

Why Bharat Bundh on 27th September? What should be the role of the Transport Workers?

Dear brothers and sisters,

More than 400 farmers organisations have formed United platform called samyukt Kisan Morcha. They are agitating against the draconian agricultural Laws. As a part of it, now they have given call for Bharat bandh on 27th September. This is against the anti-people, anti-working-class policies of Modi government.

Earlier in 2019, the Modi government has brought the M.V. Act amendment aimed at to throw away all the Petty vehicle owners like Auto Rickshaw, Taxi, Truck, Private Bus etc and to hand over the entire Transport Sector to big corporate houses. Penalties have been increased many folds. Some of them have come into force in different states. The prices of diesel and petrol are skyrocketing. Insurance premium is raising every year. COVID has added fuel to the crisis. The earnings have come down and the expenditure has gone up so high. It has become very difficult event to meet the monthly instalments of the loan availed for the purchase of the vehicle and unable to lead the family. The Transport Workers are not covered under any Labour Laws and no Social Security. This precarious situation is because of the Modi Government. This has to be reversed.

All the STUs in the country have been thrown in to financial crisis by the Governments. Now steps are taken to gradually wind up all the existing STUs in the country. The workers are made scapegoats. They are not getting the wages on time. The retired workers are not being paid the terminal benefits.

Further, the Modi government is privatising all the public sector enterprises, Banks, LIC, General Insurance including Railways and Defence. Now it has come out to handover all the public assets worth lakhs of crores of rupees to few Indian and foreign Corporate houses. Hence, it is the need of the hour for all the sections of the society to fight unitedly against the anti-people, anti-national policies of the Mod government.

In this background, all the Central Trade Unions have also extended support and solidarity to the Bharat bundh call on 27 September. Many other mass organisations also have extended their support to the bundh call. All India Road

Transport Workers' Federation calls upon all the unions, Federations and all other stakeholders of Transport Industry to participate in the Bundh on 27th and make it a success. It should be a warning for the Modi government that the people of India will not allow for sale of the country. It is only the way to stall all the onslaughts on the Working Class and the people at large. Unless and until a united and wide fight is there, we cannot protect either the Transport industry or the public assets.

**United we stand-Divided we fall
Unity is our strength- Struggle is our weapon
Make Bharat Bundh a success on 27-09-2021.**

All India Road Transport Worker's Federation (AIRTWF)
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