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## An Appeal to the People of India! From All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF)

**Brothers and Sisters,**

Are you willing to accept working conditions which are mostly like slavery, from Private Industrialists?

Of Course Not!!!

Are you ready to give up travel at affordable rates by Air, Roads, Government Buses, Govt trains?

Of Course Not!!!

So come and Raise your Hand and Voice with millions of Countrymen!

Wake up citizens of India! Wake up!

Many in our country are educated people, but unfortunately silent against privatization, completely forgetting and taking lightly the ills that are going to happen to them and to future generations.

Please open your eyes and heart and think a while what is happening behind your backs. Government after Government after coming to power is selling/leasing your (public) property to big monopoly corporates. During elections they take our votes with promise of solving all our problems but once in power they are working to increase the wealth of a handful of monopoly corporate who have funded their election campaigns.

The public sector companies, the Government sector enterprises, the roads, railways, ports, airports, electricity networks, telecommunications networks, water supply, public hospitals and schools have been built with the taxes collected from all the working people of India over the last seventy five years. It belongs to them and it is the duty of the government to utilise this infrastructure to provide basic essential services to the people of India at a nominal rate. How can we allow this entire infrastructure which has been built with money squeezed from us to be handed over to a few monopolies corporate? Once in their hands these monopolies corporate will raise the usage charges of essential services to earn super profits. This would

mean that we are being doubly taxed. Once to build the infrastructure and second we have to pay high premium to use the same facilities which have been built with our money!!!

Can we accept this?

Of Course Not!!!

Now it is turn of the ruling NDA to sell/lease 400 Railway stations, 90 super fast trains, 1400 KM Railway Overhead equipment(Traction) 671 KM Konkan Railway Corporation, Dedicated Freight Corridor, 15 Railway Sports Stadiums, 7 Railway Colonies, 265 Goods Sheds, 4 Hill Railways etc to earn Rs 1,54,496 crores.

Further in other sectors the Central Government has decided to sell/lease the following:

Roads Rs1,62,000 crores  
Power Transmission lines Rs 45,200 crores  
Power Generation Rs 39,832 crores  
National Gas pipe Rs24,462 crores  
Product pipe Line Rs 22,504 crores  
Telecom sector Rs 35,000 crores  
Ware Houses Rs 28,400 crores  
Mining Rs 28,743 crores  
Aviation Rs 20,782 crores  
Ports Rs 12,828crores  
Sports grounds Rs 11,450 crores  
**Total Rs 6 lakhs crores**

By selling/leasing these public assets, which belong to the people of India, the NDA Govt will hand you over to slavery in the hands of Multinational Companies/Industries. There will be no government/public sector jobs for your children once these sectors are privatised, which will gradually tighten your throats and belly since your earnings will drastically come down by brutal exploitation by the private sector. We all know the harsh working conditions in the private sector, the meagre wages, and slavery by increase of working hours, without public holidays, without perks, without pension, etc.

The time is not far when history will tell our future children which were India's last government train, last government bus, last government airport and last public industry.

Our silence on the privatization policy of Congress/BJP and successive governments will cost the entire country very heavily. Because when all the Government schools, all the Government hospitals, all the Government railway stations, Government airports, State electricity supply, water etc., when all of these are in hands of private monopolies, then you will know what benefits you have lost which you were availing so far at a reasonable cost.

Private monopolies will be dictators of our lives!

Keep in mind that the aim of the government and government undertakings should be to reach as many people as possible for providing service at reasonable rates and this we are going to lose if privatisation take place.

The aim of private monopolies is to earn maximum profit with minimum cost.

For example, look at the condition of private schools/colleges and private hospitals today! What is happening is looting common man in the name of Super Speciality, Deemed Universities, and Private Educational Academies etc.

The common people have to sell their precious little house and land to get education for their children, and treatment in private hospitals since the costs are unbearable.

The silence of the people of the country on privatization is a boost to the Government so as to implement their policy quickly while handing over the country and people to slavery in the hands of a few monopoly Corporate Companies.

So we have to wake up and save our country and the public/peoples assets from these greedy monopoly corporates. We have to save the Railways, the Government Educational Institutions, the Government hospitals and the Government departments.

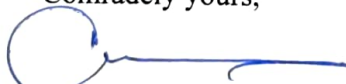
We have seen during Covid period that only government departments were working to serve the people, no private service sector functioned and everything from oxygen, medicines, food grains, cooking Gas, etc were transported by Indian Railways to the nook and corner of the country. The transportation of unorganized/ migrant labour to their homes was also done by the Railways and other services were carried out by Government Doctors and medical staff, electricity workers, bank and insurance workers, airline and port workers etc.

So it is our duty to oppose privatization and handing over public/people's property to monopoly corporates to earn super profits.

Otherwise these few monopoly corporate industrialist houses will run this country in the coming times! Democracy will be on paper and country will be run as per dictates of these monopolies corporate who finance the political parties.

All India Railwaymens Federation calls upon the country men and women to come forward and raise their voice and oppose the Government policies of handing over peoples assets to monopoly corporates in the name of Public Private Partnerships (PPP), Lease/transfer, Selling, Monetisation etc . We have to save the government organizations and peoples assets like Railways, Government Buses, Airports, National Highways , Government Organisations, Government Land, Power Generation transmission and distribution, coal fields, Educational Institutions, Government Hospitals, Ports, water for Agriculture and drinking water etc. These should be utilised for providing facilities at reasonable/nominal rates for the people of India.

Comradely yours,



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