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To,
Shri. Amit Shah,
Honourable Minister for Home Affairs,
North Block,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Subject: Withdrawal of the punishments under Clause 106(1) (2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sannihita 2023-Request-Reg

We would like to draw your kind attention to Section 106(1) & (2) of Bharatiya Nyay Sannihitha-2023. Serious unrest and panic has been created among the Drivers and Transport Associations against the heavy punishment/penalty with the said section. Almost in all the north Indian states the drivers went on strike. We humbly request your kind authority to withdraw those clauses.

It is submitted that every driver before starting the vehicle will pray to his beloved god that no accident takes place and will return safely. The drivers will always try to avert the accident at the best. The Road Condition, lack of segregation of roads and several other factors are contributing to the accident. Ironically in accident cases the drivers are made scapegoats.

In case of accidents, particularly in fatal accidents, the local people will get angry and beat the driver. Simply to avoid this situation and to protect him spontaneously in some cases the driver will escape from the spot. This is not with any malafide intention.

It is the ground reality that the Drivers are being ill-treated and even manhandled brutally in many cases. The Police, Transport Department

Officials are humiliating and consider the drivers as slaves. The Drivers have no respect for their own skilled profession. This environment has to be changed forthwith. Further, the service conditions, working conditions, wages, social security benefits and other statutory benefits are to be guaranteed to the Road Transport Workers, particularly to the unorganized Road Transport Workers. By doing so only confidence can be built up among the Drivers. Without doing the required things simply blaming and punishing the drivers will not give results.

The heavy punishments and penalties will discourage the persons to work as drivers. Already there is almost a 30% shortage of commercial drivers in India. The Road Transport sector, particularly the Truck segment is in serious crisis. At this juncture the heavy punishments and penalties will further ruin the Road Transport sector.

We would like to suggest that a meeting may be called with all the Trade unions functioning in the Road Transport Sector and the stakeholders to discuss the issue in detail.

In the light of the above mentioned facts, your good self is requested to withdraw the clauses 106(1) & (2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sannihita 2023.

Yours Sincerely

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General Secretary

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