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

Respected Madam,

Sub: Procurement of E Busses- Procurement, Maintenance and operation shall be done by the STUs only-Requested to consider-Regarding.

Ref: 1. Central Cabinet meeting 11-09004 decisions.
2. Our earlier representation on this subject
Dt.18-08- 20223.

We would like to draw your kind attention to the subject matter. It is reported in the media today (12-09-2024) that the Cabinet which met on 11-09-2024 has approved for procurement of 14,028 E Buses and an amount of Rs.4,391 crores is earmarked. While welcoming the decision, we would like to place before you the following.

1. Each Electric Bus costs around Rs.1.5 crores. For procurement of 14,028 E Busses around Rs.21,000 crores are required. Whether the allocation of Rs. 4,391 crores is the first instalment or the subsidy amount only. This is to be clarified.
2. According the guide lines under FAMEII, the procurement, Maintenance and Operation will be done by the private people and the subsidy will be given to them only. The Buses are to be operated through the STUs under GCC (Gros Cost Contract) system. The experience proved that this scheme has financially burdened the STUs and has become detrimental to the interest of the STUs.
3. The FAME scheme is nothing but to transfer the public money to the private individuals.

Hence, we appeal to your authority to reconsider the matter and authorize the STUs to Procure, Maintain and Operate the E Buses. The subsidy should be given to the STUs and the viability gap fund shall be extended to the STUs. We have submitted a representation vide under reference 2nd cited in the regard.

We hope that you will respond positively.

Copies submitted to:

1. Shri. H.D.kumaraswamy Ji, Honorable Minister for Heavy Industries
2. Shri.Nitin Gadkari Ji, Honorable Minister for Road Transport & Highways.

Yours Sincerely



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General Secretary