

Auto unions threaten chukka jam on September 1 if Delhi govt ignores demands

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NEW DELHI: Autorickshaw unions are threatening to start a chukka jam from September 1 if their demands are not met by the Delhi government. The joint action committee, a coalition of 20 unions in the city, issued a statement on Monday saying that its demand for a ban on the taxi aggregating companies had to be addressed in 10 days. "If our demands are not met, we will start a chukka jam and take out a rally against the government with black bands," said member of the joint action committee, Kishan Verma.

The joint action committee orchestrated the autorickshaw strike earlier this month, which last for three days. At the end of the strike, the Delhi government had accepted some of the demands, including looking into

the illegal plying of taxi aggregating companies in the city. However, since then, not much has happened on ground. While the transport department has taken out enforcement drives against bus aggregating companies like Shuttl and Ola, the taxi aggregators have been plying, albeit within the government approved rates. The Delhi transport department had also come out with a policy for taxi aggregators but it is yet to be approved.

Verma said that besides the joint action committee's demand on a ban on Ola and Uber, it has also demanded action against illegal e-rickshaws, a block on issuing new taxi permits, not allowing autorickshaws with NCR permits to pick up commuters from Delhi and other demands. The Delhi government has already implemented some of the demands, including doing away with the mandatory classes at the time of renewal of licenses.

