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PRESS STATEMENT

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Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Member of Parliament's statement on the DCM's decision to 'revisit' the Steel Flyover

Projects like the Steel-Flyover Project have a mysterious way of surfacing when elections are around the corner. After seeing the Congress Government's rule in Karnataka for the last 5 years and now the last few months and having witnessed its exploitation of Bengaluru through contracts and misuse of public money and public assets, it is no surprise that no less a luminary than DK Shivakumar, a worthy successor of KJ George has shown interest in quotes on the steel flyover.

Notwithstanding the Congress's deep interest and love to solve the transportation problems of Bengaluru, the steel flyover as proposed by the BDA is very much like most projects proposed by the BDA and has nothing to do for the benefit of Citizens and Consumers but for the benefit of contractors and builders. The BDA has a long-distinguished history of this.

Notwithstanding the above, the latest Congress leaders who are deeply interested in the 'Steel Flyover Project', it must be pointed out to them that the steel flyover project was not only opposed by the Citizens of Bengaluru but also by the National Green Tribunal (NGT). This is not a political issue but an issue about the rights of those who live in Bengaluru and I can assure the duo of Parameshwara and Shivakumar that regardless of all their stage managing and drama, I will bring to them that this project in its current form i.e. without the MPC developing an overall city-wide mobility plan will be opposed. Bengaluru, a city of 12 million under the Congress has seen expensive gold-plated projects like TenderSure and Steel Flyover catering to small VIP areas while large parts of the city, where property tax paying citizens suffer from lack of proper basic road infrastructure. If the Government of Karnataka has the money to spend let us have an open transparent discussion on what the priorities of spending public tax payers money should be.

I and several thousand citizens are prepared to engage in that form of discussion otherwise this project will be opposed.

- RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR  
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