.

After due deliberation, it is decided to consider the application for replacement of vehicle No.OR11H-5888 by vehicle No.OD11R-4661 on the inter-State route from Puri to Tamluk via Balasore, Egra and Bajkul, and back, subject to receipt of a satisfactory reply to the show-cause notice, keeping in view the interest and convenience of the travelling public.

ITEM NO.06:- CANCELLATION OF PERMANENT PERMIT VIDE NO.01-G-2026 ISSUED IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO.OD04T-3442 ON THE ROUTE FROM CHANDINIPAL TO KHEJURI VIA-BASUDEVPUR, HALADIPADA, JALESWAR, MOHANPUR, CONTAI AND BACK IN FAVOUR OF SRI MUNCI SARFARAJ ALLI.

Permanent Permit No.01-G/2026 has been granted to Munci Sarfaraj Alli owner of vehicle No.OD04T-3442 in the interstate route from Chandinipal to Khejuri via- Basudevpur, Haladipada, Jaleswar, Mohanpur, Contai & back valid from 09.01.2026 to 08.01.2031. E-Challan was issued against said vehicle on 17.12.2025 Under Section 192(A) of MV ACT-1988. By suppressing of fact regarding pendency of e-Challan, the permit holder has obtained permit.

Show Cause notice was issued to Munci Sarfaraj Alli owner of vehicle No.OD04T-3442 vide this office letter No.16351/TC dated 11.09.2026 as to why the permit so granted shall not be cancelled for obtaining the permit by misrepresentation and/or suppression of material fact.

The STA in its 291stMeeting held on 19.02.2020 decided not to grant stage carriage permit to the holder of a stage carriage where e-challan was drawn under Section 192A of M.V. Act, 1988 on the date of consideration of application.

In the present case the permit holder has obtained the permit by suppression of fact that e-challan was drawn against his vehicle OD04T-3442 U/s 192(A) of M.V. Act, 1988 on 17.12.2025.

The STA after due deliberation decided to cancel the said permit under Section 86 (1) (d) of M.V. Act, 1988 and to notify the route inviting application for grant of permanent permit to deserving bus operator in the interest of travelling public.

INTER-REGION ROUTES (MULTI APPLICATIONS)

ITEM NO.1:-KANAKTORA TO ROURKELA & BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in the official website on 01.09.2026, applications were invited for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the route

Kanaktora to Rourkela & back which is notified vide Sl. No.1234 of the notification regarding non-renewal of permit.

The vacancy arose due to non-renewal of permanent permit No.PP99/160552/G issued to vehicle OD23S-4999.

The following applicants have applied for grant of permanent permit on the above vacancy as detailed below.

1- Ram Phukar Rai, owner of vehicle No.OD23V-3482
2- Babita Sahu, owner of vehicle No.OD23S-4999
3- Mina Yadav, owner of vehicle No.OD23V-4470

Heard,

Applicant, Ram Phukar Rai, owner of vehicle No.OD23V-3482 was represented by advocate Sri H.P. Mohanty. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

Advocate, for the applicant has filed a petition on 14.10.2026 for withdraw the application for permanent permit. The application is rejected as withdrawn.

Applicant, Babita Sahu, owner of vehicle No.OD23S-4999 was represented by advocate Sri J.N. Mohanty. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Babita Sahu, owner of vehicle No.OD23S-4999 secured 50 marks.

Applicant, Mina Yadav, owner of vehicle No.OD23V-4470 was represented by advocate Sri H.P. Mohanty. He has submitted the Solvency Certificate and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Mina Yadav, owner of vehicle No.OD23V-4470 secured 85 marks.

The STA after due deliberation, it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Mina Yadav, owner of vehicle No.OD23V-4470 in the Inter-Region route Kanaktora to Rourkela & back as AC Deluxe nature of service, subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The grantee shall lift the permit within a

period of 30 days from the date of communication of grant order, 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:-INDRAVATI TO CHITRAKONDA & BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in the official website on 30.07.2026, applications were invited for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the route Indravati to Chitakonda via- Nawarangpur, Jeypore & back which is notified vide Sl. No.1191 of the notification regarding non-renewal of permit.

The vacancy arose due to non renewal of permanent permit No.PP99/160457/G issued to vehicle OD10C-4226.

The following applicants have applied for grant of permanent permit on the above vacancy as detailed below.

1- Chartered Speed Limited (OSRTC), DTM, Koraput, owner of vehicle No.OD24K-6338
2- Harekrushna Samanata, owner of vehicle No.OD10AA-3939

Heard,

Applicant, DTM, Koraput, owner of vehicle No.OD24K-6338 was present. He has submitted the self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Applicant, Harekrushna Samanata, owner of vehicle No.OD10AA-3939 was represented by advocate Sri S. Mishra. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data one e-challan on dated 31.01.2026 has been 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.

As per decision taken in 291st STA meeting held on 19.02.2020, no permit shall be granted to a vehicle for one year against which VCR has been drawn U/s 192 (A) of M.V. Act, 1988. Since the applicant operated his vehicle without permit/violating permit conditions, his past performance as stage carriage operator is found not satisfactory and not congenial to traveling public. It was decided to reject

the application of Harekrushna Samanata in respect of vehicle No.OD10AA-3939. No permit will be granted to vehicle OD10AA-3939 for a period of one year.

The STA after due deliberation, it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to DTM, OSRTC, Koraput, owner of vehicle No.OD24K-6338, in the Inter-region route Indravati to Chitakonda via- Nawarangpur, Jeypore & back as express nature of service, subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of 30 days from the date of communication of grant order, 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.3:-DOVA TO BHUBANESWAR VIA-THAKURMUNDA, ANANDAPUR & BACK.

Pursuant to the advertisement published in the official website on 31.07.2026, applications were invited for grant of permanent stage carriage permit in the route Dova to Bhubaneswar via-Thakurmunda, Anandapur & back which is notified vide Sl. No.1195 of the notification regarding surrender of permit.

The vacancy arose due to surrender of permanent permit No.PP/99/147-G/2023 issued to vehicle OD05BJ-0714.

The following applicants have applied for grant of permanent permit on the above vacancy as detailed below.

1- Manisha Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD05CM-1299
2- Taera Bibi, owner of vehicle No.OD05CM-0928
3- Sri Lokesh Pradhan, owner of vehicle No.OD11AN-2698
4- Ritu Mandal, owner of vehicle No.OD11N-9690
5- Sri Dillip Karmakar, owner of vehicle No.OD11AP-0082
6- Sri Sumit Das, owner of vehicle No.OD11AG-0299

Heard,

Applicant, Manisha Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD05CM-1299 was represented by advocate Sri S. Mishra. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and the self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Manisha Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD05CM-1299 secured **85 marks.**

Applicant, Taera Bibi, owner of vehicle No.OD05CM-0928 was represented by advocate Sri H.P. Mohanty. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Taera Bibi, owner of vehicle No.OD05CM-0928 secured **85 marks.**

Applicant, Sri Lokesh Pradhan, owner of vehicle No.OD11AN-2698 was represented by advocate Sri M.B.K Rao. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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 Sri M.B.K. Rao has submitted a judgment dated 10.10.2000 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India wherein ***"Section 9 of the general Clauses Act 1897 gives statutory recognition to the well established principle application to the construction of statutes that ordinarily in computing the period of time prescribed, the route observed in to exclude the first and include the last"***.

He submitted while counting period of limitation, first day has to be excluded in view of judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Appeal (Civil) No.2937 of 2000 (Tarun Prasad Chatterjee Vrs. Dinanath Sharma) vide judgment dated 10.10.2000. He submitted to consider the application of Sri Lokesh Pradhan on merit in view of aforesaid judgment.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Lokesh Pradhan, owner of vehicle No.OD11AN-2698 (AC Deluxe Sleeper, Benz) secured **110 marks.**

Applicant, Ritu Mandal, owner of vehicle No.OD11N-9690 was represented by advocate Sri M.B.K Rao. He has stated that he wants to withdraw the application for grant of permanent permit. Hence the application is rejected as withdrawn.

Applicant, Sri Dillip Karmakar, owner of vehicle No.OD11AP-0082 was represented by advocate Sri P.K. Behera. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

It is to mention here that Sri Dillip Karmakar, owner of vehicle No.OD11AP-0082 has applied for grant of permanent permit on 31.08.2026 and last date of receipt of application is 29.08.2026 (within 30 days). Hence the application of Sri Dillip Karmakar is not considered.

Applicant, Sri Sumit Das, owner of vehicle No.OD11AG-0299 was absent. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

It is to mention here that Sri Sumit Das, owner of vehicle No.OD11AG-0299 has applied for grant of permanent permit on 01.09.2026 and last date of receipt of application is 29.08.2026 (within 30 days). Hence the application of Sri Sumit Das is not considered.

The STA after due deliberation, it is decided to grant permanent stage carriage permit to Sri Lokesh Pradhan, owner of vehicle No.OD11AN-2698, in the Inter-region route Dova to Bhubaneswar via-Thakurmunda, Anandapur & back as express nature of service, subject to verification of original documents submitted by him. The grantee shall lift the permit within a period of 30 days from the date of communication of grant order, 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.4:-PARADEEP TO PURI & BACK.

Pursuant to notification on dated 30.04.2026 the Permit vide No.PP99/171164/G issued in respect of vehicle No.OR21B-9180 on the route from Paradeep to Puri & back has been notified in website on 30.04.2026 vide Sl.No.1072.

The following applicants have applied for grant of permanent permit on the above vacancy as detailed below.

1- Smt. Sasmita Pradhan, owner of vehicle No.OD05CK-6929
2- Smt. Laxmipriya Patra, owner of vehicle No.OD05CK-9192
3- Smt. Krishna Swain, owner of vehicle No.OD05CK-0339
4- Smt. Padmalaya Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OD05CL-5799
5- Sri Kashinath Mahala, owner of vehicle No.OD05AX-9195
6- Manisha Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD05CL-8899

Heard,

Applicant, Smt. Sasmita Pradhan, owner of vehicle No.OD05CK-6929 was represented by advocate Sri S. Mishra. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and the self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Smt. Sasmita Pradhan, owner of vehicle No.OD05CK-6929 secured **85 marks.**

Applicant, Smt. Laxmipriya Patra, owner of vehicle No.OD05CK-9192 was absent. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Smt. Laxmipriya Patra, owner of vehicle No.OD05CK-9192 secured **85 marks.**

Applicant, Smt. Krishna Swain, owner of vehicle No.OD05CK-0339 was represented by advocate Sri H.P. Mohanty. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Smt. Krishna Swain, owner of vehicle No.OD05CK-0339 secured **85 marks.**

Applicant, Smt. Padmalaya Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OD05CL-5799 was represented by advocate Sri S. Mishra. He has submitted the Bank Guarantee and self-declaration in Annexure-A and B.

As per Vahan data no e-challan has been 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.

Based on the evaluation criteria, in terms of model of vehicle, type of facilities in bus, Smt. Padmalaya Mishra, owner of vehicle No.OD05CL-5799 secured **85 marks.**

Applicant, Sri Kashinath Mahala, owner of vehicle No.OD05AX-9195 was absent. He has submitted self-declaration in Annexure-A and B and not submitted Bank Guarantee/Solvency Certificate.

Financial Stability of the 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 Sri Kashinath Mahala, owner of vehicle No.OD05AX-9195 for non-submission of Solvency Certificate/Bank Guarantee.

Applicant, Manisha Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD05CL-8899 was absent. He has submitted self-declaration in Annexure-A and B and not submitted Bank Guarantee/Solvency Certificate.

Smt. Manisha Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD05CL-8899 has submitted an application for withdraw on 08.06.2026. Hence the application of Smt. Mohanty is rejected as withdrawn.

Further the learned advocate Sri M.B.K Rao on behalf of Choudhury Pravat Kumar Swain, owner of vehicle No.OR21B-9180 has stated that joint application for transfer of permanent permit between the petitioner and Kashinath Mahala submitted on dated 12.05.2019 is still pending. Permanent permit of the petition in respect of his vehicle has been renewed for further period of five years from 16.11.2022 to 15.12.2027.

STA in its 306th Meeting held on 10.12.2025 vide SI No.3 resolved to cancel the permanent permit No.PP99/171164/G granted to Choudhury Pravat Kumar Swain, owner of vehicle No.OR218-9180 for non-operation of service in the given route causing inconvenience to the travelling public.

Further Standing Counsel Transport has intimated vide his letter No.171/2026 dated 12.10.2026 that the petitioner Sri Choudhury Pravat Kumar Swain has filed a writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court on 09.10.2026 in WP (C) No.32089/2026.

Sri M.B.K. Rao, Advocate has prayed for time. The matter is deferred to next STA, meeting.

INTER REGION CASE MATTER

ITEM NO.01:- CANCELLATION OF PERMITS ISSUED IN RESPECT OF VEHICLE NO.OD04M-6001, OD05CA-1621, OD05CA-1521 AND OD04M-6003.

Permanent Permit No.SC/SIRP99/01310/2024 was issued in favour of Smt. Deepika Jena in respect of vehicle No.OD04M-6001 to operate on the route Pattamundai to Jeypore and back, valid w.e.f. 02.05.2024 to 02.05.2029.

Permanent Permit No.SC/SIRP99/02927/2026 was issued in favour of Smt. Deepika Jena in respect of vehicle No.OD05CA-1621 to operate on the route Cuttack to Chandili via Rayagada and back, valid w.e.f. 24.06.2026 to 24.06.2031.

Permanent Permit No.SC/SIRP99/02924/2026 was also issued in favour of Smt. Deepika Jena in respect of vehicle No.OD05CA-1521 to operate on the route Cuttack to Chandili via Rayagada and back, valid w.e.f. 24.06.2026 to 24.06.2031.

Permanent Permit No.SC/SIRP99/04046/2024 was issued in favour of Smt. Deepika Jena in respect of vehicle No.OD04M-6003 to operate on the route Pattamundai to Jeypore via Berhampur and back, valid w.e.f. 03.11.2024 to 03.11.2029.

It is further noticed from the records that All India Tourist Permits (AITPs) were also issued in respect of the aforesaid vehicles in favour of Smt. Deepika Jena, as detailed below:

1. AITP No.OR2023-CC-2277C was issued in respect of vehicle No.OD04M-6001, valid from 04.10.2023 to 04.10.2028.
2. AITP No.OR2025-AITP-0365A was issued in respect of vehicle No.OD05CA-1621, valid from 19.05.2025 to 18.05.2030.
3. AITP No.OR2025-AITP-0364A was issued in respect of vehicle No.OD05CA-1521, valid from 19.05.2025 to 18.05.2030.
4. AITP No.OR2024-AITP-0163A was issued in respect of vehicle No.OD04M-6003, valid from 22.02.2024 to 21.02.2029.

Thus, it appears from the records that Smt. Deepika Jena, owner of vehicle Nos.OD04M-6001, OD05CA-1621, OD05CA-1521 and OD04M-6003, obtained All India Tourist Permits in respect of the aforesaid vehicles while holding valid stage carriage permits in respect of the same vehicles. The obtaining and use of AITPs in respect of vehicles covered by stage carriage permits raises an issue regarding violation of the conditions of the stage carriage permits and the applicable provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act/Rules.

In this connection, Show Cause Notices were issued to Smt. Deepika Jena vide this office letters No.10435/TC dated 03.06.2026, No.10436/TC dated 03.06.2026, No.10437/TC dated 03.06.2026 and No.10434/TC dated 03.06.2026, calling upon her to show cause as to why the stage carriage permits and the AITPs issued in respect of the aforesaid vehicles should not be cancelled for violation of the permit conditions.

Section 72 read with section 70 and 71 of M.V. Act, 1988 provides that a stage carriage permit to be granted to a vehicle in the given route. In the present case the permit holder has obtained two permits against a vehicle owned by him violating provisions of statute.

Sri S. Mishra, Advocate submitted that the permit holder has surrendered the All India Tourist Permits held by her in respect of above vehicles.

Further verification it is found that the permit holder has not surrendered the permits issued against her above vehicles.

Considering facts and circumstances mentioned above, after due deliberation, STA decided to cancel permanent permit No.SC/SIRP99/01310/2024, SC/SIRP99/02927/2026, SC/SIRP99/02924/2026 & SC/SIRP99/04046/2024 issued in favour of Smt. Deepika Jena in respect of vehicle No.OD04M-6001, OD05CA-1621, OD05CA-1521 & OD04M-6003 and to notify the routes inviting applications for grant of permanent permit to the deserving bus operators in the interest of travelling public.

ITEM NO.02:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMANENT PERMIT VIDE NO.SC/SIRP99/00264/2021 ON THE ROUTE FROM CUTTACK TO PARADEEP & BACK.

Sri Prakash Chandra Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OD05AS-1729 has lifted PP vide No.SC/SIRP99/00264/2021 on the route from Cuttack to Paradeep via- Tarapur, Jayapur & back w.e.f 05.03.2021 to 05.03.2026.

Due to non renewal of said permit in stipulated time period by the permit holder, the route was notified in website through auto notification on 20.03.2026 vide Sl.No.1030. In pursuance to said notification Smt. Manisha Mohanty, owner of vehicle No.OD05CJ-8999 has applied for grant of PP on 15.04.2026 to operate her vehicle on the notified route from Cuttack to Paradeep via- Tarapur ,Jayapur& back and Chairman, STA has been granted P.P on 01.06.2026. Accordingly she has lifted PP vide No.PP/99/217-G/2026 w.e.f 03.06.2026 to 02.06.2031.

In the mean time, Prakash Chandra Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OD05AS-1729 has applied for renewal of aforesaid P.P before this authority on 24.03.2026 i.e after 19 days lapse of permit through manually instead of online by submitting Medical certificate.

Advocate Sri H.P Mohanty on behalf of Sri Sahoo has submitted that due to illness Sri Sahoo could not file the application for renewal in due time.

It is noticed that no notice has been issued to Smt. Manisha Mohanty, owner of vehicle OD05CJ-8999.

After due deliberation, it was resolved to issue notice to Smt. Manisha Mohanty. The matter is deferred to next STA meeting.

ITEM NO.02:- CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR ALLOTMENT OF SLOT.

Sri Satya Ranjan Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OD22AA-9158 has applied for grant of new temporary permit on the route from Thakurmunda to Kendrapara & Back with proposed set of timings which was placed in the permit committee meeting held on 30.08.2025 vide item No.414 which was rejected by the Chairman, STA on dated 23.12.2025 on the ground that the proposed slot was not vacant.

Sri Satyaranjan Sahoo owner of vehicle No.OD22AA-9158 has submitted an application on 18.06.2026 and requested to reconsider his application for grant of new temporary permit and allot down trip slot which is allotted in respect of vehicle No.OD05Q-4250 & OR04P-0123.

Permanent Permit No.42-R/2021 has been issued in favour of Nilima Mishra owner of vehicle No.OD05Q-4250 on the interstate route from Paradeep to Kolkata via- Kendrapara, Balasore & back with Paradeep departure at 14:09 hrs in Down Trip Cat-C, Slot No.47 of Chandikhole-Paradeep Rationalized route was valid till 18.05.2026.

Similarly, Permanent Permit No.40-R/2021 has been issued in favour of Sri Siba Prasad Sahoo, owner of vehicle No.OR04P-0123 on the interstate route from Paradeep to Kolkata via- Kendrapara, Balasore & back with Paradeep departure at 14:09hrs in Down Trip Cat-C, Slot No.47 of Chandikhole-Paradeep Rationalized route was valid till 18.05.2026.

Sri Satya Ranjan Sahoo further submitted that the vehicles bearing Registration Nos. OD05Q-4250 and OR04P-0123 were occupying Slot No. 47, notwithstanding the expiry of their respective permits. He, therefore, requested that, in the interest of the travelling public, the said slot be allotted in his favour and his application for the

grant of a fresh temporary permit on the route from Thakurmunda to Paradeep be considered.

Heard, Sri Satya Ranjan Sahoo was present on call.

After due deliberation it was decided to authorize, Chairman, STA to take decision on the application filed by Sri Satya Ranjan Sahoo for grant of temporary permit in the route Thakurmunda to Paradip in respect of vehicle OD22AA-9158.

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Chairman, STA

Memo No 20.517 **/TC** **Date** 18 **//11//2026**

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18/11/2026

Secretary
STA, Odisha, Kataka