

**DELHI TRANSPORT CORPORATION
(GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT
I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI – 110002**

No. Ops.Deptt./HQ/Pink-Card/2026/542

Dated:14.08.2026

Subject: Extension of date for mandatory requirement of Pink Saheli Smart Card for availing free bus travel facility.

Reference is invited to this office Circular No. Ops.Deptt./HQ/Pink-Card/2026/451 dated 10.07.2026 and Circular No. Ops.Deptt./HQ/Pink-Card/2026/501 dated 31.07.2026 regarding implementation of the mandatory requirement of the Pink Saheli Smart Card for eligible women passengers for availing the free bus travel facility in DTC/DoT (Cluster) buses.

As per Circular No. 451 dated 10.07.2026, the Pink Saheli Smart Card was to be made mandatory w.e.f. 01.08.2026, and vide Circular No. 501 dated 31.07.2026, the existing arrangement for issuance of paper-based pink tickets was extended up to 15.08.2026, with the Pink Saheli Smart Card proposed to be made mandatory w.e.f. 16.08.2026.

The competent authority has now been pleased to accord approval for further extension of the existing arrangement for issuance of paper-based pink tickets up to 31.08.2026. Accordingly, during this extended period, eligible women passengers may continue to be issued paper-based pink tickets for availing the free bus travel facility in DTC/DoT (Cluster) buses.

It is further ordered that the Pink Saheli Smart Card shall be made mandatory w.e.f. 01.09.2026 for eligible women passengers to avail the free bus travel facility in DTC/DoT (Cluster) buses. From 01.09.2026 onwards, free travel shall be permissible only upon tapping a valid Pink Saheli Smart Card; women passengers not possessing the said Smart Card shall be required to purchase regular tickets and pay the applicable fare as per rules.

All Depot Managers, Regional Managers, conductors and enforcement staff shall ensure wide publicity of the revised date and advise women passengers to obtain the Pink Saheli Smart Card from the designated Pink Card Distribution Centres before **31.08.2026**, so that they may continue to avail the free travel facility without inconvenience.

During the extended period, special emphasis shall be laid on public awareness through depot announcements, in-bus announcements, social media, print media and other appropriate channels.

All Depot Managers shall ensure that conductors are properly counselled regarding the above instructions so that:

- No eligible woman commuter is wrongly denied free travel up to **31.08.2026** under the existing arrangement.

- Women passengers are politely informed that the Pink Saheli Smart Card shall become mandatory for availing free travel facility from **01.09.2026** onwards, otherwise, the prescribed fare shall be charged for travel.

All concerned officers shall ensure strict compliance with the above instructions.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.



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Delhi Transport Corporation

All Depot Managers

All Regional Managers

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