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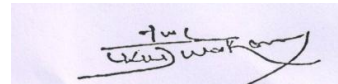
### **Settle Uber& Ola Drivers Strike – AIRTWF**

All India Road Transport Workers' Federation supports the strike of Uber& Ola drivers in Delhi. This is not for the first time. In the month of February also they went on strike. But till date the issues are not settled and compelled the drivers to go on strike. Ignoring all this and taking undue advantage of some unions abstaining from the strike, the Uber and Ola managements have approached the Hon.Delhi HighCourt. The Court allowed the Corporates petition and gave a direction to penalise the strikers and the unions if they stop others who operates the vehicles. It is most sorrowful. It has become a common practice that someone approach the Court to ban the strike and the Courts also allowing their petition and granting orders accordingly. AIRTWF demands the Union Government and the Delhi Govts to settle the just demands of the drivers of Uber& Ola immediately.

Some are trying to politicise the strike by the drivers of Uber& Ola. It is not a political issue. In fact the drivers attached to Uber& Ola are not getting the benefits assured by those companies before attaching their vehicles. These two companies assured that the drivers if attached their vehicles to Companies will get a sum of 1.5 lacks a month. But in practise the drivers are getting 20 to 25 thousand rupees. Due to which the drivers are suffering a lot. They are not in a position even to pay the school/college fees to their children. There are some instances where the children of these drivers are sent home by the school authorities on the pretext that they have not paid the fees. The repayment of loans availed for the purchase of vechicle, maintenance of family has become very difficult, which forced them for struggles.

Further it is not the AAP is solely responsible for the menace. The plea taken by the Council on behalf of the Union Government in this case in Delhi High Court has categorically stated that the Union Government has amended the M.V.Act to allow the Corporates. The Uber an American based Company and the Ola even though not a MNC having shares of Tata Motors, Mahendra&Mahendra and one Japanese Company. After the entry of these two companies, many taxi operators have compelled to shut down their entities. These two Corporates companies are deceiving the drivers, the passengers and the Governments.

It is not out of place to mention that the drivers of Uber& Ola went on strike in Bangalore, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, etc. on the same demands raised by the drivers now in Delhi. So this is an all India issue and not confined to one state. Hence, AIRTWF express solidarity and demands the Union Govt to call the Trade Unions functioning in the Road Transport sector and resolve the issues. The AAP Govt and the Union Govt together should settle the issues of Delhi Uber& Ola drivers demands.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light purple background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'K.K. Divakaran'.

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General Secretary