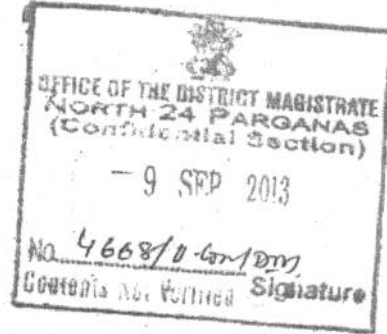


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Memo No. 3326 -WT/3M-50/2013

From: Joint Secretary
to the Govt. of West Bengal

To: District Magistrate & Chairman, RTA,
North 24 Parganas

Process fast
RTA

Date- 06.09. 2013

Sub: Issue of fresh AC and Non-AC metered taxi permits in
Kolkata Metropolitan Area.
Ref: 1. Your letter no. T-12011/4/2013-MV/85106 dated
16.08.2013
2. This office Memo No.2961(4)-WT/3M-50/2013
dated 05.08.2013

Sir,

In response to your letters under reference on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to inform you that the Governor has decided that 600 fresh permits for metered taxis may be issued by you subject to the following guidelines to be followed strictly:

- i. In all, 600 fresh metered taxi permits are hereby allowed for the present, of which 50% shall be for new AC metered taxis only, i.e. 300 new non-AC metered taxi permits and 300 new AC metered taxi permits may be issued by the RTA, North 24 Parganas;
- ii. All such new metered taxis shall be **BS IV compliant** and **sedan type** of vehicles only;
- iii. All these taxis will be of blue & white colour combination bearing 'No Refusal' logo and having other specification as per Transport Deptt. notification No. 3112-WT/3M-50/2013 Date- 20.08.2013
- iv. All these new metered taxis must be fitted with approved fare meters with approved printing facility and calibrated as per current approved fare rates for non-AC metered taxis only. The AC metered taxis however will charge an additional 25% on the fare shown in the meter;
- v. All such metered taxis under new permits shall be fitted with **GPS/GPRS based navigational and location indicating devices** showing the route of the proposed journey in real time including the location for the convenience of the passenger / the driver, and, also for location based vehicle tracking system;

- vi. The seating capacity of all such motor cabs shall be limited to 4+1 only and there will be no bar on any make or model of vehicle, while the minimum engine capacities of the vehicles shall be 1050 cc and 1150 cc for the non-AC and AC metered taxis respectively;
- vii. Value added services i.e. two news papers (one each in Bengali and English vernacular) and music system, shall be made available in all new AC metered taxis at no extra cost;
- viii. Selection of operators for both AC and non-AC metered taxis should be done strictly on merit as per Section 74(3)(b) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988;
- ix. Each applicant should submit an affidavit, sworn on Non-Judicial stamp paper before a Magistrate or Notary Public along with the application for permits to the effect that he would abide by all the conditions mentioned in this letter and further undertaking that operation of the vehicle shall not be stopped due to any call of Strike, Bandh, Hartal, etc. on any day, and, further to the effect that there shall no refusal to accept passenger on hire by the driver while driving the vehicle at any place and at any time of the day and night. This may be an additional condition of the permit so issued;
- x. Fare rates for both AC and non-AC, as may be applicable, including night time additional charges shall apply. However, the passenger shall have a choice of using or not using the AC in an AC metered taxi and the fare should be charged accordingly depending on the actual nature of use.

Yours faithfully,



Joint Secretary

Memo No. 3326/1(2)-WT/3M-50/2013

Date-06.09.2013

Copy forwarded, for kind and necessary information to:

1. P.S. to Minister-In-Charge, Sports and Transport Department, Government of West Bengal.
2. Principal Secretary, Transport Department, Government of West Bengal.


Joint Secretary

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NOTIFICATION

No. 3112-WT/3M-50/2013

Date-20.08.2013

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 95(xviii) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and in terms of Rule 88B of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the Governor has been pleased to direct the Regional Transport Authorities of this State that the revised colour scheme for metered taxis will henceforth be as follows:

- A. The colour of the new Metered Taxis shall henceforth be a combination of Navy Blue and White;
- B. There will be one 10 cm Navy Blue band stretching from the headlight to backlight on both sides of the vehicle;
- C. The words "TAXI" or "AC TAXI", as the case may be, shall be inscribed in Navy Blue colour on the centre of the two rear doors of the vehicle, within a circle of 35 cm diameter having navy blue band of 3 cm width;
- D. For non-AC Taxis, the size of the all letters of the word "TAXI", shall be 6 x 6 cm and the letters shall be of equal sizes;
- E. For AC Taxis, size of all the letters of the word "AC TAXI" shall be of 5 x 5 cm and in two rows while the letters shall be of equal sizes;
- F. There shall be one display board (to be illuminated from inside for night times) on the top of the vehicle, just above the front windscreen, right at the midpoint. The words "TAXI" / "AC-TAXI", as the case may be, shall be displayed in the board in the manner that the same is clearly visible from outside, even from a distance. The background of the display shall be in White colour and the letters in Navy Blue.
- G. There shall be another display board, placed inside at the bottom of the left hand side of the windscreen of the vehicle, using brightly lit LEDs, visible clearly from outside and also from a reasonable distance, displaying the words "FOR HIRE" / "HIRED" as and when required so depending on the status of the vehicle;
- H. The words "NO REFUSAL" shall be inscribed in Navy Blue colour on the centre of the two front doors of the vehicle. The size of the all the letters shall be of 7 x 7 cm and shall be of equal sizes;
- I. The registration mark shall be painted in a legible manner on the top left hand side of the windscreen and also on the back of the front seat;

- J. The existing provisions as applicable to the Metered Taxis, and not covered above, shall however continue;
- K. The Regional Transport Authorities of this State shall incorporate these colour specifications in the offer letter for grant of permit with immediate effect;
- L. Henceforth, all new Metered Taxis shall be painted and maintained in the manner as aforesaid and this shall be one of the conditions of the permit;
- M. The make and models that can be used as Metered Taxis, shall require prior approval of the Transport Department.
- This shall take immediate effect.

By order of the Governor


Joint Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

No. 3112/1(1)-WT/3M-50/2013

Date-20.08.2013

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No. 3112/2(60)-WT/3M-50/2013

Date-20.08.2013

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2. The Secretary, STA, West Bengal
3. District Magistrate (All)
4. The Secretary, RTA (All)
5. S. D. O.s (All)
6. Dr. T. K. Das, TD, NIC, WBSC, with a request to upload the same in the Departmental website.
7. P.S. to Minister-in-Charge, Transport Department, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-1
8. P.A. to Principal Secretary, Paribahan Bhawan, Kolkata-1


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