

Enact Social Security Act for the unorganized Road Transport Workers

Develop an App alternative to Uber/Ola/Porter etc

Amend M.V.Act 2019 to protect the Road Transport Sector

Participate and make success Challo Raj Bhawan on 06-10-2023

Dear Brothers/Sisters,

All India Road Transport Workers' Federation appeals to all the Road Transport Workers in the country to participate in the March to Raj Bhawan on 06th October 2023 to protect the industry and for the betterment of the workers.

Road transport plays pivotal role in the development of the country. About 85% of the Passengers and around 60% of the Goods are being transported through Road Transport. The share of the Road Transport to the GDP is 4.60%. It is the largest employment generating industry sector after Agriculture. About 10 crore workers are directly working in the Road Transport sector. Around 95% of these workers are in the Unorganized Road Transport Sector.

The Conditions of these workers is deplorable. They have to be on the Roads round the clock in all the adverse climatic conditions even at the risk of their lives. But ironically they are being ill treated and huge amounts are collected as penalties. Even though the minimum wages are to be fixed and revised periodically, it is not being done in most of the states. They are deprived of the statutory benefits like PF, ESI, Gratuity, 8 hours work, weekly rest etc. They do not have the Social Security coverage. This condition has to be changed and the workers should be brought under the statutory benefits irrespective of the number of workers working and the self employed also. Social Security Act should be enacted for the unorganized Road Transport Workers.

The Drivers attached to the App based platforms like Uber/Ola/Rapido/Porter etc are suffering a lot. The companies are squeezing the blood of the Drivers by collecting 25-30% as commission and deleting the names unilaterally without

giving any opportunity. They are not considered as workers of those companies. It is demanded that the Central Government should develop an alternative App as the Kerala Government has developed "SAVARI" and operating in the state.

The Central Government has amended the M.V.Act 1988 in the year 2019 with a motto to hand over the entire Road Transport Sector to the Big Corporates. Penalties have been increased many folds. The Vehicle Scrapping policy is detrimental to the petty vehicle owners.

Several Sections are incorporated in the M.V.Act Amendment 2019 which is detrimental to the STUs (RTC). The introduction of the Electric Buses under Gross Cost Contract System is draining out the revenues of the STUs to the Private Operators and has become white Elephants to the STUs.

It is demanded the Government of India to amend the M.V.Act 2019 to protect the Road Transport Sector, the STUs and to reduce the penalties drastically.

AIRTWF appeals to all the Road Transport Workers in the country to participate in the "March to Raj Bhawan" on 06th October in all the states in a big number to press upon the Government of India on the following demands.

- 1) Enact Social Security Act for the unorganized Road Transport Workers.
- 2) Amend the Laws appropriately for implementation of ESI, PF, Etc and the provisions of MTW Act should be enforced.
- 3) MV.Act 2019 should be amended to protect the Sector, STUs and to reduce the penalties drastically.
- 4) STUs should be strengthened and expanded.
- 5) The central government should develop and operate alternative App to Uber/Ola/Rapido/Porter etc.
- 6) Government should subsidize for scrapping of old vehicles.
- 7) Diesel and petrol prices should be reduced.
- 8) The 4 labor codes should be withdrawn.

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