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To,

The Hon'ble Chief Minister

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Subject: Expression of Solidarity and Support Against the Proposed Privatization of Varanasi and Agra DISCOMs

Respected Sir,

We are writing to express our unwavering solidarity and support for the employees including associations and unions, stakeholders and communities impacted by the proposed privatization of Varanasi and Agra Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOMs). As concerned representatives of JPESA, we believe this decision may have far-reaching consequences on the public interest, employees' welfare, and equitable access to electricity.

Electricity is not merely a commodity; it is a fundamental necessity that powers development and improves quality of life. Privatization, in many instances, has led to higher tariffs, reduced accountability, and compromised service quality, especially in sectors as vital as power distribution. This shift toward privatization risks prioritizing profit over public welfare, creating disparities in access to electricity for economically disadvantaged groups.

We stand with the employees of these DISCOMs, who have voiced concerns over job security, fair compensation, and the erosion of public sector principles. These employees have played a pivotal role in ensuring efficient and reliable power supply despite numerous challenges. Their concerns must be addressed with the utmost priority.

In light of these factors, we urge the authorities to:

1. Reconsider the Decision: Conduct a transparent and inclusive review of the privatization proposal, engaging all stakeholders, including employees, unions, and consumer advocacy groups.

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2. Strengthen Public Sector Operations: Invest in upgrading infrastructure and implementing reforms within the public sector to improve efficiency and minimize losses without resorting to privatization.

3. Protect Employee Rights: Ensure the rights and welfare of DISCOM employees remain safeguarded, with clear provisions for job security and fair working conditions.

4. Prioritize Public Welfare: Focus on strategies that enhance equitable access to electricity for all, especially marginalized and rural populations, without inflating tariffs.

We strongly believe that sustainable and inclusive development can be achieved without compromising the values of public service. We stand united with all stakeholders advocating for the retention of public control over Varanasi and Agra DISCOMs.

Together, let us ensure that the interests of the employees and other stakeholders remain at the forefront of this critical decision.

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