



All India Road Transport Workers' Federation

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To,

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Shri.Nitin Gadkare ji,
Honourable Minster of MORTH,
Government of India,
New Delhi.
Respected Sir,

Sub: Request to take immediate steps to extend financial support to the unorganised transport workers who do not have any earnings due to Corona Virus effect.

The Corona Virus spread to several nations in the world including India and the economy of the world has hit very badly. The unorganised workers and self employed in general and the transport workers in particular are the worst victims of this pandemic. We urge upon your authority to utilise your good offices to extend financial support to these workers.

It is not out of place to mention that the Keral State Government has announced several financial assistance measures to the people of the state. Ironically, the Honourable Prime Minister Shri.Nareendra Modi while addressing the nation on 19-03-2020 did not announce any single decision to support the people under this severe crisis of Corona Virus.

We sincerely appeal to you to utilise your good office to extend financial support measures to the unorganised workers particularly the transport workers with immediate effect.

The poor workers shall be supplied all the essential commodities at free of cost at least for one month. Secondly, good quality of masks and sanitisers shall be supplied at free of cost to all the transport workers both private and public sector transport workers who are transporting the people. Thirdly a large number of Auto Rickshaw, Taxi/Cab, Truck owner cum drivers who have purchased the vehicles on loan basis from either banks or from the private financial institutions are not in a position to pay the loan instalments. Hence the government shall issue a direction to all such lending agencies to defer the payment of loan instalments for 3 months without any penal interest to these self employed (vehicle owner cum drivers)

We hope your authority will respond positively and come forward to the rescue of the transport workers.

(K.K.DIVAKARAN)

General Secretary