

## **All India Road Transport Workers' Federation**

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To, Shri.K.Chandra Sekahara Rao, Honorable Chief Minister, Telangana State, Hyderabad. Respected Sir,

Sub: - Your initiative to support Public Transport-Requested to extend to TSRTC

I would like to draw your attention to the news item published in the media today. It is reported that you have called a high-level committee to discuss the financial crunch of Hyderabad Metro and assured to support Hyderabad Metro. This is perhaps the first of its kind in the country. We wholeheartedly invite and support your initiative.

I would like to remind you that the Public Transport can not survive with out the support of the Governments/Local Municipal Administrations. This is the experience and practice at Global level.

It is humbly submitted that the TSRTC in your state is serving the people both in Urban and Rural areas by connecting the interior villages, Hill/Tribal regions, Industrial clusters, colonies in a wider way. It is extending concessional/free travel facilities to different sections of the society. Ironically it was facing severe financial crisis even before the Covid Pandemic. The pandemic has further added fuel to the crisis. Now TSRTC is not able to expand its operations by augmenting to meet the travel demand of the people. It is even not in a position to replace the old age buses.

At this juncture, we humbly request you to call a high-level meeting of the TSRTC and Government Officials to discuss the financial crunch of TSRTC and to explore the ways to extend financial support.

We hope, you will respond positively and appropriate steps may be taken in this regard.

Yours Sincerely

(K.K.DIVAKARAN) General Secretary