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To

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Maharashtra-400020.

Respected Sir,

Vijayawada, Dt.03.01.2023.

Sub: Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board Engineers' Association -Supporting to 72 Hrs Token Strike of Maharashtra Power Employees and Engineers JAC w.e.f., 4th Jan, 2023 and Indefinite Strike w.e.f., 18th Jan, 2023 - opposing granting parallel distribution license - Reg.

Ref: AIPEF - Lr. No. 102-202/Maharashtra Power Strike, Dt.31.12.2022.

The Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board Engineers' Association (APSEBEA) representing the grievances and also sharing the views to improve the performance of the Utilities and one of the constituents of All India Power Engineers' Federation (AIPEF).

Adani Electricity Navi Mumbai Limited, a 100% subsidiary of Adani Transmission Limited, has applied to Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) for a parallel power distribution licence to suplly power in the most electricity revenue generating regions of the entire State viz., Mulund, Bhand up, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Panvel, Kharghar, Taloja and Uran. We are affraid that by unkindly implementing the draconian Section 14 of the Electricity Act 2003, the MERC may grant parallel licence to Adani Group to gain huge profits from these cherry picking areas taking advantage of the existing distribution network of the State DISCOM. This will adversely affect the 2.8 Cr consumers of the state, especially below Poverty Line consumers with consumption within 100 units, Agricultural consumers, etc. Besides, the Torrent power has also applied for parallel licensee to suplly power to Kalyan, Vasai, Pune, Nagpur, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal corporations and also a big Chakan MIDC near Pune. It is shocking news as about 50% of revenue is coming from these areas to MSEDCL. TATA Power has also submitted a report stating how they are working in Delhi and Odisha and they have requested Govt. of Maharashtra that three districts Aurngabad, Jalana, Bid they are interested to supply power PPP basis. This is a very alarming situation for the ordinary consumers of the State and for the power sector in Maharashtra.

Keeping in view of the above, AIPEF has informed the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra vide ref. letter dated 31.12.2022 that no employee or engineer from any other State of the Country will be available to maintain the power supply of Maharashtra and will be forced to resort in support of striking power employees and engineers of Maharashtra against granting of parallel distribution license for supply of power in the working area of MSEDCL.

Further, it is to submit that the Joint Action Committee of Power Employees & Engineers of Maharashtra has served a notice of 72 hours Token Strike w.e.f., 04th January 2023 and Indefinite Strike w.e.f., 18th January 2023. Hence, being a constituent of AIPEF, the APSEB EA is extending the solidarity to the Maharashtra Power Employees & Engineers JAC on 4th Jan'2023 by conducting demonstrations at District H.Qs/Circle Offices/Zonal Offices/Corporate Offices & Generating Stations. Further, it is also inform that the Engineers of A.P. Power Utilities will not participate in maintaining of the power supply in Maharashtra State.

In view of the above, the APSEB EA requesting your kind authority to intervene immediately to safeguard interest of ordinary consumers of the state and to save the state power sector from exploitation and profiteering by vested interests.

Thanking You Sir,

Yours' faithfully,

P. Prathapa Reddy Secretary General

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The Hon'ble Dy.CM, Maharashtra Govt., Mumbai. The principle Secretary to GoM, Mumbai.

The Chief Secretary to Govt of AP.

The P.S to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of AP.

The Hon'ble Minister for Energy, Govt of AP.

The Sp. CS to the GoAP, Energy Dept.

The JMD (HR)/APTRANSCO, Viduyt Soudha, Vijayawada.

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