

# **Covid-19 Best Practice - Standardization of logistics cost to help the common people globally**

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## **Background:**

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic had a greater impact on day today life of everyone around the world. The spread of the virus caused deaths, business losses, unemployment, and increase in cost of living due to price hikes and many more. People who wished to travel or transport goods had a very bad time globally. All the countries had to impose ban on transportation of man, and materials in order to control the spread of the virus. Many countries could evacuate their citizens back home from various places of the world. India was successful in organizing a mission namely 'Vande Bharat' to bring back their citizens from many parts of the World. But many of the them returned could not carry their belongings back home due to the unaffordable transportation costs. Out of no choice, people were forced to scrap their belongings due to the heavy logistics costs involved. Those who collected quotations from various agencies realized that the transportation cost is higher than the cost of the items itself. The lack of standard prices led the agencies to overcharge and many of us were not able to avail such unaffordable services.

## **Suggestion:**

There should be standard pricelists available to everyone looking for it. There should be audits conducted globally to ensure that no agencies are overcharging customers. Those organizations or agencies who do not agree on the cost control should be backlisted. Websites similar to CILT can be places where everyone can refer to the transportation costs. There should be integration of logistic organizations to make sure that fluctuation of cost is minimal and within the control limits. All efforts to be taken to publish standard pricelists in common websites, which is not impossible. Recognition awards shall be given to participating organizations for their invaluable contributions to bring down the costs incurred. Organizations like CILT can play a vital role in making this happen by discussing and encouraging organizations to participate in this mission. We should remember that the logistics organizations are not just to make profits, it should be affordable for everyone as well. Let's all work together to make the logistics and transportation industry affordable for each and everyone globally.

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