Draft Model Reciprocal Agreement for the Operation of Transport Vehicles on Inter-State Routes between any two States.

It is hereby agreed that:

Stage carriages

(i) The number of stage carriages authorised to ply under regular permits on the inter-state routes will be as shown in the statement at Appendix-I (This Appendix is to be prepared by the State Transport Authorities Concerned)

(ii) The maximum fare chargeable for the mileage in the territory of each state shall be calculated at the rate prescribed by the state concerned. Notice of any change in the rates or in the timings shall be given by either state to the other at least one month in advance.

(iii) No standing passengers shall be allowed in the buses on inter-state routes.

Public Carrier

(iv) The number of public carrier vehicles authorized to ply under regular permits on inter-state routes or in inter-state areas will be shown in the statement at Appendix II (This Appendix is to be prepared by the State Transport Authorities Concerned).
(v) The holder of an inter-state Public carrier permit shall not transport (i.e., pick up or set down) goods between two points falling in the reciprocating states.

Private Carrier

(vi) Any number of private carrier vehicles for which primary permits are granted by either State and which have bona-fide private carrier's business in the other state will be authorised to ply on any route or in any area in other State if recommended by the authority issuing primary permits. The authority issuing primary permit will satisfy itself about the bona-fide private carriers business in the other state.

Temporary Permits

(vii) In urgent cases temporary permits may be issued by the transport authorities of one state without previous consultation with the corresponding authority of the other state. Information regarding these permits shall be given by the transport authorities of the state issuing the permit to the corresponding authority of the other state. The maximum period for which a temporary permit may be issued may be fixed after mutual consultation. There will be no restrictions
on the numbers of trips to be performed by a
vehicle during the period of validity of its
temporary permit. The vehicle concerned will be
allowed to bring a return journey to its
'home-state' passengers or goods, as the case may
be, without stopping to pick up or set down
passengers or goods in the territory of the other
state.

(viii) The total number of temporary permits to be issued
during a month and the number of actually issued
each day will be exhibited on the notice board of
the Regional Transport Authority for the infor-
mation and guidance of applicants for temporary
permits.

Taxation
(ix) Motor vehicles plying on inter-state routes
or inter-state areas, which have already paid
the Motor Vehicle tax in the home-state in
respect of a period, shall be exempt from the
the payment of Motor Vehicle Tax in the other
state in respect of that period. If any tax
other than Motors Vehicle Tax is levied in any
state, that will be payable by the operator.
General

(x) In view of the fact that certain provisions of the state Motor Vehicle Rules etc. differ from state to state in respect of certain technical matters, the legal provisions of the state in which a motor vehicle is registered will be honoured by the reciprocating state and no prosecution will be launched in respect of that vehicle on the ground that it does not comply with the provisions (other than those relating to traffic control or regulation) of the Motor Vehicle Rules etc. of the reciprocating state.

(xi) Before suspending or cancelling the counter-signature of a permit, the competent authority shall consult the Transport Authority who issued the primary permit and make arrangements for operating substitute services in consultation with that authority.

(xii) The nationalized transport of either State shall give to the other facilities in respect of use of depots, workshops etc. on payment.

(xiii) The provisions of this agreement are subject to review every six months at the instance of either state.