



All India Road Transport Workers' Federation

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

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Sub: - Surprising media news on Privatisation of TSRTC

I would like to draw your attention to the news item published in the media today. It is reported that the Honorable Chairman of TSRTC briefed the media that you have set up a target of 3-4 months to TSRTC to get profits or otherwise, it will be privatised. It is very surprising and shocking. TSRTC is facing severe financial crisis not because of the inefficiency of either the workers or the Officials. It is because of the policies of the Governments both at the state and Centre mainly the sky rocketing prices of diesel etc. Covid Pandemic and the restrictions imposed by the Governments have further worsened the situation.

Being a senior politician and a highly knowledgeable person, you may be aware that the Public Transport is not at all profitable in the entire world. Nowhere it is measured on the scale of Profit & Loss. Rather, Public Transport is funded by the Governments and the local bodies at different levels including in the advanced countries.

Encouraging and funding the Public Transport is neither for the Public Transport nor for the workers working in it. It is for the welfare of the state and for the wellbeing of the People. It is the responsibility to provide economic, well-coordinated transport to the people and the erstwhile APSRTC was formed under the provisions of that Act. It was stipulated in that Act that the Centre and the State Governments should provide Capital Contribution @ of 1:2 ratio. Ironically, it was stopped by both the Governments which is a violation of the Law enacted by the Parliament.

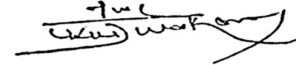
It is not out of place to mention that you have reviewed the financial position of Hyderabad Metro rail this month and assured that you will support it. Thousands of crores of rupees are being funded to the Metro Railways. But a step mother attitude is shown towards the STUs.

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It is the fact and experience that the RTC Act 1950 was enacted by the Parliament after all the attempts to bring the then private operators who were operating with cut throat competition under one umbrella. The motto of the Private sector is to maximize the profits even by violating all the rules and Acts. There is no reservation in employment in the private sector. It is only the Public Sector which is providing employment by strictly following the rule of reservation. Ignoring all these facts and talking about privatization is against the mandate of the people and even against the spirit of the Constitution of India.

We hope, you will respond positively and appropriate steps may be taken to strengthen and expand TSRTC in the interest of the State development and the dignity of life of the people of the state of Telangana.

Yours Sincerely

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

(K.K.DIVAKARAN)
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