



All India Road Transport Workers' Federation

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To,
Smt.Nirmala Sitaraman.
Honorable Finance Minister,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Respected Madam,

Subject:- Social Security Act for the unorganized Road Transport
Workers-Request to enact a legislation-Allocation of funds
in the Union Budget 2024-25.

We would like to draw your kind attention towards the matter in the above subject. You are well aware that the Transport is the life line of the economy. We cannot imagine the society without Transport. Particularly the Road Transport in our country serves a major portion of the Transport needs both passenger and goods. As per the statistics of the Ministry of the Road Transport & Highways the share of the passenger Transport is around 90% and the goods Transport is 62%. The share of the Road Transport in the GDP is around 5%. The Government of India is earning a huge amount from the Road Transport every year. Approximately 10 crore workers are directly engaged in this sector. This is the second biggest employment generating sector after Agriculture.

The Workers particularly the Drivers will be on roads round the clock in all the weather conditions facing the risk of their lives even. Almost 90% of the commercial vehicle owners are owner cum Driver either in E-Rickshaw, Auto Rickshaw, Taxi and Truck etc. The ownership of the Private Buses is different. These unorganized Road Transport Workers including the Private Bus workers are not covered under any of the Labour Laws.

It is not out of place to mention here that Dr. Arjun Sen Gupta Committee which was constituted in 2004 to study the conditions of the unorganized workers has

categorically recommended that the self employed also should be considered as unorganized workers.

This is to submit that the V.V.Giri National labour Institute was directed by the then Honorable Prime Minister to study the problems of the Road Transport Workers in the year 2006. They have done an extensive study and have submitted the report to the Government in 3 volumes in the year 2008. They have recommended for a Social Security Act for the unorganized Road Transport apart from other recommendations. Ironically that could not be materialized till date.

In the light of the above facts and considering the dedicated and risky job of the Road Transport Workers, your good self is requested to enact a legislation of Social Security for the unorganized Road Transport Workers in the Union Budget 2024-25 and funds are to be allocated accordingly.

Thanking you Madam.

Yours Sincerely,



(R.LAKSHMAIAH)
General Secretary

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The Honorable Minister for Road Transport & Highways
with a request to utilize your good Office for the above cause.