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Change the Electric Bus Policy-Allow STUs to procure-Maintain-Operation

All India Road Transport Workers' Federation demand the Government of India to allow the State Road Transport Corporations to Procure, maintain and operate the Electric Buses instead of handing over to private operators. Workers of the State Road Transport Corporations in different states have observed the "Save STUs" day on 12th September. All India Road Transport Workers' Federation congratulate the workers who have participated and make the programme a success.

The Government of India is pushing for the Electric Buses in the name of E-Mobility through different schemes such as FAME-I, FAME-II, and PM E-Bus Sewa. The Government of India has allocated Rs.20,000 crores for 10,000 Electric Buses under PM E bus Sewa. In all the Electric Bus schemes, the Electric Buses will be procured, maintained and operated by the private people through the Road Transport Corporations under Gross Cost Contract system.

The subsidy on the purchase of E Buses is being availed by the private people. Viability gap fund is being paid by the Government of India from the public funds. This is nothing but siphoning the public funds to private people.

The State Road Transport Corporations are formed under the Road Transport Corporations Act 1950 enacted by the Parliament and owned by the state governments.

The STUs are on the top with lowest accident rate and high fuel efficiency. The STUs have achieved best performance records in physical parameters like vehicle utilization, fleet utilization, break down rate, etc . The contribution of the STUs in the overall development of the nation is well appreciated by all.

The Government of India is promoting the private individuals ruining the STUs ignoring the role played by the STUs.

At this juncture, All India Road Transport Workers' Federation demand the Government of India to do away with the Gross Cost Contract system forthwith and allow the STUs to procure, maintain and operate the Electric Buses duly extending the subsidy and viability gap funding to the STS.

In such a situation, the All India Road Transport Workers Federation opposed the central government's policy and demanded that electric buses should be given to government transportation and that government transportation should be protected. On September 12, 2025, the "Protect Government Transport Day" was observed across the country.

This day is celebrated with due importance in various state transport sectors across the country. On this day, protest events are held in every government transportation unit demanding the protection of government transport. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, from Kutch to Kohima, workers and employees of all government transport systems wear demand badges, distribute leaflets, hold gate meetings, and conduct protest marches to present memorandums of demands to the authorities.

In various states, under the initiative of the union, workers and employees enthusiastically participate in the observance of the demand day.

In support of the government transport workers' demand day, private transport workers in different states also organize protest marches, deputations, and other programs.



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