



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah interacts with the 'Sarathis' of Bharat Taxi

'Cooperation' means giving those who labour a share in the profits as well

The objective of 'Bharat Taxi' is to make the 'Sarathi' an owner in the company's profits

Bharat Taxi is not just a taxi scheme; it is an initiative to transform driver brothers and sisters into respected 'Sarathis'

The word 'Sarathi' will now become a symbol of dignity and self-respect

Bharat Taxi will promote civic sense by bringing discipline to both customers and Sarathis

Taxi companies reducing commissions and offering discounts to passengers is an effect of the strength of 'Bharat Taxi'; their aim is not the convenience of drivers or passengers, but to retain their position in the market

Bharat Taxi will pave the way for resolving the long-standing issues faced by Sarathis

Representatives of Sarathis are also included on the Board of Directors of 'Bharat Taxi'

In the next three years, 'Bharat Taxi' will be present in every municipal corporation in the country

By giving shares to Sarathis and making them owners, along with providing insurance and easy loans, Bharat Taxi will become the first taxi service to offer such benefits

By providing every piece of information to Sarathis through notifications, 'Bharat Taxi' will become the most transparent cab service in the world

The 'Sarathi Didi' facility of Bharat Taxi will empower women Sarathis to become self-reliant and ensure the safety of women passengers and drivers

Through a complaint window, all concerns of Sarathis will be addressed in Bharat Taxi

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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah interacted with the 'Sarathis' of Bharat Taxi in New Delhi.

During the interaction, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that those who labour should be the ones who receive the profits. He stated that the objective is to make the taxi owner prosperous, and the 'Sarathi' is the real owner. Shri Shah said that the 'Sarathis' are the owners of Bharat Taxi and will also have a share in its profits. The Minister of Cooperation said, that in the coming three years, 'Bharat Taxi' will be present in every municipal corporation across the country.



Shri Amit Shah said that Bharat Taxi has been established by bringing together five major cooperatives of the country. He stated that as the number of ‘Sarathis’ increases, any ‘Saathi’ who wishes to become a partner will gain ownership rights by purchasing shares worth ₹500. Shri Shah added that when elections for the Board of Directors of Bharat Taxi are held, certain seats will be reserved for Sarathis. Once Sarathis become part of the Board of Directors, they themselves will safeguard and represent the interests and concerns of other drivers.



Union Minister of Cooperation said that the objective of Bharat Taxi is not to earn large profits like a private company. He stated that the aim of Bharat Taxi is to strengthen our driver brothers. He said that the shares of Bharat Taxi are held by the Sarathis, and they themselves are the owners; therefore, the policies of Bharat Taxi will also be decided by the Sarathis. He added that Bharat Taxi is the drivers' own company, and cooperation should be its guiding principle. Bharat Taxi will harness the potential of Sarathis, not exploit them.



Shri Amit Shah said that 20 percent of Bharat Taxi's total earnings will be deposited into Bharat Taxi's account as the Sarathis' capital, and 80 percent of the money will be returned to the Sarathis' accounts based on how many kilometres the taxi has travelled. Shri Shah said that the initial 3 years will go towards the expansion of Bharat Taxi, and after that, whatever profit is generated, 20 percent of it will remain with Bharat Taxi, and 80 percent will be returned to the Sarathi brothers.



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that the launch of Bharat Taxi is a major cooperative movement. He said that under this, Bharat Taxi will mortgage the Sarathis' taxis and will provide them loans through cooperative banks.

Shri Amit Shah said that there will be nothing hidden in Bharat Taxi. He said that by providing every piece of information to the Sarathis through notifications, 'Bharat Taxi' will become the world's most transparent cab service. He mentioned that Bharat Taxi will operate by establishing a baseline kilometre rate based on the Sarathis' minimum viability. Shri Shah explained that in Bharat Taxi, a base rate will be created by combining the cost of the auto, petrol consumption, and minimum profit, and the service will not operate below this rate. Shri Shah said that the objective of Bharat Taxi is not to earn profit because the Sarathis themselves are the owners of this cooperative.

Union Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that the concept of 'Sarathi Didi' (lady driver) has been envisioned in Bharat Taxi. The 'Sarathi Didi' facility of Bharat Taxi will make women Sarathis self-reliant and will ensure the safety of women passengers and Sarathis. He said that in the coming days, a provision will be made in the Bharat Taxi app under the name 'Sarathi Didi' so that whenever there is a solo female passenger, she will naturally be given priority to a 'Sarathi Didi'.

Shri Amit Shah said that a window will be opened on the Bharat Taxi website for the grievances of the Sarathis, where they can log in using their mobile number and submit all their problems. Based on these, we will be able to revise the policies accordingly. Just as Bharat Taxi will resolve the problems of the Sarathis, other taxi companies will also have to do the same. Shri Shah said that the objective of Bharat Taxi should be to keep the customer happy while also ensuring the welfare of the Sarathi.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that Sarathis should never refer to themselves as drivers; instead, they should proudly call themselves Sarathis. He said that it is the responsibility of Bharat Taxi to instill this sense of dignity and pride in the minds of the Sarathis. Bharat Taxi will explore

all possibilities for reform, and as it moves forward, solutions to every problem will also emerge. Shri Shah further said that changing society's perspective towards viewing a Sarathi is also the responsibility of the Sarathis themselves.

Shri Amit Shah said that the problems in the taxi sector can only be resolved by developing a proper system. He said that the companies currently in existence do not have the welfare of the Sarathis as their objective. Shri Shah said that the objective of Bharat Taxi is both the welfare of the Sarathis and treating the customer well. He added that Bharat Taxi's program of continuous dialogue with the Sarathis and listening to their difficulties will keep running, and communication with the Sarathis will continue through online means, physical meetings, and call centres.

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