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To, The Hon. Shri. Yogi Adityanathji Chief Minister, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh,

(Through: Email)

Sub: Supporting proposed public awareness campaign "Bijlee Panchayat" of Uttar Pradesh Power Sector employees and Engineers against privatization of Varanasi and Agra DISCOMs from 06-Dec-2024.

Honorable Sir,

With reference to above, the Power Employees of Uttar Pradesh are being forced to go on strike due to dictatorial, undemocratic, oppressive attitude of the top management of UPPCL and UP govt .

The Uttar Pradesh Govt has announced privatization of two big electricity distribution corporations, Varanasi DISCOM and Agra DISCOM. Due to the privatization of these two DISCOMS, more than 70,000 regular and outsourced employees will face the threat of retrenchment.

The Hon.Chairman of UP power corporations did not follow the terms and conditions agreed upon in the written agreement of 03 December 2022 and unilaterally decided to privatize the two power companies.

There is full preparation to crush the movement of power sector employees and engineers struggling against this privatization by creating an atmosphere of repression and fear. 18 top office Bearers of Vidyut Karmchari Sanyukt Sangharsh Samiti were summoned to the Honorable High Court and were given strict warning against strikes and power disruption in an interim order.

Hon.High Court has banned the Strike in the Power Sector. Also, FIRs have been filed against the top office Bearers of the Sangharsh Samiti for violating ESMA and other several criminal sections.

In such circumstances, they are trying to create a widespread struggle and mass movement against the anti-people decision of privatization. We extend our wholehearted support for the proposed protest action, scheduled to commence from 06th December-2024.

The Subordinate Engineers Association, Maharashtra state strongly support the united struggle of the Electricity Employees of UP against the privatization move of Varanasi and Agra DISCOMs. The UP Govt. will have to listen to the employees' rightful and just demand.

All members of Subordinate Engineers Association, Maharashtra register their strong protests against this privatization move.

We demand immediate intervention of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh to put hold upon this whole anti-people unlawful process and extend solidarity to the Sanyukt Sangharsh Samiti program to arrange mass movement against this decision and impress upon the UP Government to take back its decision .

Yours Truly

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- 1. The Hon. Er.Shailendra Dube, Chairman, AIPEF.
- 2. The Hon. Er.Ratnakar Rao, Secretary General, AIPEF.
- 3. The Hon. Er.Sanjay Thakur, Sr.Vice-President, AIPEF.
- 4. The Hon. Er.Satish Shelke, Secretary General, WIPEF.