ABSTRACT

Highways Department – Authorizing TNRDC to issue local passes for non-commercial vehicles belong to residents of 46 villages at a rate of Rs.325/- per month - Orders – Issued.

Highways and Minor Ports (HF2) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.130 **Dated:08.08.2025**

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Read:

From the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited, Letter No. TNRDC/ ORR/ 080/2025, dated 14.05.2025.

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ORDER:-

In the letter read above, the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited has stated that the Chennai Outer Ring Road (CORR), developed under the Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) Annuity Model, has been operational with toll plazas at Varadarajapuram, Kollapancheri, Palavedu and Chinnamullaivoyal for user fee collections, as mandated under the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008. However, operational challenges have emerged due to the integration of service roads with the main carriageway at these toll plazas. This integration inadvertently compels local commuter, including residents of villages situated within a 5-kilometer radius of the plazas, to pay toll fees despite their short -distance travel needs.

2. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited has also stated that initially, issuance of local passes was not proposed on the premise that service roads were available. However, in practice, the service roads merge with the main carriageway at the toll plazas, compelling even short-distance local commuters to pay the toll. Analysis of toll operations reveals that exempt traffic constitutes 13.87% of total traffic, with cars alone accounting for up to 41% of exemptions at Chinnamullaivoyal Toll Plaza. Such exemptions, primarily attributed to Metropolitan Transport Buses and local commuters, have led to recurrent disputes at toll plazas, disrupting operations and staining public relations.

3. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited has further stated that residents of adjacent villages have submitted numerous representations seeking concessional passes akin to those issued on the Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR) and East Coast Road (ECR) corridors. This has led to multiple representations from the public residing in villages abutting the ORR

and within 5 kilometers of the toll plazas and Residents have requested to issue local passes at concessional rates, similar to the practices followed at OMR and ECR corridors.

4. Considering the practical difficulties and to ensure smooth toll operations, the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited has proposed to issue "Local Passes" on the following basis: -

- The vehicle must be registered for non-commercial purposes.
- The owner must reside in a village located within a 5 km radius of the concerned toll plaza.
- Proper proof of residence and vehicle registration must be submitted.
- Monthly user fee of Rs.325/- shall be collected.
- The pass shall authorize crossing of the specified toll plaza, not extending beyond the next adjacent plaza.

5. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited has informed that issuing local passes for residents abutting the ORR within a 5 km radius will greatly enhance public satisfaction and reduce daily operational conflicts at toll plazas. It will promote smoother and quicker passage through the tolls, preventing unnecessary congestion. Moreover, it aligns with the equitable tolling practices followed on other major corridors within Tamil Nadu.

6. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited has also informed that this policy will reinforce the commitment of the Government towards easing the daily commute for suburban and peri-urban residents, who otherwise rely on the ORR for essential travel. Recognizing the contribution of such rural and semi-urban populations towards the socio-economic development of the region, this move would be a step forward in inclusive infrastructure development.

7. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited has further informed that the proposed system aims to alleviate hardships faced by local commuters, particularly those residing in villages adjoining the Chennai Outer Ring Road, by providing them affordable access to the highway for essential travel. By formalizing exemptions through structured passes, operational conflicts arising from unauthorized claims are expected to diminish significantly. This measure also aligns with the Government of Tamil Nadu's commitment to inclusive infrastructure development, ensuring peri-urban and rural populations are not disproportionately burdened by toll charges. Moreover, streamlined validation processes will enhance toll collection efficiency, reduce congestion and foster public trust in the project's governance.

8. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited has therefore requested the Government to authorize TNRDC to annually revise the local pass fee and toll rates every 1st April, based on the WPI-linked escalations norms.

9. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited has also requested for approval on the following:

1. Issuance of local passes for non-commercial vehicles belonging to residents within 5 km of the toll plazas.

2. Annual revision of pass fee and toll tariff effective from 1st April each year.

3. Publication of the above approvals as an Amendment in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette (TNGG).

10. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited hereby authorize Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited to issue local passes for non-commercial vehicle belonging to residents of 46 villages annexed to this order at a rate of Rs.325/- per month subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The concerned persons must provide proof of residence and proof of vehicle ownership, which must match.
(ii) The local passes must be renewed once every two years. Rate will be revised based on the WPI revisions.

(By Order of the Governor)

R.Selvaraj
Secretary to Government

To
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Annexure

G.O.(Ms) No.130, HW & MP (HF2) Department Dated: 08.08.2025

S.No.	Name of Village	Name of Taluk	Name of District
	TOLL PLAZA 1 - VARADHARAJAPURAM (Km 6+000 of SH 234)	**Kundrathur**	**Kancheepuram**
1	Vandalur	Vandalur	Chengalpattu
2	Manivakkam	Chengalpattu	Chengalpattu
3	Mudichur	Tambaram	Chengalpattu
4	Varadharajapuram	Kundrathur	Kancheepuram
5	Erumaiyur	Kundrathur	Kancheepuram
6	Pazhanthandalam	Kundrathur	Kancheepuram
7	Thirumudivakkam	Kundrathur	Kancheepuram
	TOLL PLAZA 2 - KOLLAPPANCHERI (Km 21+800 of SH 234)	**Poonamallee**	**Tiruvallur**
1	Chikkarayapuram	Kundrathur	Kancheepuram
2	Kolumunivakkam	Kundrathur	Kancheepuram
3	Malaiyambakkam	Kundrathur	Kancheepuram
4	Nazarathpet	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
5	Varatharajapuram	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
6	Thookanampattu	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
7	Udayavarkoil	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
8	Kolappanchery	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
9	Ariyappanchery	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
10	Kavalchery LHS	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
11	Chokkanallur RHS	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
12	Vayalanallur	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
13	Anaikattuchery RHS	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
14	Amuthurmedu	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
15	Karunagarachery	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
	TOLL PLAZA 3 - PALAVEDU (Km 30+850 of SH 234)	**Avadi**	**Tiruvallur**
1	Vayalanallur	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
2	Anaikattuchery RHS	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
3	Amuthurmedu	Poonamallee	Tiruvallur
4	Karunagarachery	Avadi	Tiruvallur
5	Thandarai	Avadi	Tiruvallur
6	Nemilichery	Avadi	Tiruvallur
7	Thiruninravur	Avadi	Tiruvallur
8	Palavedu	Avadi	Tiruvallur
9	Mukthapudupattu	Avadi	Tiruvallur
S.No.	**Name of Village**	**Name of Taluk**	**Name of District**
10	Mittanamallee	Avadi	Tiruvallur

11	Pulikutthi	Avadi	Tiruvallur
12	Vellacheri	Avadi	Tiruvallur
13	Thenambakkam	Avadi	Tiruvallur
14	Morai	Avadi	Tiruvallur
	TOLL PLAZA 4 - CHINNAMULLAVOIL (Km 56+800 of SH 234)	**Ponneri**	**Tiruvallur**
1	Kummanur	Ponneri	Tiruvallur
2	Marambedu	Ponneri	Tiruvallur
3	Kandigai	Ponneri	Tiruvallur
4	Arumanthai	Ponneri	Tiruvallur
5	Pudupakkam	Ponneri	Tiruvallur
6	Periyamullaivoyal	Ponneri	Tiruvallur
7	Chinnamulaivoyal	Ponneri	Tiruvallur
8	Vazhuthigaimedu	Ponneri	Tiruvallur
9	Seemapuram	Ponneri	Tiruvallur
10	Minjur	Ponneri	Tiruvallur

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