

Conditions for the maximum single length of a route for stage carriage(s) having a seating capacity of (minimum) 24 seats and (maximum) 35 seats (including the driver and conductor)

Apart from the conditions that may be attached to a permit for stage carriage (s) as per Section 72 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, the following conditions are also prescribed as per Section 72 (2) (xxiv) of the Act, for the grant of stage carriage permits for stage carriage(s) having seating capacity of (minimum) 24 seats and (maximum) 35 seats (including the driver and conductor):

1. The application for the grant of a stage carriage permit on the route of his choice shall be made in the prescribed form as per Punjab Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
2. The maximum single length of a route for stage carriage(s) having a seating capacity of (minimum) 24 seats and (maximum) 35 seats (including the driver and conductor) shall be 35.0 Km.
3. The portion of any such route being applied for by the intending applicant falling on the Rural Link Road/Other District Road shall not be less than 15.0.
4. The total single length of a portion of such route falling on the National Highways/State Highways/Major District Road shall not exceed 12.0 Km and such stretch to be covered by the applicant shall be duly mentioned on the stage carriage permit granted to him/her.
5. Subject to condition at S. No. 3 above, one of the termini of a route for such stage carriage (bus) shall be a village and the other may be a Block Headquarter, Sub Divisional HQ or the District HQ and no other Municipal Town shall fall in between the termini of the proposed route.
6. No portion of any monopoly routes of the STUs shall be allowed to be covered/overlapped by the holder of a permit for such stage carriage (bus) beyond the limit as prescribed below:

"An operator may get permit with upto 20% of his/her route, falling on the monopoly routes"
7. That minimum and maximum seating capacity of a stage carriage(s) is fixed at minimum of 24 seats and maximum of 35 seats (including driver and conductor seat).

8. The daily operational mileage of such a stage carriage (s) shall not exceed 250.0 Km in any case.
9. The application shall be accompanied by an application fee of Rs. 1500/- for each permit.
10. The applicant shall have to make separate application for each route.
11. Upon the grant of stage carriage permit, the grantee/allottee shall have to lift the permit by way of production of RC of a fit bus duly registered in his or her name within a period of three months extendable upto six months after depositing the required Permit fee and taxes fixed by the Government. After the expiry of six months, the grant shall be deemed to have been lapsed for which no notice shall be given.
12. Besides the payment of tax per Km fixed in lumpsum, the holder of a permit for such stage carriage (bus) shall have to deposit MVT as may be fixed by the Government from time to time.
13. The holder of a permit shall have to operate his bus services as per the time table approved by the Regional Transport Authority.
14. The holder of a permit shall have to charge the fare from the passengers as fixed by the government from time to time.
15. The holder of a permit shall have to ensure that the bus is equipped with AIS 140 compliant Vehicle Location Tracking Device alongwith panic buttons as specified by MORTH, Government of India.
16. Close Circuit TV cameras with recording of minimum 30 days/or as may be specified by the Government.
17. The holder of a permit shall adhere to the conditions laid down under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the Rules framed thereunder.
18. The route shall be within the State of Punjab.

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