GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER J&K, JAMMU/SRINAGAR.

Subject: Reservation of seats for women and physically challenged persons.

CIRCULAR.

This office have issued orders/notifications from time to time for reservation of seats traveling in Public Service Vehicles viz. Big Buses 1 to 12 & for Medium/Mini Buses 1 to 09, it has been observed that the instructions issued are not implemented by the owners/Transport operators, with the result the general public are especially the women/handicapped persons traveling in passenger service vehicles are facing in-convenience. It is necessary in the public interest to reserve the seats for women/handicapped persons travelling in passenger service vehicles;

"For Big Buses seats 1 to 12 & for Medium/Mini Buses 1 to 09 shall be reserved for women and handicapped persons. The words "Reserved for women and Handicapped Persons' should prominently be painted either on back of the seat or alongside of the body of the vehicles adjacent to seat in White Alphabets so as to display the orders of reservation of such seats to occupants of the vehicle at all times. In case passengers of these categories are not travelling in the bus the seats may be allowed to be occupied by the normal male passengers who shall vacate these seats in case any persons for the reserved category boards the vehicle en-route at any station".

All enforcement agencies are once again requested to ensure implementation of this circular effectively. Non compliance of this condition shall make the permit holder liable for action under Motor Vehicle Act and Rules framed there under, which apart from fine and penalties may result in suspension/cancellation of permit. Besides, this all the Board(s) of Inspection shall ensure proper implementation of the circular instructions while issuance of fitness certificate of Big Buses, Medium & Mini Buses.

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Copy to the:

1. Secretary to Govt. Transport Department, J&K, for kind information.

- 2. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir for kind information.
- Inspector General of Police (Traffic) J&K Srinagar for information and issuance of suitable instructions to Traffic Police Officials.
- 4. Managing Director, JKRTC for information.
- 5. Director Social Welfare Department, Jammu/Kashmir for information.
- Regional Transport Officer, Jammu/Kashmir/Kathua for information and necessary action.
- 7. All ARTOs for information and necessary action.
- 8. All Bus/Mini Bus Owners/Associations for information and compliance.