



All India Road Transport Workers' Federation

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To,
Shri. Narendra Modi Ji,
Honorable Prime Minister,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

Dt: 07-10-2024



Respected Sir,

Sub: Grievances of the Road Transport Sector and the Workers-
Requested your intervention and to take steps to resolve.

We may be permitted to place before you the present condition of the Road Transport Sector and the Workers in brief for your kind consideration and for favourable policy decisions.

It is not out of place to mention that the Transport is the life line of the economy. Its contribution to the GDP is 4.1%. It is the second highest employment generation sector after agriculture. We cannot assume the society without the Transport.

Such an important and vital sector is thrown in to serious financial crisis. The major issues are the abnormal increase of Diesel prices, insurance premium and Toll charges. The M.V. Amendment 2019 Act has added fuel.

In India the around 90% of the Commercial vehicle ownership of all types is individual vehicle owner cum driver(Self Employed). The cost of operation has gone up and the revenue is very much low. They are suffering a lot for their survival and in some cases they are not able to meet the expenditure.

The App based Companies such as Uber/Ola/Rapido/Porter etc are rapidly increasing. The vehicle, fuel, maintenance, insurance etc are born by the drivers attached to the companies. But the revenue is being drained by the Companies as commission and the drivers are suffering a lot. Companies are not taking any responsibility of the drivers rather naming them as partners.

The E-Rickshaw segment is rapidly increasing and has become a common transport to the common people. The Auto Rickshaw segment is the feeder

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service and fulfilling the needs of the people. These two segment drivers are being harassed in many ways.

This situation is needed to be changed and all out efforts to revive and strengthen the sector are to be made.

The Road Transport Workers are bound to be on the roads round the clock in all the climatic conditions. Their life is always at risk. Ironically, the condition of the workers is very much deplorable. 90% of the Road Transport Workers like E-Rickshaw, Auto Rickshaw, Taxi, Truck, and Private Bus etc are unorganised. Statutory provisions like 8 hours duty, weekly rest, PF, ESI are not applicable to these workers. Wayside amenities and safety provisions are also badly neglected. The profession of Driving is degraded and the drivers are being ill-treated. With all these reasons, there is a shortage of around 30% of commercial drivers which is very much alarming. This needed immediate change and suitable policy decisions are to be taken bring back to the track.

The illegal and irrational penalties, harassment by Police and Transport Department Officials is on high side and has to be streamlined. These practices are to be put to end.

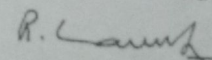
The State Road Transport Corporations have played an immense role in the overall development the respective states. They have provided employment to a large section of youth, particularly the SC, ST, BC and women while implementing the rule of reservation. At the same they have contributed a lot to the Society and economy by low accident rate, fuel efficiency, lowest pollution, affordable fares and connected the remote villages and hilly regions with the main stream. Such STUs have made to sink now. In STUs are not in existence and most are in serious financial crisis. They are unable either to augment or to replace the old buses.

It is the time to rethink to strengthen and expand the STUs. Suitable policy decisions are to be taken in this direction.

It is submitted that the above suggestions are not be looked at for the benefit of the Transport sector. It is in the interest of the nation and the people at large. Specific and concrete demands are enclosed herewith for your kind perusal approval.

Encl: Demands

Yours Sincerely



General Secretary

Enclosure to the Representation to the Honourable Prime Minister

Demands:

1. Reduce and rationalise Diesel Prices, Insurance Premium and Toll charges.
2. Vehicle Scraping Policy should not be mandatory. Testing should be under the Transport Department. ASRTU & CIRT should be involved. If the vehicle is to be scraped 1/3 of the cost shall be subsidised by the Government of India and 1/3 by the vehicle manufacturing Company.
3. M.V. Amendment Act 2019 shall be suitably amended to protect the sector and the petty owners.
4. Loans shall be arranged to petty owners through nationalised Financial Institutions to relieve from the clutches of the Private Finance Companies.
5. Social Security Act shall be enacted for the unorganised Road Transport Workers including self employed.
6. PF, ESI Acts shall be suitably amended to be made applicable to all the unorganised Road Transport Workers without the ceiling of minimum number of Workers.
7. Provisions of MTW Act shall be strictly enforced with regard to duty hours, weekly day of rest etc.
8. Provision of Double Drivers rule on National Permit Vehicles shall be restored.
9. Way side amenities for the drivers on all the National Highways shall be provided with all facilities.
10. Section 106(1) & (2) of BNS should be withdrawn duly amending the BNS-2023.
11. App based platform alternative to Uber/Ola/Rapido/Porter etc shall be developed and operated by the Government of India to protect the drivers and the consumers from the exploitation by the Companies and it will generate huge amount of money to the Government of India.
12. Segregation shall be implemented on all the National Highways to reduce the accidents.
13. STUs shall be strengthened and expanded.
14. Capital Contribution to STUs as per RTC Act 1950 shall be restored.
15. Outstanding debts of all the STUs shall be converted in to Government equity.
16. Electric Buses procurement, maintenance and operation shall be allotted to the STUs. Subsidy and the viability gap funding shall be extended to the STUS.

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General Secretary



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Sub: Petition of SHRI R LAKSHMAIAH
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A letter/gist of oral representation dated 07/10/2024 received in this office from Shri R LAKSHMAIAH is forwarded herewith through online mode on PMOPG portal for action as appropriate. Reply may be sent to the Petitioner and a copy of the same may be uploaded on the portal.

[SHIKHA SHARMA]
SECTION OFFICER

SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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