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PART IV (A) - PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provincial Councils Notifications

NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Road Transport Service Authority (Amendment) Statute No. 03 of 2013

A Statute to amend the North Central Provincial Council Passenger Transport Authority Statute No. 08 of 1994 and to repeal and amalgamate the Passenger Transport Three Wheeler Services Statute No. 06 of 2003 with the Passenger Transport Authority Statute.

The aforesaid passed by the North Central Provincial Council of Sri Lanka Democratic Socialist Republic & the assent by the Hon. Governor on 31st January 2014 is hereby, there, published by me for information.

R. K. PREMASIRI,
Secretary,
North Central Provincial Council.

North Central Provincial Council,
7th February 2014.

NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCIAL

ROAD TRANSPORT SERVICE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) STATUTE NO. 03 OF 2013

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A Statute to amend the North Central Province Provincial Council Passenger Transport Authority Statute No. 08 of 1994 and the repeal and amalgamate the Passenger Transport Three Wheeler Services Statute No. 06 of 2003 with the Passenger Transport Authority Statute.

The title and the preamble of the North Central Provincial Council Passenger Transport Authority Statute No. 08 of 1994 are hereby amended as follows :

“A Statute to amend the North Central Provincial Council Passenger Transport Authority Statute No. 08 of 1994 and to repeal the Passenger Transport Three Wheeler Services Statute No. 06 of 2003.”



“A Statute to amend the Passenger Transport Authority Statute for the regularization of the carriage of passengers and transport of goods within the province ; to specify powers, duties and functions of the Authority and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

Short title and date of operation.

1. This Statute may be cited as the North Central Provincial Council Passenger Transport Authority (Amendment) Statute No. 03 of 2013, and shall come into operation on such date as the Provincial Minister may appoint by an order published in the *Gazette* on the approval of the Governor.

Subsection (a) of Section 3.1 “Membership of the Provincial Authority” of the North Central Province Provincial Council Passenger Transport Authority Statute (herein after referred to as the “Principal Enactment”) is hereby amended as follows :

Membership of the Provincial Authority.

“(a) Five members to be appointed by the Provincial Minister of Transport from and among those who possess experience and authority in the fields of transport, commerce, finance, law and administration (herein after referred to as ‘appointed members’).”

Section 3.2 of the Principal Enactment is hereby, re-numbered as Section 3.2 (a) and following new Section is inserted at the end thereof and shall have effect as Section 3.2 (b) :

“3.2 (a) The Provincial Minister in-charge of the subject of Transport shall appoint one of the members as the Chairman of the Provincial Authority ;

(b) The Provincial Minister in-charge of the subject of Transport shall appoint one of the members as the Working Director of the Provincial Authority.”

Section 4 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended in sub-section thereof as follows :

“The quorum of the meetings of the Provincial Authority shall be five members.”

Section 5 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended in sub-section thereof as follows :

By the insertion immediately after Sub-section 5.3 of the following new Sub-section and shall have effect as Section 5.4 of the Principal Enactment :

“5.4 The Authority shall appoint a Secretary from among its staff to summon meetings of the Authority, maintain minutes of such meetings and to attend to documentations.”

Part II of the Principal Enactment is amended as follows :

PART II

By the insertion of the following four new Sub-sections under Section 6 :

- (1) Passenger Transport busses (playing on a timetable) ;
- (2) Passenger transport Three Wheelers ;
- (3) Passenger transport busses (non-playing on a timetable and other passenger transport vehicles) ;
- (4) Goods transport vehicles.

Sub-section 6.1 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended by the re-numbering of that Section as Sub-section 6(1) I and by the substitution for the title of Sub-section 6.1 which reads as "Powers, duties and functions of the Provincial Authority of the title of Sub-section 6(1) I which read as (powers, duties and functions of the Provincial Authority) in respect of busses playing on a timetable."

6.1 of Part II of the Principal Enactment which wa re-numbered as 6(1) I.

Section 6.2 of the Principal Enactment is hereby re-numbered as 6(1) II.

A new Section is added at the end of the Section 6(1)II as Section 6(2) :

6 (2) this new Section on "Powers, duties and functions of the Provincial Authority in respect of passenger three wheelers' is hereby added ;

6 (2)

(I) The following powers, duties and functions of the Three Wheeler Service Bureau established in terms of the repealed Road Passenger Three Wheeler Service Statute No. 06 of 2003 shall be executed in repsect of the Three Wheeler Service :

Powers, duties and functions of the Provincial Authority.

- (a) to survey whether the Three Wheelers used for passenger transportation within the North Westrn Province are in good condition and to take action to promote the said Three Wheelers Service ;
- (b) to register Three Wheelers used for passenger transportation and to issue and renew annually permits for such Three Wheelers ;
- (c) to register the drivers of Three Wheelers use for passenger transportation and to issue and renew annually permits for such Three Wheelers dirvers ;
- (d) to ensure that the regulations as may be made by the Provincial Authority for the issue of passenger service and driver permits are complied with and are effectively enforce ;
- (e) to require passenger service permit holders and/or driving license holders to furnish term reports and other information as may be necessary for the execution by the Authority the powers, duties and functions under this statute ;
- (f) to carry out regulations made by the Minister pertaining to all or any one of the followings for the purpose of ensuring the safety and comfort of the passengers :
 - (i) plates and marks to be carried on Three Wheelers playing under the authority of the passenger service permits issued under this Statute ;
 - (ii) documents to be carried by the drivers of Three Wheelers playing under the authority of the passenger service permits issued under this Statute and the details to be included in such documents ;
 - (iii) to require standards to be observed by persons, driving under the authority of the passenger service permits issued under this Statute and to prohibit acts or omissions that breach such standards ;
 - (iv) affixing meters that read the fares as against the distance traveled to be charged from passengers of Three Wheelers playing under the authority of the passenger service permits issued under this Statute ;

- (v) the time duration to operate in a day in relation to the place of operation for Three Wheelers playing under the authority of the passenger service permits issued under this Statute ;
 - (vi) to keep in safe custody the reports required under this Statute, inspection of such reports by an officer specified in regulations and submission of such reports to the said officer for inspection as demanded by him ;
 - (g) provision of Three Wheeler parks and/or supervision of provision of such parks by Local Government Authorities ;
 - (h) to provide the Three Wheeler owners and drivers with specialized knowledge and guidance ;
 - (i) to enter directly into and execute or implement contracts and agreements as may be required for the purpose of execution of powers, duties and functions referred to herein ;
 - (j) to acquire and hold any moveable or immoveable property or to dispose of such property acquired or held ;
 - (k) to levy charges for services rendered by the Provincial Authority ;
 - (l) to receive gifts, grants, donations or assistance in the form of money or otherwise and to utilize same for the fulfillment of any object of the Authority ;
 - (m) to do all acts and things for the execution of powers, duties and functions of the Authority in pursuance of this Statute and incidental thereto.
- (II) The exercise and execution of powers, duties and functions by the Authority shall be subject to policy guidance and instructions as may be issued from time to time by the National Transport Commission under the provisions of the National Transport Commission Act, no. 37 of 1991.

The following new Section is hereby added immediately after Section 6(2) II and shall have effect as Section 6 (3) :

Powers, duties and functions of the Provincial Authority.

- 6 (3) Powers, duties and functions of the Provincial Authority in respect of passenger bus service (non operational on a timetable) and other passenger transport vehicles playing on hire and for fees.
- (I) The Provincial Authority shall exercise following powers, duties and functions for the regulation and promotion of passenger transport busses, vans, field vehicles, office transport vehicles, garment factory employee transport vehicles and other passenger transport services in the North Central Province other than those busses playing on a timetable as referred to in (1) above and passenger transport three wheelers as referred to in (2) above :
- (a) to survey whether other the vehicles used for passenger transportation within the North Western Province are in good condition and to take action to promote the said Service ;
 - (b) to register vehicles used for passenger transportation and to issue and renew annually permits for such vehicles ;

- (c) to register the drivers of vehicles used for passenger transportation and to issue and renew annually permits for drivers of such vehicles ;
- (d) to ensure that the regulations as may be made by the Provincial Authority for the issue of passenger service and driver permits are complied with and are effectively enforced ;
- (e) to require passenger service permit holders and/or driving license holders to furnish term reports and other information as may be necessary for the execution by the Authority the powers, duties and functions under this statute ;
- (f) to carry out regulations made by the Minister pertaining to all or any one of the followings for the purpose of ensuring the safety and comfort of the passengers :
 - (i) plates and marks to be carried on vehicles playing under the authority of the passenger service permits issued under this Statute ;
 - (ii) documents to be carried by the drivers of such vehicles playing under the authority of the passenger service permits issued under this Statute and the details to be included in such documents ;
 - (iii) to require standards to be observed by persons, driving under the authority of the passenger service permits issued under this Statute and to prohibit acts or omissions that breach such standards ;
 - (iv) affixing meters that read the fares as against the distance traveled to be charged from passengers of Three Wheelers playing under the authority of the passenger service permits issued under this Statute ;
 - (v) the time duration to operate in a day in relation to the place of operation for vehicles playing under the authority of the passenger service permits issued under this Statute ;
 - (vi) to keep in safe custody the reports required under this Statute, inspection of such reports by an officer specified in regulations and submission of such reports to the said officer for inspection as demanded by him ;
- (g) provision of vehicle parks and/or supervision of provision of such parks by Local Government Authorities ;
- (h) to provide the vehicle owners and drivers with specialized knowledge and guidance ;
- (i) to enter directly into and execute or implement contracts and agreements as may be required for the purpose of execution of powers, duties and functions referred to herein ;
- (j) to acquire and hold any moveable or immoveable property or to dispose of such property acquired or held ;
- (k) to levy charges for services rendered by the Provincial Authority ;
- (l) to receive gifts, grants, donations or assistance in the form of money or otherwise and to utilize same for the fulfillment of any object of the Authority ;

(m) to do all acts and things for the execution of powers, duties and functions of the Authority in pursuance of this Statute and incidental thereto.

(II) The exercise and execution of powers, duties and functions by the Authority shall be subject to policy guidance and instructions as may be issued from time to time by the National Transport Commission under the provisions of the National Transport Commission Act, No. 37 of 1991.

The following new Section is hereby added immediately after Section 6(3) II and shall be effective as Section 6 (4) :

Powers, duties and functions of the Provincial Authority.

6 (4) Powers, duties and functions of the Provincial Authority in respect of vehicles engaged in goods transport services on hire and for fees.

6 (4) I The Provincial Authority shall exercise following powers, duties and functions for the regulation and promotion of transport services carried out in the North Central Province using three wheelers, lorries, tippers, tractors, trucks, bowsters and other motor vehicles to transport goods, animals, water, wood, agro products, food and non passenger goods :

- (a) to survey whether the transport services other than those for carriage of passengers within the North Western Province are in good condition to enable a better service for the public and to take action to promote the said transport service ;
- (b) to authorize, specify conditions for and to register vehicles to be used for transportation of goods (other than passengers) and to issue and renew annually permits for such vehicles ;
- (c) to register the drivers of vehicles used for transport services other than carriage of passengers and to issue and renew annually permits for drivers of such vehicles ;
- (d) to ensure that the regulations as may be made by the Provincial Authority for the issue of passenger service and driver permits are complied with and are effectively enforced ;
- (e) to require passenger service permit holders and/or driving license holders to furnish term reports and other information as may be necessary for the execution by the Authority the powers, duties and functions under this statute ;
- (f) to carry out regulations made by the Minister pertaining to all or any one of the followings for the purpose of ensuring the safety and comfort of the passengers :
 - (i) plates and marks to be carried on vehicles used under the authority of the non-passenger transport service permits issued under this Statute ;
 - (ii) documents to be carried by the drivers of Three Wheelers used under the authority of the non-passenger transport service permits issued under this Statute and the details to be included in such documents ;
 - (iii) to require standards to be observed by persons driving under the authority of the non-passenger transport service permits issued under this Statute and to prohibit acts or omissions that breach such standards ;
 - (iv) to display the fares as per the distance traveled or the purpose to be charged by the owners of vehicles playing under the authority of the non-passenger transport service permits issued under this Statute ;

- (v) to require time durations to operate in a day in relation to the place of operation for vehicles playing under the authority of the non-passenger transport service permits issued under this Statute ;
- (vi) to keep in safe custody the reports required under this Statute, inspection of such reports by an officer specified in regulations and submission of such reports to the said officer for inspection as demanded by him ;
- (g) provision of vehicle parks and/or supervision of provision of such parks by Local Government Authorities ;
- (h) to provide the vehicle owners and drivers with specified knowledge and guidance ;
- (i) to enter directly into and execute or implement contracts and agreements as may be required for the purpose of execution of powers, duties and functions referred to herein ;
- (j) to acquire and hold any moveable or immoveable property or to dispose of such property acquired or held ;
- (k) to levy charges for services rendered by the Provincial Authority ;
- (l) to receive gifts, grants, donations or assistance in the form of money or otherwise and to utilize same for the fulfillment of any object of the Authority ;
- (m) to do all acts and things for the execution of powers, duties and functions of the Authority in pursuance of this Statute and incidental thereto.
- (II) The exercise and execution of powers, duties and functions by the Authority shall be subject to policy guidance and instructions as may be issued from time to time by the National Transport Commission under the provisions of the National Transport Commission Act, No. 37 of 1991.
- (III) Transport services other than passenger transport services shall be subject to other national, provincial and regional laws and regulations for the time being in force in Sri Lanka.

The following new Section is hereby added immediately after Section 6(4) III and shall have effect as Section 6 (2) :

“6.2. the regulations made under (2), (3), and (4) above shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall come into effect on such date as specified therein.”

The Section 9.1 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended by the substitutin of the following subtitle :

“Transport service Permit for regular service”

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service.

Sections 9.1 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended to read as follows :

“9.1 Subject to Sub-section (2) hereof, no person shall use within the province on or after the date this Statute comes into operation a vehicle for the purpose of a regular service originating within the province for the carriage of passengers or and for the transport of goods, animals, flora and forest matter or any other thing for fee or reward except under the authority of a passenger transport service permit or a goods transport service permit granted by the Provincial Authority under this Statute and for the time being in force”

Sections 9.2 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended as follows :

“9.2 A state carriage permit or route permit held by bus operators in respect of a route originating within the province issued under the Road Passenger Transport Services Statute, No. 08 of 1994 shall be deemed to be a passenger transport service permit issued under this Statute and shall be valid for the period for which the permit is issued or for six months from the date of operation of this Statute whichever is less.”

Sections 9.3 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended to read as follows :

Entitlement for carriage of passengers and goods.

“9.3 No person shall use within the province on or after the date this Statute comes into operation a vehicle for the purpose of a regular service originating within the province for the carriage by road of passengers or of non-passengers for a fee or reward.”

Sections 10 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended to read as follows :

10. by the substitution of the following subtitle which reads as ‘Entitlement for carriage of passengers and goods’ for the subtitle ‘Entitlement for carriage of passengers by omnibuses’ of Section 10.

Sections 10 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended as follows :

By the renumbering of Section 10 as 10.1

By the substitution for the Section 10 of the Principal Enactment, of the following new Section :

“10.1 The holder of a passenger transport service permit granted under this Statute shall be entitled to use any vehicle of which he is the registered owner subject to the conditions stipulated in the permit for the purpose of a regular service for the carriage on the route or routes specified in the permit of passengers and goods.”

By the addition of the following new Section at the end thereof and shall have effect as Section 10.2:

“10.2 The holder of a passenger or non-passenger transport service permit granted under this Statute shall be entitled to use any vehicle referred to at Sub-sections 92), 93) and (4) of Part II of this Statute of which he is the registered owner subject to the conditions stipulated in the permit on the route or routes not specified in the permit for the carriage of passengers and goods.”

Sections 11 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended as follows :

11. By the substitution for the subtitle of Section II, of the following subtitle :-

“Application for a permit for carriage of passengers or for transporting goods”.

Sections 11 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended as follows :

In Sub-section 11.1 thereof, by the substitution of the following new Sub-section therefor ;

“11.1 All applications for permits for carriage of passengers or for transporting goods under this Statute shall be made in compliance with the specimen by the registered owners of the relevant busses or other vehicle as the case may be.”

In Sub-section 11.2, by the substitution for the words “stage carriage permit” of the words “a passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit.”

In Sub-section 11.2(a) thereof, by the substitution of the following new Sub-section therefor :

“11.2 (a) “Particulars of the route or routes proposed to operate a bus or a motor vehicle for the carriage of passengers or goods for fee or reward”

Section 12 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended as follows :

12. By the substitution for the subtitle “Full power of Provincial Authority to either to grant or refuse to grant a stage carriage permit” of Section 12, of the following subtitle :-

“Full power of the Provincial Authority to grant or refuse to grant a transport service permit”

Full power of Provincial Authority to either to grant or refuse to grant a transport service permit.

12.1 By the substitution for the words “Passenger Transport Permit” of the words “Passenger Transport Service Permit or Goods transport service permit”.

12.2 Sub-section 12.2 of this Section is hereby repealed and the following new Sub-sections is substituted therefor :-

“The Provincial Authority, in exercising its discretion in regard to the grant or refusal to grant a transport service permit or to grant a renewal thereof and to the route or routes in respect of which permits may be granted, shall have regard to primarily to the interest of the public in general, including those of persons requiring, as well as those of persons providing, transport facilities for fee or reward and shall in particular to the following matters :-”

(a) By the substitution for the words “for the carriage of passengers” of the words “for the carriage of passengers and/or goods” ;

(c) By the substitution for the words “Passengers Transport Service if any” of the words “passengers transport service or goods transport if any” ;

(d) By the substitution for words “the co-ordination of passenger transport service” of the words “the co-ordination of transport service” ;

(e) By the substitution for the words “for the carriage of passengers” of the words “for the carriage of passengers and goods”.

Section 13 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended as follows :

By the substitution for the subtitle “Duration of the passenger transport service permit” of Section 13, of the following subtitle :-

Duration of the Passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit.

13. Duration of the passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit”.

13.1 By the substitution for the words “Passenger Transport Service Permit” of the words “Passenger Transport Service Permit or Goods transport service permit”.

13.2 By the substitution for the words “every passenger transport service permit” of the words “every passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit”.

Section 14 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended as follows :

14. By the substitution for the words :-

“every passenger transport service permit” of the words “every passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit” ; and
for the safety of the passengers” of the words “for the safety of passengers or goods”.

14. (a) in paragraph (a) of that Section by the substitution for the words “stage carriage permit” of the words “passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit” ;

(b) in paragraph (b) of that Section, by the substitution for the words “the bus used” of the words “the bus or the vehicle used” ;

(c) in paragraph (c) of that Section, by the substitution for the words “the bus used” of the words “the bus or the vehicle used” ;

(d) in paragraph (d) of that Section, by the substitution for the words “the bus used” of the words “the bus or the vehicle used” ; and

(e) in paragraph (e) of that Section, by the substitution for the words “the drivers or conductors of busses” of the words “the drivers or conductors of buses or the drivers or cleaners of goods transporting vehicles”.

By the insertion immediately after Sub-section (3) of that Section of the following new Sub-sections :-

(f) that the details of charges levied for the passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit shall be indicated in the application as well ;

(g) that all the vehicles used under the authority of a passenger transport service permit or a goods transport service permit shall be maintained at all times in a fit and serviceable condition ;

(h) that the owners, drivers, conductors and cleaners of busses and/or motor vehicles used under the authority of a passenger transport service permit or a goods transport service permit shall comply with the requirements of any written law with respect to such buses and/or motor vehicles and to drivers, conductors and cleaners employed in such buses and/or motor vehicles.”

Section 15 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended as follows :

on Section 15, by the substitution for the words “stage carriage permit” of the words “passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit” ;

In Section 16 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “stage carriage permit” of the words “passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit”.

Section 17 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “stage carriage permit” of the words “passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit”.

Section 18 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “stage carriage permit” of the words “passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit”.

Section 19 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended as follows :-

in Section 19. by the substitution for the words “by a holder of a stage carriage permit” of the words “by a holder of a passenger transport service permit of goods transport service permit” ; and

in Sub-section (a) and (b) therein, by the substitution for the words “by a holder of a stage carriage permit” of the words “by a holder of a passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit”.

Section 20.1 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended, by the substitution for the words :-

“by a holder of a state carriage permit” of the “by a holder of a passenger transport service permit of goods transport service permit” ;

The Provincial Authority may cancel any state carriage permit” of the words “The Provincial Authority may cancel any passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit”.

Sections 21 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended, by the substitution for the words “stage carriage permit” of the words “passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit”.

Section 22.1 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended as follows :-

“is Sub-section 22.1 (a), by the substitution for the words “grant of a state carriage permit” of the words “grant of a passenger transport service permit of goods transport service permit” ; and

In Sub-section 22.1 (b), by the substitution for the words “carriage of passengers” of the words “passenger transport services or goods transport services”.

Sections 23 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended, by the repeal of that Section and the insertion of the following new Section as Section 23 thereof :-

“23. Every passenger transport service permit and goods transport service permit issued under this Statute shall be conspicuously displayed on the windscreen of the bus, three wheeler or motor vehicle in respect of which such permit has been issued.”

Sections 24 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended, by the substitution for the words “state carriage permit” of the words “passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit”.

In Part III of the Sinhala text of the Principal Enactment is amended, by the substitution for the words “Staff of the Provincial Authority” of the words “Staff of the Provincial Authority”.

In Sub-sections 25.1 and 25.2 of the Sinhala text of the Principal Enactment are amended, by the substitution for the words “Provincial Authority” of the words “Provincial Authority”.

Section 26 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after Sub-section 26.3 that Section of the following new Section as Section 26.4 :

“26.4. The Provincial Authority shall subject all its employees in service and those will be recruited to the establishment regulations and disciplinary procedures applicable to the North Central Provincial public employees until such time the Provincial Authority publishes the establishment regulations and disciplinary procedures and such employees of the Provincial Authority shall be deemed to be public officers in legal matters.”

Sub-section 27.2 (a) of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended, by the substitution for the words “stage carriage permit” of the words “passenger transport service permit or goods transport service permit”.

Section 29 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after Sub-section 29.3 of that Section of the following new Sections as Section 29.4, 29.5 and 29.6 ;

“29.4. The Internal Audit Unit shall examine account statements of the month and submit them to the Management prior to the end of the following month ;

29.5 All statements of accounts together with assets, liabilities and audit reports, yearly activities shall be submitted to the Chairman and to the Auditor General with the approval of the Authority within three months from the end of the financial year ;

29.6 All statements of accounts shall be submitted to the Auditor General for audit before the expiry of 6 months from the end of the financial year.

Part IV

GENERAL

Sections 30.1 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended, by the repeal of that Section and the insertion of the following new Section as Section 30.1 thereof :-

regulations.

“30.1. The Minister may make regulations in respect of any matter required by this Statute to be prescribed or in respect of which regulations are authorized by this Statute to be made.”

Sections 30.2 of the Principal Enactment is hereby amended, by the repeal of that Section and the insertion of the following new Section as Section 30.2 thereof :-

“30.2. Every order/regulation made by the Minister shall, as soon as convenient after its publication in the Gazette, be brought before the Provincial Council for approval. Any regulation which is not so approved by the Provincial Council shall be deemed to be

rescinded from the date of its disapproval but without prejudices to anything previously done thereunder. Notification of the date on which any regulation made by the Minister is deemed to be so rescinded shall be published in the *Gazette*.”

Principal Enactment is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after Sub-section 30.2 of Section 30 of the following new Sub-sections as 30.3, 30.4, and 30.5. :

- “30.3. The Minister may rescind or amend any regulation made under Sub-section 1. Notification of every such rescind or amendment shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall be brought before the Provincial Council as soon as convenient. Any rescind or amendment which is not so approved by the Provincial Council shall be deemed to be rescinded from the date of its disapproval but without prejudices to anything previously done thereunder ;
- 30.4 The rules and regulations specified in the Principal Enactments shall prevail until such time such rules and regulations are made and published in the *Gazette* ;
- 30.5 The Authority shall have the power to make regulations without prejudices to regulations made under Sub-sections 30.1 to 30.4 above with respect to permits, drivers, conductors and cleaners, documents to be carried on busses and motore vehicles, reports to be submitted, passenger societies/unions or operator societies/ unions, consumer societies/ unions, permit holders, timetables, inspection of busses or motor vehicles, vehicle parks and stops, appointment of advisory boards or committees, commencement of transport services, fees or service charges and matters incidental thereto, consumer safety and comfort and the welfare of passengers, consumers and permit holders.

The interpretations of the following words are inserted under Section 35.1 of the Principal Enactment :

- “Transport permits” means the carriage of passengr and all other transport activities within the North Central Province ;
- “Pronvicial Authority and Authority” means the North Central Provincial Road Transport Authority ;
- “Provincial Minister, Provincial Council Minister and Minister” means the Minister in-charge of the subjeet of Transport in the Provincial Council of the North Central Province ;
- “Passengers” includes all persons transported in busses, three wheels, ground vehicles, vehicles used for office and garment factory employee transport services and all other vehicles ;
- “Transport of goods” includes all motor vehicles used to transport any thing other than passengers for fee or reward.

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The Principal Enactment is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after Section 35.1 of the following new Section as Section 36 :

- “36. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sihнала and Tamil texts of this Statute, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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