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To

Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Maharashtra Government.
Mumbai.

Sub: Protest Meetings in support of the 72-hour token strike by the Power Employees and Engineers of Maharashtra in Protest Against Privatisation.

Sir,

PSEB Engineers' Association represents over 2000 Engineers from the rank of Assistant Engineers to Er.-in-Chief working in the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited & BBMB. The primary objective of the Association has been to strive for efficient service to the customers and bring about improvement in the working of the Power Sector.

Sir, 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 for Mulund, Bhand up, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Panvel, Kharghar, Taloja and Uran – the most electricity revenue generating regions of the entire State. We apprehend that by maliciously invoking the draconian Section 14 of the Electricity Act 2003, the MERC may grant parallel licence to Adani Group to amass profit from these cherry picking areas taking advantage of the existing distribution network of the State DISCOM. This will adversely impact 2.8 crore consumers of the state especially below poverty line consumers with consumption within 100 units, agricultural pumps, public street lights, water supply, government offices, etc. Besides this the latest development is that now Torrent power has also applied for parallel licences at 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 this area for Mahavitaran company. TATA POWER has also submitted a report stating how they are working in Delhi and Odisha and they have requested GOM that three districts Aurngabab, Jalana, Bid be handed over to them as PPP. Sir this is a very alarming position for the ordinary consumers of the state and for the power sector in Maharashtra.

In the emergency meeting of the AIPEF Federal Executive, held on 01 January, 2023, It has been decided by AIPEF Federal Executive to extend full support to Power Employees & Engineers of Maharashtra. Further it has been decided that as a display of solidarity Protest demonstrations will be organised in every State and UT. NCCOEEE has also decided to extend full support.

Sir you are aware that the Joint Action Committee of Power Employees & Engineers of Maharashtra has served a notice of 72 hours Strike w.e.f. 04th January 2023 and Indefinite Strike w.e.f. 18th January 2023. In support of Maharashtra electricity workers and

engineers, on January 04, Power employees and Engineers in Punjab will demonstrate in solidarity by holding protests/meetings.

Sir it is our humble request and demand that your good office may 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

Yours Sincerely,


General Secretary

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