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Discussion and decision of the Working Committee meeting held on 20th January, 2022

EEFI Working Committee met on 20th January, 2022 on virtual platform. Com K O Habeeb President, EEFI presided over the meeting. 45 members of the Working Committee took part in the meeting. Salient points of the discussion and decisions of the meeting appended below for perusal and needful action in contemplation of the situation in the industry as well whole country.

1. Working committee noted the situation of the country, when pro-capitalist divisive communal forces trying to extend their evil grip all over the social, cultural and work life of the people. They are determined to jeopardise the economic independence of the country. Tall talks of *nationalism* and *swayambharata* is used as mask in their faces to protect them from the pandemic of unpopularity. Confidence of toiling people can only be regained through struggle of Workers and peasants like struggle of SKM to oppose Farm Acts and struggle of electricity workers and employees in Jammu & Kashmir. WC proudly noted that Police threats and Army Parade in the power stations and sub-stations couldn't break the working class unity. EEFI called upon all its constituents to re-affirm determination for the forthcoming struggles from the victory of peasants and working class. **We must not forget the clarion call of the hour "Save the People: Save the Nation."**

2. Present situation on Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was reviewed in the extended meeting of EEFI Office bearers on 15th January, 2022. EEFI OB came to the conclusion that 1st February strike will be futile exercise as the embarrassed Government is not in a position to move the Bill in the ensuing Budget session. Accordingly, the same was discussed in NCCOEEE National Chapter meeting on 17th January, 2022. The proposed Strike on 1st February was postponed with guidance to all constituents to keep preparedness with striking action for future attempt of the Government to enact the impugned Bill.

3. Working Committee reviewed with agony on the obnoxious game plan of Government of India to sale off National assets like PSUs of various profiles developed through 3/4th of a century since independence and all most important natural resources for economic independence of the country. All these anti-national activities have been given nomenclature of **Atmanirbhar Bharat** and **National Monetisation Pipeline**. Laws of the land including Farm Acts, Labour Laws and Electricity Act are being designed to facilitate the same. Pending enactment of E(A) Bill, 2021, Power department assets of Union Territories were also declared for sale to cronies. Struggle of J&K power deptt employees and engineers has become victorious in first spell. DNH, Pondicherry is also in the process, while consistently profit making Chandigarh with Exemplary AT&C loss have been floated for bidding in defiance of the conditions laid down by Hon'ble Chandigarh high court with guidance from Apex Court of the Country. Only Union of Chandigarh affiliated to EEFI is fighting valiantly with number of rallies, mass mobilisations and Strikes in addition to legal battle, while Engineers and Officers are afraid to come forward in the United Forum. United Forum of Pondycherry Power sector employees and engineers has decided to go for indefinite Strike from 1st

February. EEFI decided to organise massive Nation wide Protest Demonstration on the day in solidarity support to Chandigarh as well Pondy cherry power employees and engineers in association with all NCCOEEE constituents. All constituents of EEFI will ensure participation of their members to the highest extent possible. Memorandum to the Governors of both the UTs will be sent from all states under NCCOEEE /EEFI banner. President / General Secretary of the National Federations will be physically present at Chandigarh to address the massive demonstration there with mobilisation from the adjacent states like Haryana, Punjab & Himachal Pradesh. Similar mobilisation will also take place at Pondy cherry. Electricity employees and engineers including EEFI leaders from adjacent states will also organise mobilisation for demonstration to be addressed by regional NCCOEEE leaders. **All mobilisation will take place with due compliance of COVID protocol.**

Working Committee noted that the isolated places of Pondy cherry administration like Kadaikal, Mahi and Enam are adjacent to Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka respectively. In the course of indefinite strike, handful employees may feel isolated under pressure from the administration. Our Unions of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka should keep close contact with them and extend all support to them, as required with guidance of CITU state committees concerned.

4. Working Committee noted, as preparatory activity for two days Strike on 23-24 February, 2022, CITU has developed various campaign material for purposeful campaign among the public as well workers. EEFI Centre has circulated all of those to all members of EEFI working Committee. Declaration of the Resolution of Convention of Workers of 11th November, 2021 and 12 Point Charter of demand has also been circulated for attentive reading of the leaders and vivid simplified explanation of those among the workers in various level of General Body meeting of the union. CITU state committees might have circulated those in the regional languages. Those may also be collected and utilised.

NCCOEEE has also extended full support to 12 point charter demands and impressed upon its **Trade Union constituents to resort to two days' strike on 23-24 February, 2022**, while non-TU organisations will take part in Work Boycott on both the days. Working Committee stressed upon the unions to strictly comply the decision.

5. Working Committee noted that EEFI members are aware of the implications of global warming and climate change thereto. UNFCCC the nodal body to deal in the matter. Glasgow summit conference in November, 2021 could not arrive at any consensus on all the agenda. But GoI cited its plan to arrive net Zero in 2070, while start with replacement of Fossil fuel by 2030 in first phase. On 2nd January, 2022, EEFI represented by the Working President and General Secretary met with leadership of CPSUs in Energy Sector inclusive of General Secretaries of Coal Workers Federation of India as well Petroleum & Gas Workers Federation of India. In this meeting it has been decided that forefront leaders of all three Federations will meet in Kolkata by 2/3 months next to asses the steps of transition, total implications upon the energy industry and chalking out the balanced strategy.

6. Chandigarh union being the only organisation of all employees is fighting with militant spirit but their financial strength is limited. EEFI centre will extend immediate needful fund. All EEFI affiliates are requested to remit financial support to EEFI centre as par their capability immediately. All states are requested to send the annually payable Struggle Fund @Rs. 10/- par member to EEFI centre by 15th of February.



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