

## AIRTWF congratulates the Workers for their heroic Struggle and Appeal to get ready for similar struggle in future to protect the Sector and the welfare of the workers.

All India Road Transport Workers' Federation congratulate the Drivers who have protested against the draconian clause in Bharatiya Nyaya Samhi-2023. Because of the pressure built up at national level with one voice by the Transport Workers, the Government was compelled to come forward to discuss and succeeded in withdrawing the strike. It is the strength and power of unity and struggle of the Transport Workers.

But still the sword is hanging on the head till the Government amend the BNS Act withdrawing the draconian clauses in the Parliament. All India Road Transport Workers' Federation appeals to all the Road Transport Workers and the stakeholders to be cautious and vigilant and should be ready for struggle at any point of time if the Government goes ahead with the implementation of the provisions of the Act.

The Road Transport Sector has been thrown in to serious crisis with the anti sector policies by the present Modi led Government. The abnormal increase of Petrol/Diesel even when the Crude Oil prices are lower than 2014, The huge hike in Insurance Premium, the heavy burden of Toll tax, M.V.Act Amendment etc have ruined the industry. The Vehicle scraping policy is a big blow to the petty owners. Until and unless these policies are reverted, the Road Transport Sector cannot survive.

Further, the Road Transport Workers, particularly the Drivers in the unorganised Road Transport are in a pathetic condition. They are being ill treated. They do not have any respect for their skilled profession. They are not covered under any labour law and no job security and social security. Neither the Nationalised Banks nor the Government is extending financial support (loans) either for the purchase of new vehicles or to switch over to Electric Vehicles. Rather burdening in different ways.

AIRT WF appeals to all to concentrate on all the above issues. AIRTWF proposes that all the Trade Unions functioning in the Road transport Sector and the Operators Associations should come on to a common platform to protect the industry and the welfare of the workers. AIRTWF has decided to approach all the organisations in the Road Transport Sector to achieve the purpose. AIRTWF is optimistic that all the stake holders will respond positively.

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