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All India Road Transport Workers' Federation demands the Government of India to withdraw the section 104(1) & (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sannihita 2023 with immediate effect. If the Government is adamant, then the Road Transport Sector, particularly the drivers will be forced to intensify the struggle at national level. Federation appeals to all its affiliated unions and all the state units to organize protest demonstrations on 03-01-2024. AIRTWF extends support to the struggling drivers on this issue. Federation also appeals to all the unions functioning in the Road Transport Sector and all other stake holders to come on to a common platform and fight against the draconian provisions in the Act.

The drivers in fatal accidents will be punished up to 10 years Jail and fine up to 10 laksh rupees. Accident is an accident. There will be no intention at all. In fact the drivers are very much worried about the accidents. Almost all the drivers will pray their god before starting the vehicle everyday that there should be no accident.

Majority of the accidents are taking place due to defective road constructions, bad road condition, lack of segregation of roads, bad weather conditions etc. Without addressing the real issues contributing for accidents, simply punishing the drivers will not yield results and it is inhuman.

All India Road Transport Workers' Federation once again appeal to all the concerned to organize protest demonstrations on 03-01-2024 throughout the country and get ready for a united and serious struggle if the Government did not withdraw the draconian provisions.

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