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Hon'ble Minister,
Power, New & Renewable Energy
Government of India
Shram Shakti Bhawan
New Delhi- 110 001

Sub: Proposed Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021- Attempts to curb electricity rights to poor and rural citizens of India

Dear Sir,

National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees & Engineers (NCCOEEE), the broad based platform representing almost all the major federations of Power sector Employees and Engineers placed its views on all major policy issues since GoI attempted Amendment of Electricity Act, 2003 through Draft Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2014.

Former Minister used to sit across the Table with us to reduce the difference of views. We must admit a good number of suggestions of the employees and engineers were accepted. Since placing of Draft Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020 in the public domain amidst COVID ambience, Government has shattered the windows of exchange of views. On the contrary, a totally new Bill placed quashing aside the agreed upon points by the former Minister. All our submission in respect of the Bill to protect the interest of poor and rural along with Agricultural consumers has been rejected. Our study reveals that Object of the Bill is to create ample scope of the profit greedy business community, while public owned power utilities will be driven out from the revenue potential urban and Industrial area will have the scope of one sided business in high consumer density area.

12 states and UTs vehemently opposed the proposition of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill. Aggrieved Farmers have pressed the Government to put hold upon Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (now 2021), in addition to their objection towards annulment of three Farm Acts. Stake holder consultation we noted with allocation of mere a few minutes to each of the Government of the states. Far off the representatives of employees and engineers.

We have noted with dismay that you have declared to place and pass the Bill in the monsoon session of the Parliament. As the session is to commence from 19th July, NCCOEEE has resolved to organise Protest demonstration all over the country to oppose the Bill.

We understand consternation cannot be the path of solution or resolve the difference of views. We therefore, request you to create a forum of amicable discussion. We solicit your appointment for our National leaders in your office on 27th July or any day nearby, when members of our core committee will be available at Delhi.

Thank You.

Sincerely Yours,

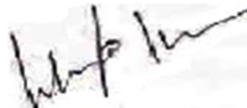

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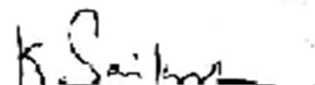

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