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All India Road Transport Workers' Federation invites the remarks made by the Honorable Prime Minister while inaugurating the "Bharat Mobility Summit" in Delhi on 02<sup>nd</sup> February. The Prime Minister said that the Government will construct 1000 buildings on National Highways for Truck and Taxi drivers with all facilities. He further said that by doing so the accidents will be prevented.

All India Road Transport Workers' Federation since long time is demanding for providing rest rooms with all facilities on the National Highways for the drivers. It is happy that even after ten years in Office, the Prime Minister recognized the problems of the Drivers and the reasons for accidents. Federation demands for allocation of funds in this current Budget and orders shall be issued for the construction.

Further, it was mandatory to engage 2 drivers on National Permit vehicles. Ironically the present NDA Government relaxed that mandatory provision and allowed to operate with one driver. This has created unlimited working hours, stress and strain on the drivers. This may lead to accidents on Highways. AIRTWF demands the Government to restore the provision of 2 drivers on National Permit Vehicles.

There are innumerable violations in the construction of National Highways causing for accidents. AIRTWF time and again represented the Government to rectify the defects and to blacklist the contractors for violations. Ironically till date nothing has happened. Brushing aside all these failures, punishing the drivers has become the order of the day.

AIRTWF demands the Government of India to withdraw the draconian provisos 106(1)(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita forthwith by bringing amendment in the current Parliament Budget session.

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