

## **Press Release**

*The Following statement was issued to the press by the platform of Central Trade Unions, independent sectoral federations and associations today- 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

**The Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions fully backs the fight taken up by the Electricity Employees against attempts at privatisation of Electricity Sector, first by the Government of UP and now the Government of Maharashtra.**

**Maharashtra Power Sector Joint Action Committee of Employees, Engineers & Officers Calls a 72 Hour State-wide Strike**

One lac electricity employees and engineers of state-owned power companies, i.e. Generation, Transmission and Distribution, have gone on 72 hours state-wide strike from 9th to 11th Oct.25 opposing privatization move taken by the Govt of Maharashtra and the Management of the three power companies. 7 major unions of power sector, namely Maharashtra State Electricity Workers Fedration, Maharashtra Veej Kamgar Mahasangh, Maharashtra Veej Kamgar Congress, Subordinate Engineering Association, Maharashtra Rajya Magaswargiya Vidyut Karamchari Sanghatan, Maharashtra Rajya Swabhimani Vidyut Workers Union and Tantrik Kamgar Union have joined the strike. More than 80% of the total number of employees are on strike. The great impact of the strike is in generation, transmission and overwhelming response in distribution company sector. Reports from Kokan, Sindhudurg, Chiplun and from western Maharashtra i.e. Kolhapur, Sangli, Baramati, Solapur, Nashik, Vidarbha to show more than 80% have joined the strike. The Joint Action Committee had issued a strike notice in the month of August,2025 to the Chief Minister, Energy Minister and the three Chairmen of the companies. They deliberately tried to delay any discussions. This has compelled the unions to issue strike notice. The discussions held in Mumbai on 6th Oct. failed to reach any settlement, therefore the unions declared 72 hours strike.

The demands oppose parallel licence to Adani and Torrent Company for handing over 24 Divisions of Distribution company, oppose inducting private entrepreneurs and handing over 329 power substations, handing over of projects worth Rs. 200 Cr and more of Transmission company to private parties, listing the Transmission company in the share market, for regularizing contract and outsource workers, implementation of pension scheme and to fill all reservation posts, to stop unilateral implementation of restructuring process in Distribution company.

A huge meeting of striking employees and engineers took place at Nagpur on 9th Oct.; A demonstration and dharna were held at the office of the Chief Engineer. Similarly, huge rallies and demonstrations were held in Mumbai and Kalyan, which were addressed by all leaders of Joint Action Committee. They warned the State Government to give up their blatant privatisation attempts.

The speeches in Nagpur as well as in Mumbai hailed the heroic and tenacious struggle of the UP-State Electricity Workers for the past more than 300 days, against the privatisation attempts by the Government of UP.



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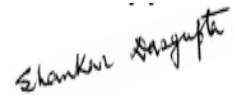
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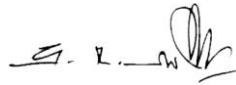
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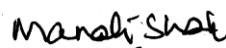
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