



# ALL INDIA FEDERATION OF ELECTRICITY EMPLOYEES

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## CIRCULAR

To,

ALL THE CONSTITUENTS OF A.I.F.E.E.

The central committee of A.I.F.E.E. congratulates all the power workers and engineers for establishing historical unity at National level to fight out the central governments attack of privatisation of power sector through Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2021. AIFEE also congratulates the leaders of state unions for organising the members for participation in 10<sup>th</sup> August strike. This is the first time that power workers and engineers unions & associations have built up such a pressure on central govt that resulted in withholding the Bill 2021.

Monsoon session of the Parliament adjourned in advance on 11<sup>th</sup> August 21. Prior to that the constituents of NCCOEEE unanimously decided to postpone one day nationwide strike on 10<sup>th</sup> August. Reason to postponement was the discussions at the level of the power minister Shri R.K. Singh by the Member of Parliament, Opposition leaders delegation and leaders of the opposition parties. During discussions on 5<sup>th</sup> August and 9<sup>th</sup> August minister of power categorially told that the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2021 will not be tabled on 10<sup>th</sup> August nor it will be introduced in this monsoon session.

Considering this development NCCOEEE decided not to exhaust our energy and strength by observing one day strike but to preserve the same for future struggle if the bill again is tabled in the winter session of Parliament. On this background 10<sup>th</sup> August strike is postponed.

Our President and the central office of AIFEE have reviewed the preparations of strike by our state unions. It is observed that strike preparations and atmosphere was satisfactorily built up by unions of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh & Assam. We could not get report from Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh,

Jharkhand, Punjab and Uttarakhand. Strike position in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan was not satisfactory. These states should have to submit the factual position to AIFEE's office. It is also observed during organising strike that some of the above state unions have not communicated with the central office. This deficiency needs to be improved.

The central Govt have not withdrawn the draconian Bill 2021 permanently. Therefore we have to strengthen our organisation/our union to face the attack of privatisation. This Govt had a decided agenda of privatisation of all public sector including power sector. Possibility cannot be ruled out when the government once again in the winter session of Parliament will bring the bill and get it passed on their majority number as has been done in three farm laws.

We all have therefore to be vigilant on this front. Now we got some more time to organise our work force and built up a strong unity of our union in the states. This should be wisely utilised. Our campaign against privatisation in general-public, consumers, people's representatives, member of parliament etc should be continued. More & more details should be provided to them establishing the fact as to how the said Bill 2021 is anti people, anti farmers, anti consumers, anti employees & anti states. Mind set of all including our workforce should be prepared for the agitation, strike if at all we are compelled by the central Govt.

The President have advised to organise a one day meeting of selected union leaders of the states to take a review of strike position & the organisational status. Accordingly such meeting is being arranged at Bangalore (Karnataka) on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.2021. Individual invitations to the General Secretary/President will be dispatched from central office. The number of participants are limited as this is a review meeting therefore those who are invited should reach with all the details. Details of venue, agenda & timings will be intimated to the invitees.

  
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