

ELECTRICITY EMPLOYEES' FEDERATION OF INDIA

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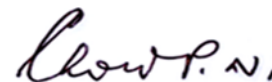
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To
All Office Bearers & Members of the Working Committee
All Affiliated & Associated organisations

Sub: Decisions of the Working Committee followed by OB Meeting held on 31st January, 2021

Virtual meeting of EEFI Working Committee followed by OB took place on 31st January, 2021. Com K O Habeeb presided over the meetings. Salient points discussed and decided are mentioned below.

1. Written report on Strike preparation is not available but from CES Workmen's Union. Working Committee reviewed the campaign and preparation of one day Strike on 3rd February, 2021 in solidarity to the struggling peasants with one of the major demand to withdraw Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020 and other pending nationwide common demands of electricity employees.
2. EEFI noted that seriousness of trade union constituents to implement NCCOEEE decision has not been replicated by other partners, who opted to Work boycott. Some of the organizations have planned only demonstration on 3rd February.
3. This struggle, against the privatization of electricity, in practical sense is a struggle of retention of right to electricity for economically poor and lower middle class people who are around 80% of Indian populace. Evaluation of this struggle should be taken up mainly from class characteristics, not from its effect and impact. EEFI strong states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, UT Chandigarh, there will be good participation in the strike. In Maharashtra there will be good participation. Unity of Engineers and employees in UP and Telengana will lead to good participation in Work Boycott. Impact in Western India, could not be assessed. In West Bengal Contractual Workers will start work boycott from 2nd and take part in the Strike on 3rd February.
4. EEFI noted with serious concern that contractual Workers of West Bengal power sector organized a massive joint demonstration in front of Distribution and Transmission Co. Hqrs Vidyut Bhawan with their legitimate demands on 22nd January. This was second in successive two months. Their demands were not conceded to. Police brutally lathi charged at 10 PM. 41 workers were arrested. EEFI and CITU condemned this nefarious action and extended all legal support to bail out arrested workers.
5. EEFI decried the BJP Governments at centre as well Haryana and UP for their obnoxious action plan to malign the peaceful demonstration of peasants at Delhi border for nine weeks and Tractor Parade in Delhi and all over the country on 26th January. RSS-BJP hoodlums deployed to break it in the disguise of villagers were exposed by the journalists. Brave and fact finding journalists were arrested, while miscreants are being guarded. EEFI paid warm regards to struggling spirit of the peasants.
6. KSEBOA will remit another Rs. 5 lakhs in addition to their earlier contribution of Rs 5 Lakhs to EEFI Struggle Fund. EEFI will contribute further Rs. 2 Lakhs to AIKS Struggle Fund. All organizations are requested to expedite collection and remit their contribution to EEFI Struggle Fund. OB meeting authorized President, General Secretary & Treasurer to suitably invest the corpus of EEFI Struggle Fund.
7. Strike Report should be sent by all constituents to EEFI Centre by 12-00 noon on 3rd February to enable preparation of Press Release by 2-00 PM. Besides written report, captioned photographs of mobilization of striking workers to EEFI Working Committee WhatsApp Page may also be sent.



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