

**THE KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY EX-MEMBERS
(FREE TRANSIT) RULES 2009**

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and G.O.(Ms) No.3/2015/PAD dated 25.05.2015 (S.R.O.No.371/2015)}

1. *Short title.*- These rules may be called the Kerala Legislative Assembly Ex-Members (Free Transit) Rules, 2009.

2. They shall come into force at once.

2. *Definitions.*-In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-

(a) “Act” means the Kerala Payment of Pension to Members of Legislature Act, 1976. (b)

“Rail travel Coupon book” means a book containing rail travel money value coupons issued to an Ex-member under these rules;

(c) “Fuel Coupon” means money value coupons issued under these rule for the purchase of fuel for the travel of an Ex-Member.

(d) “Ex-Member” means, a person who has served as a member as referred to in clause (i) or clause (ii) or clause (iii) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Act.

(e) “Secretary” means Secretary of the Kerala Legislative Assembly.

3. *Supply of Coupon books to Ex-Members.*-Every ex-member, at the option of such Ex-member, shall be provided by the Secretary with rail travel coupon book or fuel coupons or both to the money value of *fifty thousand rupees or to such enhanced amount as may be fixed by Government from time to time, for a period of twelve calendar months which shall make such Ex-member and his/her spouse and one companion eligible to travel by train in any class by any railway in India or for purchase of fuel for his/her journey in a private vehicle.

4. *Requisition for supply of coupon books.*- (1) The Secretary shall, whenever necessary, make a requisition to the General Manager, Southern Railway, Chennai/the Senior Divisional Manager, Indian Oil Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram for the supply of rail travel coupon books/ fuel coupon, as the case may be, for use by the Ex-Members under and in accordance with the rules.

(2) On receipt of such requisition, General Manager, Southern Railway, Chennai/the Senior Divisional Manager, Indian Oil Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram, as the case may be, shall supply to the Secretary, rail travel coupon books/fuel coupons for Ex-members and raise the necessary debit against the Government of Kerala.

5. *Value of Coupons.*-(1) Rail travel Money Value Coupons shall be available in books. (2) Each rail travel coupon book shall contain rail travel Money Value Coupons as shown below:

<i>Any Class</i>	<i>Rs.</i>
(a) 10 coupons of rupees 50 each	500
10 coupons of rupees 20 each	200
16 coupons rupees 10 each	160
28 coupons of rupees 5 each	140
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(3) Fuel coupons shall have money value as shown below :-

Rs.100

Rs.500

6. A rail travel coupon book shall be valid for three years from the date of issue but a fuel

coupon is valid for one year from the date of issue by the Secretary, Kerala Legislature Secretariat.

7. *Certificate on coupon books.*- Every rail travel coupon book shall contain the following certificate affixed by the Secretary, namely:-

“I hereby certify that Shri/Shrimathi/Kumari..... is an Ex-Member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly and tickets may be issued in exchange of the rail travel coupon for journeys to be undertaken by him/her and his/her spouse and a person accompanying him/her within India”.

Secretary,

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8. *Terms and Conditions of issuing rail travel coupon books/fuel coupon.*- (1) The name of the Ex-member to whom a rail travel coupon book is issued shall be filled in by the Secretary before it is issued to him.

(2) The Secretary shall get the following declaration (which shall be printed on the covering page of every coupon book) duly signed by the Ex-member before any such rail travel coupon book is issued, namely:-

“I

Shri/Shrimathi/Kumari..... hereby declare that the rail travel coupons will be used by me for journey undertaken within India admissible to me under section 2B of the Kerala Payment of Pension to Members of Legislature Act, 1976, and the rules made thereunder”.

*Signature of the Ex-Member,
Name, Address*

(3) Fuel coupons shall be issued on conditions as follows:

- (i) Coupons can be redeemed for fuel/Lubes at Indian Oil retail outlets and cannot be exchanged for cash;
- (ii) If the value of purchase exceeds the coupon value, the difference may be paid in cash to the dealer;
- (iii) Coupon is valid only till the expiry date;
- (iv) Coupons are redeemable by the Ex-members or his/her representative provided the coupon is duly signed by the Ex-member.

9. *Number of coupon books and coupons to be issued at a time and their availability.*-

(1) No fresh coupon books and coupons shall be issued to any member, unless the Secretary is satisfied that the coupon books and coupons previously issued to such member have been used by him or returned by him to the Secretary at least fifteen days before the expiry of the period of validity.

(2) The coupon books shall be available for use only by the Ex-member whose name is specified thereon.

10. *Coupon books and coupons not transferable.*-(1) The coupon books and the coupons issued under these rules shall be non-transferable and shall be used only for journeys by the Ex-member in whose favour they are issued and his or her spouse and a person accompanying him or her.

(2) In the event of any Ex-member ceasing to be an Ex-member, the unused coupons shall be returned to the Secretary.

11. *Method of purchasing rail travel tickets with coupons.*-(1) Any Ex-member desiring to undertake a journey shall present the coupon book to the booking clerk without

detaching any coupon therefrom. Loose coupons i.e; coupons detached from a coupon book shall not, except as provided in sub-rule (2) be accepted under any circumstances.

(2) The booking clerk shall personally remove from the coupon book the number of coupons necessary for the journey. Before removing the coupons, the booking clerk may ask the holder of the coupon book to show his/her identity card and to put his/her signature on a piece of paper for the purpose of comparing it with the signature in the coupon books. Where coupons, in excess of those actually required, are detached from a coupon book by a booking clerk, a suitable remark such as “wrongly detached” shall be made by the booking clerk with his signature on the back of the detached coupons and the loose coupons with the remark so made shall be accepted when presented for the issue of a ticket, provided the coupon book from which the coupons have been detached is produced.

(3) In exchange for the coupon or coupons, the booking clerk shall issue a single journey ticket (s) , as may be required, after scoring out the fare printed thereon and writing on the reverse of the ticket in red ink the words “R.T.Coupons for Ex-members only”.

(4) If the coupons available in a book are not sufficient to pay for a journey, the balance amount shall be paid in cash and the amount so recovered entered on the face of the ticket by the booking office.

12. *Method of purchasing of fuel with coupons.*-Any Ex-member desiring to purchase fuel for his travel in a private vehicle shall present the fuel coupon in any of the Indian Oil Corporation retail outlets and can purchase fuel in exchange of the fuel coupon.

13. *Identity of Member.*- An Ex-member when travelling with the ticket issued to him under rule 11 shall keep with him his identity card containing his/her photograph issued to him/her by the Secretary, Kerala Legislative Assembly and produce the same when demanded by the railway authorities.

14. *Period of availability of tickets issued on rail travel coupons.*-The period of availability of a ticket shall, having regard to the date on which it is issued be the same as for ordinary tickets.

15. *Luggage.*-An Ex-member shall be entitled to carry such luggage free of charges as is permissible on any class ordinary ticket, and shall pay in cash for the excess luggage, if any, at the luggage rates prescribed by the Railway Administration concerned.

16. *Use of coupons.*- (1) Rail travel money value coupons shall not be used except for exchanging them for passenger tickets at a railway booking office and no such coupon shall under any circumstances be accepted towards payment of any other charges.

(2) Fuel coupons shall not be used except for purchase of fuel and lubes for the travel of the Ex-member and no such coupon shall, under any circumstances be accepted towards payment of any other charges.

17. *Unexchanged coupons.*-Any Ex-member found travelling on unexchanged rail travel coupon shall be considered as travelling without a ticket.

18. *Confiscation of coupons.*-The Railway authorities concerned may seize and confiscate a coupon book on proof that the conditions on which it has been issued have not been complied with. Before confiscation of a coupon book, the concerned Railway Authorities shall refer the matter to the Secretary and obtain his approval for such confiscation. On such confiscation the value of the coupon book shall be refunded to the Secretary.

19. *Refund admissible on unused coupons.*-(1) Refunds on unused coupons or books returned to the Railway Authorities concerned, by the Secretary shall be granted after

deduction of 10 per cent on the value of unused coupons if they are returned to the Railway within one month after the period of their validity.

(2) Refund of unused fuel coupons to the Indian Oil Corporation authorities concerned, by the Secretary shall be granted after deduction of 10 per cent of the value of unused coupons if they are returned to the Indian Oil Corporation Authorities within one month after the period of their validity.

20. *Refund only to Government.*-Refund will not be granted on partly used rail travel tickets issued in exchange for coupons except in exceptional circumstances, when refund may be allowed subject to the usual cancellation charges as applicable under the existing rules. Refunds shall be allowed only to the State Government concerned and not to individual Ex-members.

By order of the Governor

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