

NOTIFICATIONDated Kohima, the 2nd July, 2024.

NO.TPT/NST/PWD/16/2008 :: Whereas Section 41 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, provides access to transportation facilities at bus stops, railway stations and airports conforming to the accessibility standards relating to parking space, toilets, ticketing counters and ticketing machines to the persons with disabilities (PwDs) with long term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which, in interaction with barriers, hinders his/her full and effective participation in society equally with others, and also to provide with incentives and concessions for mobility of the PwDs, modalities are hereby notified to extend Free Travel Facilities in the Nagaland State Transport Passenger buses for the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), within the State of Nagaland:

- (a). For identification of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities(PwBDs) to avail Free Travel Facilities in NST, **Unique Disability Identify(UDID) Card** issued from the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities(DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India, OR valid **Disability Certificate** issued by a competent Authorized Medical Board, shall be prerequisite for eligibility.
- (b). Free Travel Pass (Format enclosed) will be issued from the Office of the General Manger, NST, Nagaland, Dimapur, on payment of Rs. 50/-(Rupees fifty) only renewable after 2(two) years against payment of Rs.20/-(Rupees twenty) only, and in case of any damage/lost, new Free Travel Pass shall be issued on payment of Rs.50/-(Rupees fifty) only. The applicants may submit their applications directly to the Office of the General Manager, NST, Nagaland, Dimapur, or through the District NST Office.
- (c) Companion, if any, of the PwBDs shall have to pay full fare against prior reservation on request to occupy a seat next to the PwBDs. However, for a PwBD with 80%, or more disabilities or multiple disabilities who require assistance, free travel bus travel facility will be allowed to one associate/assistant.
- (d) Free Travel Facility for PwDs is permissible for both to and from including break journey or from the originating to the terminating station shall be considered as completion of one stretch of journey.
- (e). Free Travel Facility shall be limited to 4(four) seats in a particular bus in open space behind the Driver's seat in the first and second row. The seat shall be reserved and marked accordingly.
- (f). For availing the facilities, a request in advance or at least 1 (one) day ahead of departure of the bus, shall be preferred subject to availability of seat for that purpose.
- (g). This Free Travel Facility shall be non-transferable and any imposter so detected shall be liable to prosecution. Any Pass that is misused shall be cancelled.

2. This is issued with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide FRC No. 56/5, dated 28/2/2024.

3. This supersedes this Department's Notification No. TPT/MV/1/77, dated 15th Jan.1989.

Sd/-

Dr. ZASEKUOLIE CHUSI, IAS

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland.

NOTIFICATIONDated Kohima, the 15th June, 2024.

NO. PAR-A/04/13-AIS :: In the interest of public service, the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to allow Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor and Commissioner & Secretary, Labour & Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to hold additional charge of Commissioner & Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department with immediate effect.

Sd/-

LITHRILA SANGTAM, NCS

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland.