

All India Road Transport Workers' Federation

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To, Shri.Aravind Kejriwal Ji, Honorable Chief Minister, Government of Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Permission for Aggregator Uber to operate Buses in Delhi-Requested to withdraw forthwith.

It is reported in the media that the Transport Department, Government of Delhi has accorded permission for the Aggregator Uber to operate Buses in Delhi. It is highly objectionable. Detrimental to the interest of Drivers, People of Delhi and the DTC. The granting permission to Aggregator is a policy issue. When there is Model Code of Conduct is in force, granting permission to Aggregator is a violation of Model Code of Conduct. You are requested to intervene and withdraw the permission forthwith.

We would like to draw your kind attention to the Motor Vehicle Amendment Act 2019. This was opposed by all the Trade Unions in the transport Sector and many struggles were organized in the country including strike. Finally, it was approved by the Parliament on 31-07-2019 and the assent of the President was given on 08th August 2019.

For the first time Clause 36 was incorporated to Section 93 of the Principal Act for grant of license to Aggregators. This is aimed at handing over the entire Road Transport Sector to the Giant Corporations. This will eliminate the petty owner cum drivers of the Road Transport which is almost 90% of the total Transport Vehicles in the country.

It is not out of place to mention that how the Aggregator Companies like Uber/Ola have deceived the drivers attached to those companies and squeezing the hard-earned money of the drivers. Further the passengers are also being burdened with fares and without transparency and many difficulties are being faced by the passengers. You are aware that the drivers attached to Uber/Ola have gone on strike in Delhi also against the harassment of the Aggregator Companies. Some drivers have committed suicide also.

It is true that the passengers are facing hardships for their travel needs. This is because of insufficient and ineffective public transport provided by the DTC. Because of this, the personalized transport has gone up so high creating traffic jams, increasing pollution levels and travel time. This situation is leading to accidents even.

In the light of the above it is imperative and the need of the hour to strengthen and expand the DTC to meet the travel needs of the passengers by providing financial support both by the Centre and the State Governments to DTC.

In the light of the above explained facts, your good self is requested to withdraw the permission granted to Aggregator Uber for operation of Buses in Delhi. Further, it is suggested to convene a meeting of all the trade Unions, passengers Associations to discuss the issues and to improve the Public Transport by DTC.

We hope, your kind authority will respond positively.

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