



All India Road Transport Workers' Federation

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To,
Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan Ji,
Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas,
Govt of India,
New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Representation- submission of representation on the spike in
Petroleum Products prices- Requested to take immediate
decision to roll back-Reg.

We would like to draw your kind attention on the regular enhancement of Petroleum Products prices. It has become the order of the day to enhance the prices of petroleum products. At a time when the COVID 2nd wave is shaking the country and the people are in serious distress, the enhancement of petroleum products prices is highly condemnable. It is nothing but war against the people of the nation. AIRTFW appeals to your authority to step up immediately and direct the Oil Companies to roll back the enhanced prices. It is further requested to withdraw the steep hike in excise duty levied in March & May 2020 to a tune of Rs.16 &13 on Diesel and Petrol per litre respectively.

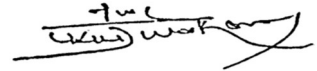
It is a well-established fact that the Transport is the life line of any economy in the World. Particularly, during the COVID Pandemic, it is unimaginable to assume the economy without Transport. Each and every rupee increase in the Petroleum Products will badly hit all the prices of essential commodities. Further, during the Pandemic period there are many restrictions in several places on public Transport. Hence the poor and middle class are compelled to depend on personal mode of transport which is cutting the pockets of meagre earnings.

It is not out of place to mention that the Road Transport Industry ie passenger and goods was in crisis before the Pandemic. Most of the operators are single vehicle owners and are facing severe hardships even to manage the running expenditure. Pandemic has fuelled the crisis. In addition, the Government of India and the Oil Companies have imposed heavy burdens by enhancing the Excise Duty and the

retail prices. This is highly regrettable and need to be corrected forthwith in the interest of the Nation and the People.

In the light of the above, your good self is once again requested to take a policy decision to withdraw the Excise Duty levied in March & May 2020 and direct the Oil Companies to roll back the enhancements.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.K. Divakaran', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

(K.K.DIVAKARAN)

General Secretary

