

To
The Chairman
Department of Delhi Transport Corporation
8th Floor, Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate,
New Delhi- 110002.

Date: 25.1.2020

Subject: Reservation of seats and free travel for transgender persons in DTC buses.

Dear Sir,

This is to bring to your kind attention the difficulties faced by transgender persons in accessing buses operated by DTC. As a trans-woman, I have borne the brunt of bias, discrimination and transphobia persisting in society at large. This becomes increasingly acute when I access buses operated by DTC, preventing me from exercising my right to travel without discrimination as and where I would want to. There is a constant threat of abuse—sexual, physical and mental, that I am subject to every time I step inside a bus. As a community we are continuously ridiculed and humiliated in buses along with people at large actively obstructing us from entering buses. Because of these reasons, most transgender persons are forced to use private transport in the manner of autos or cabs. This is a completely unnecessary and unwanted expense that transgender persons are regularly forced to incur, in fear of a threat to their life.

I request you to please ensure reservation of seats as well as providing free-of-cost travel to trans-persons in buses operated by DTC. As you would be aware, the Supreme Court in its judgment in *NALSA v. Union of India*, has directed the Central and State Governments to frame social welfare schemes for the betterment of the transgender community. Therefore, I request you once again to look into this matter with urgency and a progressive approach.

With regards,

The Managing Director
Delhi Metro Rail Corporation
Metro Bhawan, Fire Brigade Lane,
Barakhamba Road, New Delhi- 110001.

Date: 25.1.2020

Subject: Reservation of seats for transgender persons in Delhi Metro.

Dear Sir,

This is to bring to your kind attention the difficulties faced by transgender persons in accessing the Delhi Metro. As a trans-woman, I have borne the brunt of bias, discrimination and transphobia persisting in society at large. This becomes increasingly acute when I access the Delhi Metro, preventing me from exercising my right to travel without discrimination as and where I would want to. There is a constant threat of abuse—sexual, physical and mental, that I am subject to every time I step inside a coach of the Delhi Metro. As a community we are continuously ridiculed and humiliated in the Metro along with people at large actively obstructing us from entering coaches of the Delhi Metro. Because of these reasons, most transgender persons are forced to use private transport in the manner of autos or cabs. This is a completely unnecessary and unwanted expense that transgender persons are regularly forced to incur, in fear of a threat to their life.

I request you to please ensure reservation of seats in the Delhi Metro for trans-persons. As you would be aware, the Supreme Court in its judgment in *NALSA v. Union of India*, has directed the Central and State Governments to frame social welfare schemes for the betterment of the transgender community. Therefore, I request you once again to look into this matter with urgency and a progressive approach.

With regards,