

Support the struggle of the electricity workers of Haryana!

Statement of Kamgar Ekta Committee (KEC), 22 October 2026

The Haryana Electricity Employees and Engineers Joint Forum has declared a three-day strike from 22 to 24 October 2026, in protest against the cunning manner in which the state power sector is being privatized.

Kamgar Ekta Committee wholeheartedly supports the strike of Haryana power workers and calls upon power workers from all states, as well as other workers and consumers, to extend solidarity!

It should be noted that Haryana power workers had previously declared a three-day strike starting from 11 August 2026 to oppose the state government's steps towards creating a separate Agri Discom, granting parallel distribution licenses, and installing smart meters. Just a day before the strike, on 10 August, the Power Minister had provided written assurances to the workers, leading them to withdraw the strike.

However, now the state administration has violated its promises and moved forward with privatisation. On 18 October, the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (HERC) took the anti-people and anti-worker decision to grant a parallel electricity distribution license to the private company Eleven Power for Gurugram and Nuh districts for a period of 25 years.

Privatisation of electricity in Haryana will set a harmful precedent for the entire country. This privatisation is being done only to multiply the profits of big capitalists, who will now use crores worth of the state's distribution infrastructure to loot the consumers and deny workers their hard-earned rights, including the right to livelihood and job security.

Time and again, governments have made various attempts to privatise the profitable parts of the electricity sector—sometimes under the name of parallel distribution, and at other times, through deemed distribution, franchisees, smart meters, etc.—all in an effort to fill the pockets of the capitalist class.

Time and again, power sector workers of the country have unitedly and determinedly opposed these attacks. They have shown how unity can be forged across categories and unions, as well as among workers and consumers. It is because of power workers' and farmers' persistent opposition that the Electricity Amendment Bill has not been passed for more than a decade.

The fight against privatisation is not of workers alone. The Haryana Electricity Employees and Engineers Joint Forum has also invited common consumers, farmers' organisations, and local citizen bodies to participate in their movement. The struggle of the electricity workers of Haryana deserves wholehearted support of all workers and people of the country!

Electricity is a basic need and hence fundamental right of all!

Don't allow assets built with public money for making private profit!

Long live the unity of workers, toilers, farmers and all oppressed people!

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