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Decision to Allow Passenger Train Operations by Private Entities not in the interest of Nation

The Indian Railways is the lifeline of Nation, covering almost all States in the Country. Over a period of time, due to consistent efforts of all stake holders, the Indian Railways has emerged as one of the best transportation Networks of the world. The dedicated services of all sections of Railway employees had resulted in freight movement exceeding 1225 million tonnes during the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 (highest ever).

It is shocking that the Government has decided to allow private participation for operation of passenger train services over 109 Origin Destination (OD) pairs of routes from the year 2023. This decision would harm the Railways in particular and Nation in general, considering the fact that the Railways was built and developed as Nation's backbone for meeting the requirement of common people of India. The Government's decision would facilitate private operators to amass profits at the cost of common people, while Railways would forego over Rs. 32000 crores (63% of total income through passenger business per year). With privatization of passenger services, the Indian Railways will be left with

subsidized class of suburban, Ordinary Second Class & Sleeper. Already, Indian Railways is incurring loss to the tune of rupees 34000 crores per annum for fulfilling social service obligations. It is unfortunate that the Government does not allow Railways to collect ticket fare equal to bus charges.

The decision to allow private entities to run passenger services is a clear blue print to favour

monopolists at the cost of Nation and common citizen. The so-called claim that the decision would boost job creation will prove untrue and on the other hand substantial number of existing jobs on Indian Railways will be surrendered.

The Government should revisit and withdraw its decision for the good of the people of India and for preserving industrial peace in Railways.

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