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Circular To, All the Constituents of AIFEE

- Karnataka Power sector employees, engineers and officers united agitation against privatization through Parallal Licence.
- Tata Power Co's application is apposed by 10,000 objectors.
- Hon. Chief Minister public assurance announced.

Dear Comrade,

The Tata Power Co. submitted a proposal to grant Parallal Distribution Licence for distribution of electricity in 19 revenue districts of Karnataka Power sector to KERC. The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) on May 22 having received said application of Parallal Distribution licence invited objections and suggestions from the stake holders. This has outburst the anger of power workers and engineers and our constituent Federation, 'The Karnataka Power Transmission Co. Employees Union' (the strongest union representing over 55000 employees) alongwith Engineers Association, Accounts Officers Association, Diploma Engineers Association, Scheduled cast and scheduled Tribe Employees union, SC/ST Officers Association and the pensioners association alongwith the farmers organisations started massive demonstrations, meetings and rallies-right from taluqua level to the capital city Bangaluru.

All the unions associations of workers and engineers submitted a strong protest and objections to the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KCERC) and a massive demonstration was led by the leaders.

- All employees, engineers, officers and stake holders were alerted about the serious implications.

- On June 10 a large meeting of all the stake holders was organized. Our Working President Com Samimullah Addressed and highlighted the adverse effects of parallal licenencing and privatization over consumers, farmers, employees and on the state's power sector.

A delegation of leaders of all unions and associations met the Hon Chief Minister on 17th June 2026 and appealed to intervene and save the public sector from privatization by handing over 19 districts to Tata Power Co.

Protest demonstrations were held in front of all Escom offices.

The Hon Chief Minister having heard the plea of the leaders told them to organize massive convention of all workers and engineers on 29th June 2026 at Bengaluru where he will share the govts views on the privatization process in power sector and parallal licence issue.

Accordingly the action committee of all unions associations of workers & engineers organised a felicitation programm for the newly appointed Chief Minister on 29th June 2026 at Tripura Vasini Hall, palace grounds, Bengaluru. The program was attended by the Chairman and Managing Directors of the power utilities and Manging Director of KPTCL, the Additional Chief Secretary of Energy Department and the Hon- Energy Minister Shri K.J. George.

The Hon Chief Minister made several important observations. He criticised the leaders for not raising voice and kept aloof from the agitation when the Electricity Act 2003 was enacted during the BJP led Government. He said as now the unions and associations are raising slogans and organising demonstration and requesting me not to permit Tata Power's entry in power sector of Karnataka, why they have not apposed at that time when the BJP Govt was in power.

He told the gathering that if the employees unitedly worked to bring the congress government back to power in 2028 Assembly Election, he would ensure that Tata Power would not be allowed to enter the power sector of Karnataka state.

He further stated that the power workers and engineers had contributed decades in building and establishing Karnataka's power sector, by erecting transmission lines, towers and distribution lines- expending public money. Thus it would not be appropriate for a private company to simply enter later, provide connections and earn profits from that of public investment.

He specifically mentioned that the Energy Minister and senior officers of the department had already advised him against privatizing the historic sector. Therefore he will place this matter before the state cabinate for deliberations. He assured the

gathering that every effort would be made to take a decision in line with aspirations of the employees. At the same time, he remarked that if the employees failed to honour their commitment in the 2028 elections, he might to look back.

The program witnessed an overwhelming participation of more than 15000 employees and engineers, officers, pensioners from across Karnataka. The success of this massive gathering was possible because the entire energy sector workforce stood united under the banner of the federation, demonstrating solidarity unity and collective strength to safeguard the public utility-power sector.

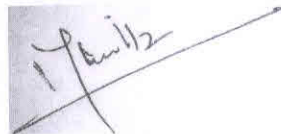
We have to be alert

The Karnataka issue is a signal that the central and state govts are perusing the agenda of privatization applying various means i.e. parallal licence, franchisee, prepaid smart meter project, listing in share-market etc.

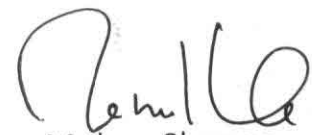
We all the constituents have therefore have to take a serious note of these developments and have to be prepared for agitation to save the power sector of India. Possibility cannot be ruled out as the central govt may once again will try to table the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2025 in the ensuing parliament session.

We all have therefore to be in readiness to support the agitation and movement started by our Karnataka Federation alongwith all unions & associations.

Yours fraternally



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