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To,

The Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Government of NCT of Delhi,  
Players' Building - New Secretariat,  
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Delhi - 110 002.

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Madam,

Subject : COMMUTING AND PARKING WOES IN DELHI AREA.

As per the recent reports, the Government is planning to increase manifold the Vehicle Parking charges all over Delhi. This might be an offshoot of a **pious desire** to limit congestion in the busy areas of the city. However the action, in isolation, is nothing more than another means of augmenting the resources of the City Administration, while it does not bring any succour to the commuting public.

The **RESIDENTS** of the **HISTORIC** Town of **DELHI** are quite concerned at the various hair-brained proposals emanating from one Government Source or the other, all of which appear to be designed to bring as much misery to the denizens of Delhi as possible. Even 65 years since Independence, we lack a cohesive and cogent Transport Policy.

Should the Government be serious to streamline the Commuting Facilities for the Public, the following, amongst others, must be taken into consideration before finalising any **NEW** proposal :

1. The Public Transport System, **integrated in a true sense**, must **FIRST** be brought into operation all over the geographical spread of the City. This must **NOT** only comprise of the **METRO** services (preferably **UNDERGROUND** for all new routes) and Long Distance City Buses, but also **FEEDER** Bus services from all localities to the nearest Metro / Bus Stops.
2. The Taxi and Autorickshaws must be made available at all hours of the Day-and- Night and from all locations to all destinations within **NCR**. The operators must not be allowed to refuse a fare for any destination or to demand **EXORBITANT** fares for even very Short Distances, as is their wont now. It is incomprehensible why the **UNSCRUPULOUS** Taxi and Autorickshaw operators haven't been brought under discipline over the **LONG** period of 65 years. Unless violations of any sort are most ruthlessly dealt-with without fear or favour, the malaise will not be controlled. The numbers of Taxis and Autorickshaws must be **DELIMITED**.
3. All markets / malls / shopping areas must have multi-level underground parking space. The shopowners and their agents, who **usurp** the Parking areas from early morning to late night, must be dissuaded through various punitive means. The businesses being run from residential areas must have parking spaces in Basement / Ground Floors.
4. No parking of vehicles of any kind be permitted on the roadside in any busy area, which are the main cause of bottlenecks and traffic snarls. The Government is already collecting One-Time Parking charges on sale of vehicles ostensibly covering parking in the residential areas.
5. The patrolling by Police and Guards of all localities, particularly areas frequented by ladies and children, be increased to make such areas safe for the weaker sections.

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6. As if the effects of the ill conceived BRT were not enough, the Delhi Government proceeded to build, in a false sense of glamour, one-sided short-distance flyovers compounding the woes of the commuters in various vehicles, resulting in bottlenecks, frayed tempers and accidents.
7. The Government must plan not only the multi-level clover-leaf crossings to bridge-over all intersections, but also plan for **ELEVATED** road system throughout the City. One sided Flyovers do not serve the purpose adequately. One can cite the clash with the **elevated** Metro system, which unfortunately was ill conceived ab-initio. The carbon-emitting vehicles are now being made to go through underpasses and tunnels, while the environment friendly Metro goes overground, with eyesores of Metro stations jutting into the adjoining buildings !
8. Numerous Foot Over Bridges have come across the City without any aid to physically disabled persons, and therefore scantily used, instead of **underpasses** across all major crossings (**integrated** with **underground** Metro Network), which should have Lifts / Escalators / Movators and other facilities, including Toilets and Shopping arcades.
9. Instead of promoting One-Family-One-Car culture, in its anxiety to earn maximum revenues through direct & indirect taxation, the Government has continued to promote the Manufacture / Sale of huge numbers of private cars, including the High-Acceleration Speed Machines going into the hands of uncivilised Monsters, who consider it their moral duty to mow down other less endowed citizens. All this continues to happen without proportionate increase in user road space.
10. The Government could easily earn far higher revenues by imposing Duties / Taxes / Levies in increasing proportions of 2% - 3% - 4% - 6% - 8% - 10% - 12% - 15% on the various slabs of the price of the Vehicles, including the Two Wheelers.

It shall cause us **utter anguish** and a **deep sense of disappointment** if we could not expect the Chief Minister's office to have the issues examined in all seriousness instead of **acting no better than a Post Office** and forwarding our suggestions / complaints to other Departments, often not even remotely connected with the matters at hand !!

Thanking you,  
Yours truly,



(Baldev Raj)  
General Secretary.

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