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## **Resolution against the draconian Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2021** **And against privatisation of Indian Power sector**

The central Govt. lead by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi since beginning trying to amend the Electricity Act 2003 for the benefits of the private entrepreneurs, corporate houses and franchisee companies. All the unions and Association of workers and engineers (Baring BMS) have unitedly, at all India level opposed the move of the Govt by mobilising agitation, strikes since 2018. The said Act is against interests and welfare of the farmers, general power consumers and public. It is also against 15 lacs power workers & engineers of the country. It is neither beneficial for states nor to the development of the industrial & agro development of the states.

Though the Government during first phase of the budget session of the Parliament could not bring the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2021 we the Power workers and Engineers are aware that the Government's agenda of privatising the whole power sector of India remains. We the total workforce of Indian power sector and the farmers unions are concerned to observe that the central Govt is contemplating to privatise all the public sector and organisations to make amendments in the existing laws to enable the same.

Power sector of India has played a major role in economic, agriculture, industrial development of our nation in general and more particular for the farmers, unprivileged and weaker section of the society and backword regions of the states. The first attempt to amend Electricity Act 2003 was made in 2018 by the then power minister Piyush Goyal. He called all states energy ministers at Kochi (Kerala) for taking their ascent for amending the Act. Against this, 20000 strong power workers and engineers from all over India assembled at Kochi and staged massive demonstration at the meeting site. The National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees & Engineers (NCCOEEE) given a call of all India strike and compelled the Govt to hold the bill in 2018.

During year 2020 & 2021 the centres power minister R.K. Singh announced to place the Bill in both the houses of Parliament. To this decision thirteen states Chief Ministers, Energy Minister, Farmers union, Samyukta Kisan Morcha, Consumers organisations, power workers & engineers and 350 stake holders objected to Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2021 and compelled the Govt once again to hold the bill.

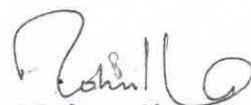
Despite the defeat the central Govt is by back door procedure, started the process of privatisation in power utilities of union territories i.e. Chandigarh & Pondicherry and Dadra Nagar Havilli. Despite the fact that the Parliament has not passed the act, the power ministry unconstitutionally started process of handing over of the power sector of Chandigarh & Pondicherry and Dadra Nagar Havilli to private companies.

Against this the N.C.C.O.E.E.E. have given a call & observed one day strike on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. in both Chandigarh & Pondicherry union territories. The power workers at all India level & engineers organisation observed nationwide demonstration in solidarity to the strike of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. The power workers & engineers joint action committee decided 72 hours strike from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and prepared for indefinite strike. However this cannot materialised due to Hon. High court's orders.

#### **TWO DAYS STRIKE ON 28<sup>TH</sup>-29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

All the power workers unions & engineers associations have decided to go on two days strike on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 against the policy of the central govt, privatising all public sector including power, coal etc. The N.C.C.O.E.E.E. in its meeting dt 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.22 unanimously endorsed the decision of observing two days strike on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

This office bearers meeting of the AIFEE at Lucknow on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.2022, unanimously decides to go on & join the two days all india strike of the power workers on 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> March 22.



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