

ANNEXURE TO STRIKE NOTICE

The National Convention of Workers, organised jointly by the Central Trade Unions and Independent National Federations/Associations, held at Jantar-Mantar, New Delhi on 11th November 2021, strongly condemned the desperate pursuit of anti-worker, anti-farmer, anti-people, pro-corporate and anti-national policies by the Government of India which has brought the lives and livelihood of the entire people and the country's economy to the brink of disaster.

The convention called upon the working class to heighten their united intervention to demand a halt to the process of assault on lives and livelihood, employment, alarming intensity of poverty and hunger, assault on democracy and also unity of the people and observe two day country wide general **strike on 28th and 29th March 2022** to save our dear nation from disaster. The 12 point Charter of Demands adopted in the Convention included the following:

- **Scrapping of the anti-worker Four Labour Codes**
- **Against Disinvestment/Privatisation**
- **Against National Monetisation Pipeline / InvIT**
- **Against Fixed Term Employment**
- **Against Contract Workers in Permanent Jobs**
- **For recruitment of Permanent Workers**
- **Against Price Rise**

Revised Public Sector Privatisation Policy, 2021: The design and direction of the revised public sector policy is for total elimination of public sector. Beginning with the Covid-19 Pandemic public sector package, many destructive policy prescriptions have been declared by the Government. The latest desperate attack of privatization through many methods is cases in point. In fact the Privatization Pipeline Policy is aggressive actualization of the revised public policy of the Modi Government.

Central Finance Ministry notification No. DPE/3(1)/2021-DD dated 13th December, 2021 has prescribed obnoxious authoritarian measures, stipulating summary removal of CMDs/Functional Directors from their services for 'failure' to implement the new public sector policy expeditiously.

Recall that earlier the Modi Government issued directive to the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) through Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) to incorporate punitive provision in their Conduct, Discipline and Appeal (CDA) Rules/Service Rules empowering the management with arbitrary authority to forcibly retire employees from services in the name of "ensuring probity and efficacy". Moreover, Government has already amended the Public Sector Recruitment Rules retrospectively providing appointment of candidates from private sector in very senior management positions in CPSUs and also in the PESB (Public Sector Enterprise Selection Board).

Further many legislative measures are doggedly pushed through by the Government in order to facilitate the privatization process. For example, the Major Port Authority Act was passed, the Insolvency Bankruptcy Act has been further amended to facilitate the process of legalizing the corporate loot of banks resources, MMDR Act and Coal India (Nationalization) Amendment Act has been enacted, the government is pushing through LIC amendment Act for Initial Public Offer of LIC, the General Insurance Business (Nationalization) Amendment Bill, 2021 has hurriedly been passed for privatization of general insurance PSUs. Further as prelude to defense production sector privatization through corporatization route, entry of FDI in defense sector has been liberalized.