

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation
KSRTC: Central Office, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru – 27

Press note

**Press Note on VI Supplemental Inter-state Reciprocal Transport Agreement
between Karnataka and Kerala.**

The Governments of Karnataka and Kerala have entered into one principal Agreement and five supplemental agreements, so far.

With a view to cater to the demand from the travelling public and to provide better transport facilities to the travelling public of the States of Karnataka and Kerala a need was felt to enter into another supplemental Agreement.

During the Southern States Transport Ministers Conference held on 20-07-2017 at Alappuzha, Kerala State wherein the Hon'ble Transport Ministers of Karnataka and Kerala State participated, Dr. B. Basavaraaju, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Transport Department, Government of Karnataka and Sri. K.R. Jyothish, IAS, Secretary to Government, Transport Department, Government of Kerala held discussions and finalised the routes to be introduced by the State Transport Undertakings of both the States and also regarding exemption from payment of taxes for the buses operated on special permits. Sri. S.R. Umashankar, IAS, Managing Director, KSRTC, Sri. B. Dayananda, IPS, Commissioner for Transport & Road Safety, Government of Karnataka, Sri. S. Aananthakrishnan, IPS, Transport Commissioner, Government of Kerala and Sri. M.G. Rajamanickam, IAS, Chairman and Managing Director, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation were present during the occasion.

By this agreement, KSRTC can operate new services on 5 routes covering 4314 service kms in Kerala State. Some of the new routes on which services can be introduced are Bengaluru-Pattanamthitta, Kundapura-Thiruvananthapuram, Kundapura-Kottayam, Manipal-Ernakulam and Kollur-Guruvayur. Similarly, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation can operate new services on 7 routes covering 4420 service kms in Karnataka State.

Further, for the first time both the States have agreed to exempt 250 buses each per year operated on special permits i.e., buses provided to the travelling public on Casual Contract basis by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation and Kerala State Road Transport Corporation during Sabarimala season, summer season, various festivals from payment of M.V. Tax/Passenger Tax/Entry tax, etc.

Services can be operated on the said routes after both the Governments finalise the Agreement.

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