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To,
Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman Ji,
Hon.ble. Minister for Finance,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Date: 14-07-2021

Respected Madam,

Sub: Provision of funds for bus transport- Request to allot funds to STUs - Reg.

Ref: Budget 2021-22, Urban Infrastructure, Para no.57

I would like to draw your kind attention to the subject matter. The Government of India under your ministry has introduced a scheme for augmentation of city services and allocated an amount of Rs.18,000 crores for purchase of 20,000 buses. It is mentioned that this scheme will facilitate deployment of innovative PPP models to enable private sector players to finance, acquire, operate and maintain 20,000 buses.

I welcome and invite to introduce such a scheme by allocating Rs 18,000 crores for augmentation of city services under urban infrastructure. But it should be done by the STUs only duly earmarking funds to states and union territories on proportionate basis. It will save the STUs to some extent. At the same time accountability, reliability and safety will be provided to the passengers. The rule of reservation will be followed in the recruitment of staff. These obligations will not be implemented in the private sector. Ultimately the people will have to pay the costs and the public money will be pocked by the private people.

In the light of the above, your good self is requested to make suitable amendments and issue necessary orders in this regard.

I hope will consider this representation and issue orders.

Copies submitted to for information and necessary action:

- 1) Hon.ble Minister for Road Transport and Highways.
- 2) Hon.ble Minister for Urban Development.

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General Secretary