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C I R C U L A R

To All the affiliate unions/Associations of AIFEE.

CONGRATAS TO ALL EMPLOYEES & ENGINEERS OF Jammu & Kashmir

Once again it is proved beyond doubt that the united action of strike by power workers and engineers could stall the privatisation of power sector in the state and also at All India Level. The 3 days total strike action in Jammu & Kashmir have proved and compelled the Govt to reverse the decision.

All J & K power sector employees and Engineers have formed a joint coordination committee and after protracted discussions the settlement is arrived at on 21st December 21.

Govt side was represented by ADG Police Mukesh Singh, Divil. Commissioner Rashav Langar and Managing, Director PDCL Shiva Anant Tayal. On behalf of Coordination Committee the discussion were lead by Shri Sachin Tickoo and Jaipal Sharma.

All our affiliates should also have to prepare our selves for February all India strike to appose Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2021.

Reasons for declaring state-wide Strike by J.K. Employees

1. All the power workers (including contract) and engineers are the Govt. employees. The Govt have planned to form a joint venture of JKPTCL and Power Grid. The unions apposed this and given a notice of strike.
2. Possibilities of changing the service conditions due to joint venture. After strike Govt agreed to protect the interests of serving employees and the order No 191-PDD of 23.10.19 is put on hold. Thus there will no change in service conditions.
3. Regularisation of contract labour & part time labourers.
4. Salaries of all employees should be paid regularly in every month.

All the above demands are accepted by the Govt and a written agreement is signed by both the parties, copy of the agreement and the press release of NCCOEE is enclosed for information to all the office-bearers.

AIFEE'S central office and also the NCCOEE on hearing the news of strike on 19th have conveyed our active support to the strike.

As regards the present status of Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2021, it is not coming in Parliament proceedings upto 23rd December 21. The next Budget session will start from 1st February 22 therefore we have to organise the proposed action of ours to proceed on strike on 1st February 22. Near about one months period is at our disposal for organising the strike. In this context, Bank employees and officers two days strike on 16th & 17th December is an recent excellent example. Immediately after failure of the conciliation proceedings they resorted to strike.

AIFEE'S central office will intimate all the affiliates well in advance further developments i.e when the bill will be placed in Parliament.

Encl: Copy of Agreement & Press Note.


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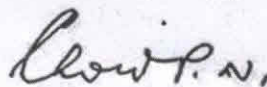
21 December, 2021

**PRESS RELEASE TO GREET VALIANT J&K
ELECTRICITY EMPLOYEES & ENGINEERS**

National Chapter of NCCOEEE convey warm greeting & salute to all Electricity Employees & Engineers of J&K for their victory after valiant struggle through indefinite strike call from midnight of 17-18 December, 2021 to oppose the power sector privatisation move in Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir initiating through formation of joint venture company with JKPTCL & PGCIL. From the initial days of development of power industry, J&K electricity employees & Engineers were under Power Development Department. All of them were Government employees. A few thousand daily rated casual employees were also in the roll of the Government. Appropriate Government of J&K conceded to their demand of regularisation. Once, the state was unbundled into two Union territories, none was there to keep the assurance. All Govt. Employees irrespective of permanent or casual were placed on deputation to the Power Corporation without changing their status of Government employee. Now, with the move for more centralisation, Power department GoI, planned to cover 33 KV network of the country under PGCIL, a Government Company, under National Monetisation Pipeline. JKPEECC, the united platform of J&K Electricity Employees & Engineers could clearly understand the game plan of GoI, at the behest of Ministry of Power and Ministry of Home. Through this route Government employees of Power department of J&K will be siphoned to JVC and finally to private hands along with transmission assets of J&K. They decided to fight tooth and nail. Well planned design for the entire process was set. Government declared war against the J&K power sector employees. From 18th December, evening Police raided houses of Jaipal Sharma, Chairman and Sachin Tikku, Convener of JKPEECC along with other leaders, As they were found absent in their homes, Police threatened dire consequences along with termination and arrest to the members of families of all the leaders of the employees and engineers. Army was deployed in all major power installations. They could do nothing. Participation of strike was total and 95% of line and substations became dead. Threat campaign on the part of the administration under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor, the puppet of the home ministry continued. But yielded no result.

NCCOEEE, National chapter discussed the situation in an emergent meeting on 19th December, and decided to extend solidarity support to their J&K counterpart. On 20th December, over 2 Million electricity employees organised demonstration in solidarity of J&K power employees struggling against privatisation. NCCOEEE called upon more unity for the victory in the long run.

Negotiation continued with the J&K administration and PDD authority. By the midnight of 20-21 December, settlement was signed, wherein the JVC plan has been abandoned along with clear mention that, all plan will be discussed in advance and settled amicably. Copy attached.



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