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To
Shri. Nitin Gadkari Ji,
Honorable Minister,
Road Transport & Highways,
Government of India,
Transport Bhawan,
New Delhi.

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Respected Sir,

I would like to draw your kind attention towards the sufferings of the workers of the small Driving Schools in India and request your authority to consider their issues.

You are aware that there are thousands of small Driving Schools in India. Their main activity is to train the learners practically on the Roads how to drive and the driving skills. At a time only one or two learners will be taken in the vehicle by the instructor. No mass gathering will be there even in the theoretical class. Hardly 4 to 5 learners will be there. This really helps the learners to know the Traffic rules and to acquire the knowledge of road sense.

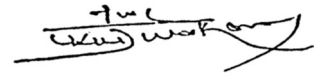
Due to the prolonged lock down in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, these small Driving Schools were closed down on the directions of the MHA. These small Driving Schools cannot be treated as Educational Institutions. They are not big institutions and leading their lively hood on the meager earnings they get every month. The lock down thrown them in to deep distress.

They were fond of hope that they may be allowed to function from the unlock down 1. But they were not allowed. It is most worry some not to allow these small Driving Schools when Commercial and Private vehicles are allowed to operate. It can be understood if a ban is imposed on the driving School institutions who engage 30 – 40 learners in the theoretical class. These petty Driving Schools cannot be treated on par with the other Educational Institutions.

News items appearing in the media that the Educational institutions may not be opened before September. If these small Driving Schools are not allowed even now, they will have to end with starvation deaths. Hence your good self is requested to permit them to function at least from 1st August. Further, it is requested to extend financial support and free ration to the workers working in these small Driving Schools for the next 3 months.

I hope, you will consider the just and genuine demand of the petty workers and suitable order may be issued in this regard.

Yours Sincerely

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

(K.K.DIVAKARAN)
General Secretary