

3 –Wheelers - Removal of Ceiling on Numbers Written Representations by Unions (Highlights of Issues Raised)

1. As a follow-up of EPCA meeting with 3-wheelers drivers unions on September 19, 2009 written representations have been received from the following

- Delhi Pradesh Adarsh Tipaiya Chalak Sangh
- Rastavadi Janta Tipaiya Chalak Sangh
- Tipaiya Chalak Sanyukt Morcha
- Mars Films Pvt Ltd (N.B.F.C)
- Automotive 101 Society
- Auto Rickshaw Drivers Sangarh Smittee
- Malwa Ram Market Association
- Delhi Pradesh Auto Taxi Utahan Sangathan

2. Almost all have recommended removal of the ceiling and the reasons cited are on the Facts:

- Increase in traffic requiring more public transport facilities (Bus and 3-wheelers)
- While Delhi population has increased by 39.8% (between 1997-2009) Buses (both private and DTC) population has increased 3 folds, whereas 3-wheelers numbers have been reduced by 33.75% (83k to 55K)
- 3-wheelers on cleaner CNG/LPG fuels are being produced by more than 5- Manufacturers unlike Buses which are in short supply with only two major indigenous Manufacturers
- Increasing the numbers of 3-wheelers would help in lowering the private cars/ two wheelers cancerous growth and resulting increase in traffic- jams/ accidents on Delhi roads

3. Curbing the problems related to 3-wheelers operation in Delhi could be met by that ensuring new registrations be done only on the following basis:

- For unemployed educated persons having Driving licence and STA badge and bonafide permanent Residence proof living in Delhi (to eliminate uneducated, unwanted elements migrating to Delhi for ready means of living as 3-wheelers drivers)

- Police verification before granting STA permit bonafide transfer of registration in the name of drivers and elimination of the middle –man
- Involvement of Unions in disciplining of the errant drivers indulging in overcharging, meter tempering, and refusing to go.
- Financing only by Nationalized Bank, Schedule Banks, Companies registered as non-banking financial companies with RBI No registration by STA of hypothecation deed in respect to vehicles financed by unauthorized/ unorganized financiers (financer mafia).
- No transfer of permit before 3/5 years allowed
- Week-long training to drivers on police training parks.
- New permits to be opened for NCR operation be granted to registered co-operation/ Societies enrolling to operate 100-150 three wheelers each

4. Other relation issues brought out are

- Shortage of CNG and dispensing stations, long ques at the stations.
- Fare increase and metering of waiting charges
- Pollution from 4 stroke. 3 Wheelers, also
- Staff shortage and harassment at Burari test centre
- Corrupt practices of STA