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**To
All NCCOEEE Constituents through State/District & Other Chapters**

Sub: Solidarity Action in support to the 72 hours Strike called by United Forum of all organizations of Maharashtra Electricity Employees and Engineers against ill-intended granting of Parallel License to Adani Electrical Navi Mumbai Ltd.

NCCOEEE National Chapter noted that United Forum of all 34 organizations representing more than 86,000 Electricity Employees and Engineers of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited, Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited, and Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited are resorting to 72 hours token Strike from 4th January 2023. This is a part of their ongoing protest-struggle against the heinous plot of introducing Adani Group in distribution service of Navi Mumbai's Bhandup Circle.

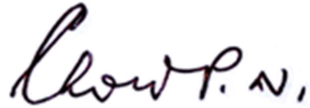
Adani Electricity Navi Mumbai Limited, a 100% subsidiary of Adani Transmission Limited, has applied to Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) for a parallel power distribution license for Mulund, Bhandup, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Panvel, Kharghar, Taloja and Uran – the most electricity revenue generating regions of the entire State.

NCCOEEE apprehends that by maliciously invoking the draconian Section 14 of the Electricity Act 2003, the MERC may grant parallel license to Adani Group to amass profit from these cherry picking areas taking advantage of the existing distribution network of the State DISCOM. This will adversely impact 2.8 crore consumers of the state especially below poverty line consumers with consumption within 100 units, agricultural pumps, public street lights, water supply, government offices, etc.

NCCOEEE takes serious note that the new Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022 will more profoundly legitimate and accelerate this disastrous parallel licensing process by providing open access of State DISCOM's network to other private players.

NCCOEEE extends full support to the Strike action resorted to by the United Forum of Maharashtra Electricity Employees and Engineers to oppose granting parallel distribution license to Adani Electricity Navi Mumbai Limited. All NCCOEEE State Constituents should hold State Level Solidarity Protest Actions on 4th January 2023 demanding immediate intervention of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Maharashtra to put hold upon this whole anti-people unlawful process.

- **SAVE MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC POWER SECTOR**
- **RESIST PARALLEL DISTRIBUTION LICENSING**
- **RESIST ADANI AGGRESSION OVER POWER FOR POOR AND RURAL PEOPLE**
- **NCCOEEE ALL OVER THE NATION STAND WITH STRIKING MAHARASHTRA**
- **SAVE POWER SECTOR SAVE INDIA**
- **SCRAP ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022**



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