



All India Road Transport Workers' Federation

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To,
Shri. Nitin Gadkari Ji,
Hon'ble. Minister,
MORTH,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

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Respected Sir,

Sub: FAME- Requested to amend the guide lines & extend financial support to STUs
and to operate by STUs only.

Ref: FAME guide lines.

I would like to draw your kind attention to the subject matter. The Government of India has introduced FAME I FAMEII Schemes to promote Electric Vehicles. It is mentioned in the guide lines that the Electric Buses shall be procured and operated on "gross Cost Contract" by the Consortium through the STUs. In practice, the consortiums are quoting higher rates Per KM for operation. This has caused for cancelations of Tenders, retendering, abnormal delay in operation of buses. Some STUs have entered in to agreements with the consortium. The experience is that the STUs are paying to the consortium at around Rs.15 and above more than they get by way of revenue per KM. This practice is nothing but benefiting the consortium at the cost of the STUs. This is draining of public money to some handful of private individuals/Firms.

Even the UITP in its report dated July 2020 also has mentioned about the higher rates quoted by the consortiums and the cancelation of tenders in different STUs.

Further, it is submitted that the drivers and other staff engaged by the consortium are being exploited by paying meager wages. They are not entitled to any other benefits as per law. The rule of reservation is not implemented. This is creating a social problem also.

In the light above your good self is requested to intervene in this matter. The guide lines are to be modified that the "Electric Buses shall be procured by the STUs directly and the subsidy has to be given to the STUs only. The STUs shall be permitted to operate the Electric Buses on their own rather giving them to consortium." We humbly request you to utilize your good office for amendments in the guide lines.

I hope, you will consider the request and suitable amendments may take place.

Copies submitted to for information and necessary action:

- 1) Hon.ble Minister for Heavy Industries, Government of India
- 2) Hon.ble Minister for Urban and Housing, Government of India
- 3) Hon.ble Minister for Finance, Government of India



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