



# All India Road Transport Workers' Federation

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To,  
Shri. Nitin Gadkari ji,  
Honorable Minister, MORTH,  
Govt. of India,  
New Delhi.

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Respected Sir,

Sub: Representation requesting to strengthen and Expand  
STUs-Reg.

We would like to draw your kind attention to the serious crisis being faced by all the State Transport Undertakings (STUs) in the country. The illegal operation by the private operators has increased many folds and looting the legitimate revenues of the STUs. The M.V.Act amendment 2019 further diminish the STUs. The diesel prices, excise and sales tax, M.V.Tax etc various items have burdened the STUs. Capital contribution was stopped both by the Central and State Governments since long time. As a culmination of all these, the STUs in the country were thrown in to deep financial crisis. As a result of which, the STUs are neither in a position to expand its operations to meet the demand nor even to replace the old age buses. The crisis is being shifted on to the workers. In some STUs, the payment of salaries is delayed for months together. The retired workers are not paid the terminal benefits. In the name of cost control, the manpower is reduced and workloads are increased beyond the limits. The situation is very critical and the intervention and support from the Central Government and the state governments are badly required. It is not out of place to mention here that the public transport in the world is financed by the Federal as well local and municipal administrations.

You are aware that the STUs in the country have contributed a lot to the betterment of the society and the people at large. They are protecting the lives of the passengers by recording lowest rate of accidents. The fuel consumption and the road space used by the buses is very low which is a great relief to the society and to the government also.

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At this juncture, AIRTWF has organized a national convention of STUs in Delhi. A declaration has been adopted unanimously with the following demands.

We sincerely appeal to you to utilize your good offices to take suitable policy decisions to support and expand the STUs.

Demands:

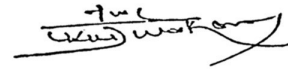
- 1) Strengthen & expand STUs by allocating Budgetary support.
- 2) Capital Contribution to the STUs both by the Central and State Governments at the ratio of 1:2 is to be restored. Suitable methods can be adopted to mobilise funds for this purpose as is being done in different countries.
- 3) The accumulated debts of all the STUs in the country are to be converted in to Equity by the Governments as one-time settlements.
- 4) One lakh buses are to be procured by the Central Government and distributed to all the STUs on proportionate basis for replacement and augmentation (to be operated and maintained by STUs only) as one time settlement.
- 5) Exempt STUs from Excise Duty, Sales Tax on Diesel, Chassis, Spares, Fabrication, etc.
- 6) Electric Buses under FAME I & II shall be procured, maintained and operated by STUs only. Subsidy should be given to the STUs.
- 7) STUs should not be measured on the scale of "Profit & Loss".
- 8) M.V.Act Amendment 2019 should be withdrawn forthwith and suitable amendments are to be made to strengthen the STUs.
- 9) Illegal operation by the private operators should be arrested forthwith. Necessary amendments to the M.V.Act shall be brought.
- 10) STU employees shall be provided suitable conditions of service including fair wages, establishment of Provident Fund, living accommodation, Places for rest, recreation and other amenities as stipulated in Section 19(1)(c) of RTC Act 1950.
- 11) All STUs workers should be made eligible for Pension scheme on par with Government Employees (old pension scheme prior to 2004).
- 12) Withdraw anti-Working-Class Labour Codes.
- 13) STUs Workers also shall be considered as COVID-19 Warriors. 50 lakh Insurance and other benefits shall be extended.

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- 14) Scraping of the Buses should not be made mandatory for STUs as they have established best maintenance practices and adopting scraping policies of their own.
- 14) All the STUs should be permitted to take up Goods Transport to generate additional revenue as is being done in AP, Telangana etc.
- 15) Petrol, Diesel out let dealer ship shall be granted to the STUs to generate additional revenue.

We hope, you will respond positively.

Yours sincerely



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General Secretary

Copies submitted to:

- 1) Honorable Minister for Finance
- 2) Honorable Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas
- 3) Honorable Minister for Heavy Industries
- 4) Honorable Minister for Home Affairs
- 5) Honorable Minister for Health & Family Welfare