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All India Electricity Consumers Association (AIECA) Extends Support to July 9th General Strike

The All India Electricity Consumers Association (AIECA) extends its full and unequivocal support to the **All India Strike** called by various central trade unions and mass organizations on **July 9, 2025**. The AIECA believes this strike is a crucial and necessary step to voice the collective concerns of workers and the common populace against the current economic policies that disproportionately burden ordinary citizens, including electricity consumers. The AIECA stands in solidarity with the demands of the striking trade unions, recognizing that their struggles are intrinsically linked to the challenges faced by electricity consumers across the country.

We endorse the following key demands of the strike which directly impact electricity consumers:

Immediate Withdrawal of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022: The proposed amendments seek to dismantle the public character of the power sector, promote profiteering by private players, and curtail the rights of state governments and consumers. We strongly oppose this anti-people legislation that threatens to deepen energy inequality and destroy the accessibility of affordable electricity. The bill will have severe consequences for farmers and small consumers while also leading to further job losses. Due to strong opposition from different sections of the people more particularly the peasants and employees the bill has been referred to standing committee of Parliament on Energy.

Stop Forced Installation of Smart Meters: The smart meter rollout raises serious concerns about the growing influence of private electricity companies in power sector. These meters are part of the Central Government's "One Nation, One Grid, One Frequency, One Price" initiative, tied to the Market-Based Economic Dispatch (MBED) framework. Smart meters, pushed under the Centre's MBED framework, increase costs for consumers, reduce state control, and benefit private corporations. Their rollout must be halted immediately.

No to Privatisation of Electricity: Electricity is an essential utility, not a commodity for profit. Privatisation is driving up tariffs, reducing accountability, and cutting jobs. We demand a complete stop to privatisation.

The AIECA urges all its members and electricity consumers nationwide to actively support the July 9th general strike. We believe that a strong showing of unity and solidarity will send a clear message to the government that the concerns of the people cannot be ignored.

Thanking you

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