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## PART IV (A) — PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

### Provincial Councils Notifications

#### WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

I, Kajiton Lalith Wanigaratne, Minister of Roads, Transport, Co-operative Development and Trade, Housing and Constructions, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development of Western Province hereby announce under the powers vested in me by Section No. 30 of Western Provincial Road Passenger Carriage Service Statute No. 01 of 1992, revised by Western Province Provincial Council Road Passenger Carriage Service Statute No. 03 of 2007, the enactment of the following rules relating to the new transport system named as “Sahasara” introduced by the Passenger Transport Services Authority of Western Province.

KAJITON LALITH WANIGARATNE,  
Minister of Roads, Transport, Co-operative Development and Trade,  
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**Above said rules,**

1. These rules are named as the rules of the new transport system “Sahasara” of the Passenger Transport Services Authority of Western Province.
2. (i) Passenger Transport Services Authority of Western Province should identify operational areas through one route or group of routes and announce them within 36 months from the date of the Minister’s order ;  
(ii) A manager should be appointed to administrate the announced operational area according to the new system ;  
(iii) An operational Control Center should be established for each and every announced operational area or a group of routes ;  
(iv) The road/roads wherein these rules are to be implemented should be published through *Gazettes* and newspapers prior to the implementation of these rules.
3. (i) Route permit holders should provide passenger transport services in their route or routes within the date of the operational areas announced or time period specified by the Passenger Transport Authority of the Western Province under the administration of the manager appointed according to 2(ii) by the Passenger Transport Services Authority and buses should operate according to the timetables, regulations and service standards prescribed from time to time by the manager under the supervision of the Passenger Transport Services Authority.  
(ii) All income earned on passenger and goods transport through electronic ticket machines and income earned without an electronic machine due to a technical failure and all other income earned should be deposited in a bank approved by the Western Provincial Passenger Transport Services Authority which is accepted by the Central Bank in an account named “Western Province Passenger Transport Services Authority”.  
(iii) Only the buses that comprise Western Province Passenger Transport Services Authority approved electronic ticket machines with GPS, CCTV and GPRS technology should be given permission to passenger transportation.  
(iv) Except in a case of a technical failure the passenger transportation charges should always be collected through electronic cards.  
(v) A complete control unit should be opened and maintained to obtain data and information from electronic devices fixed on buses and the data should be captured, safe guarded and used for the efficiency of the bus service.  
(vi) The Western Province Passenger Transport Services Authority should announce the amount of money that will be paid for one kilo meter to owners of each route or group of routes, the profit of each route and by the quality of the service provided by them from time to time.  
(vii) Bus owners who are forwarding documents to prove that they are contributing properly for employees through Employee Trust Fund should be given the permission for passenger transports.  
(viii) Only buses proven that they are operated properly in a route or a group of routes for 02 months after fixing electronic devices should be included in the “Sahasara” operation system.  
(ix) Bus reservations should be branded as “Sahasara”

- (x) Management of the Bus Control Unit should be carried out by the Passenger Transport Services Authority or a bus service manager approved by the Authority.
  - (xi) The Passenger Transport Services Authority should appoint investigation groups and transfer them the required authority to investigate the efficiency of the transport services and proper bus transactions.
  - (xii) A suitable unit under the authority should be established to carry out and efficient public compliant management.
  - (xiii) Suitable incentives should be provided to promote using electronic payment cards.
4. The orders cited in 2 and 3 should immediately be implemented within all the routes of the Western Province soon after from the date of the publication of the *Gazette* Notification.
5. The Passenger Transport Services Authority owns full authority of maintaining service quality and passenger comfort and all decisions taken to introduce new services.
6. (i) Passenger Transport Services Authority should carry out an operational area for technical and financial audits by appointing qualified audit officers.
- (ii) Should provide facilities to bus permit owners to check these audit reports when required.
- (iii) These annual audit reports should be forwarded to the Provincial Council through subject Minister.