



All India Road Transport Workers' Federation

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To,
Honorable Minister for Transport,
Government of Manipur,
IMPHAL.

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Respected Sir,

It is immense pleasure to inform you that I have visited different places in Imphal city on 31-05-2022 & 01-06-2022. Really it was very great experience for me. I have interacted with some Inter State Bus Workers, Petroleum Tankers Association leaders, Mini Goods vehicle drivers, truck Drivers, State Government Employees etc. I would like to bring to your notice the following issues which I have observed during my visit. I sincerely request you to take suitable decisions to sort out those issues.

- 1) The ISBT was constructed in a big area investing huge amount of money with a good intention to provide better facilities to the commuters. But ironically it is not in a position for utilization. The Entry and Exit gates approach roads are in a very bad condition and vehicles cannot pass through. The condition inside the ISBT is also very pathetic. Immediate steps are to be taken to bring the ISBT for proper and comfortable utilization for the commuters.
- 2) The wages, working conditions for the Private Bus Workers are completely deplorable. No statutory benefits are available to them. They were simply left to the mercy of the owners and slavery conditions are prevailing. Urgent attention is required to ensure better wages, working conditions and dignity of labour and life.
- 3) The Oil Tankers carrying fuel from IOCL Depot to Assam and other states are facing many problems both monetary and time consumption with regard to temporary interstate permits. The illegal collection of money and harassment by the Police Officials has become the order of the day. These issues are to be addressed immediately.
- 4) It is a well established fact that Transport is the life line of any economy in the world. Its contribution to the state treasury, its share in GDP and the potential in generating employment are undeniable factors. The workers are working hard round the clock in all the adverse climatic conditions even at the risk of their life. Even then the workers are ill treated and highly neglected. Bonded labour conditions are prevailing.

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There is an urgent need to bring out legislation on Social Security for the Transport Workers as suggested by the V.V.Giri National Labour Institute, Noida an institute constituted by the Government of India.

- 5) The Transport department Office infrastructure ie Head Office and District Offices is very poor and the employees are facing very difficulty in carrying out their regular functions.
- 6) The heavy shortage of employees and engagement of persons on contract basis even in key posts are creating problems. It is not only against the betterment and uplift of the employees, but is creating huge delay and loss to the exchequer. The vacant posts are to be filled up on regular basis through proper channel of the Government recruitment.
- 7) The salaries and other allowances to the staff are lowest in Manipur compared to the staff in other north eastern states. It is surprising to know why this situation is prevailing in Manipur when the entire north eastern states are considered as one unit.

All the above mentioned problems are degrading the image and prestige of the Government of Manipur particularly your esteemed department which is one of the pillars for the development of your beautiful state.

It is requested to call the respective Unions/Associations to discuss and sort out the issues and also to find out the ways and means to increase the revenue of the Transport Department.

I humbly request your kind authority to pay attention for the redressal of the above burning issues which will heighten your personal image as well as your Government prestige. I am confident that you will respond positively and do the needful in the interest of the development of the state and the lives of the people.

With regards

Yours Sincerely



(R.LAKSHMAIAH)
Deputy General Secretary

Copies submitted to the following for favor of information and necessary action.

- 1) Honorable Chief Minister, Government of Manipur state.
- 2) Chief Secretary to Government, Manipur state.
- 3) Honorable Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Govt of India, New Delhi.
- 4) Secretary, Development of North Eastern Region, Govt of India.

