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Parliament March on 3rd April, 2018: Resolution on Action Plan

On behalf of NCCOEEE National chapter, I convey warm and hearty greetings to all NCCOEEE constituents for their immense contribution to make Parliament March on 3rd April, 2018, a grand success. Determination and integrity of NCCOEEE, the broad based platform of all National level Federations of Electricity Employees and Engineers, was once again established through this rally. Participation was innumerable from all parts of the country spanning through North, South, East & West. Head count was impossible but estimation through area covered by the participants of the rally in the Eight Lane Road and pavements in a longitudinal stretch of 250 meters through Parliament Street, goes over 20,000. Banners, Placards, Festoons, hoarding, Aprons focusing the grievances and demands encouraged, enthused and charged all the participants.

The proceedings of the rally in the form of open convention commenced sharp at 11 AM with formation of the Presidium comprised of K O Habeeb, A N Rajan, Padamjit Singh, S M Singh, Ramesh Sharma & S Rathina Sabhapathy. On behalf of National chapter of NCCOEEE, Prasanta N Chowdhury submitted and explained the salient points of the draft resolution. Ramesh Sharma (AIPF), S Rathina Sabhapatty (TNEB PWF), G K Vaishnav (AIFOPDE), K O Habeeb (EEFI), K Rathana Rao (AIEEF), Subhas Lamba (EEFI), Mohan Sharma (AIFEE), Shailendra Dubey (AIPEF), S M Singh (AIFOPDE), Padamjit Singh (AIPEF), Samar Sinha (AIPF), Shamitulla (AIFEE), Kuldip Singh Khanna (EEFI), K Soma Sekhar (AIPF), Subir Bhowmik (AIFOPDE), Bipin Prakash Verma (INEWE), Ashok Rao (NCOEA) addressed the assembly and supported the resolution. Main features of the resolution and action plan are as under:

NCCOEEE the broad based platform of all National Federations of Electricity Workers, Employees and Engineers has convened this Rally at Delhi after series of consultation with the people through Regional, State and District level Conventions throughout six months last in all parts of the Country. Those Conventions resolved to oppose the frantic effort of the Government to Privatise the Publicly owned Electricity Industry through administrative and legislative measures. This rally, in the form of open Convention, with representation of Electricity Workers, Employees & Engineers, being held before the Parliament at Delhi once again resolve to call upon the Prime Minister and Members of Parliament to scarp the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2014 placed in the Parliament.

Game of speculation, gambling and cheating has taken its inevitable course in power sector in the era of reform. Government gifted Ambani regime of Odisha took an end on firm stand of OERC, role of Ambanis in Shasan coal scam and COD episode unveiled a tip of iceberg.

Voice of news media has been gagged. Corrupt practices of business tycoons in the arena of Coal, Gas and other resources of Electricity published in the media is suppressed with the influence of interested lobbies. Corruption will be continued but publishing the news will be proscribed. The episode of removal of editor of nationwide famous journal has unveiled the fluid status of Indian democracy.

This rally express high applaud to Uttar Pradesh United Forum of Electricity Employees for their heroic struggle against Privatisation of Electricity distribution of major cities of UP. This rally also warns UP Government not to adopt any excessive measures, against Electricity Employees. At that event their brotherhood all over the Country will not be silent spectators and will act reciprocative.

This Rally of NCCOEEE firmly puts following demands to Government of India as well all the State Governments and Legislators and Parliamentarians:

- 1) Implementation of Electricity Act, 2003 and adverse effects there upon should be reviewed with the target of integrating the state owned Power sector.
- 2) Complete hold upon enactment of the anti worker and anti consumer provisions of proposed Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2014.
- 3) Stop enactment of proposed Electricity (Amendment) Bill in Parliament without prior discussion with the representatives of organisations of electricity employees and engineers as assured by the former MIC Power, Government of India in several meetings took place between Power Minister DoP officials and leaders of NCCOEEE in 2015 and 2016.
- 4) Government of India as well state Governments should consider the recommendation of the National Seminar on Power "Present and future Perspectives" held at Bangaluru between 17 and 18 November, 2017 to save the public owned Power sector from total bankruptcy.
- 5) Comply Apex Court order for 'Equal Wage for Equal Work' and put complete hold upon engagement of contract workers in regular operation and maintenance jobs pending regularization of existing contractor workers.
- 6) Implement old pension scheme for all power employees recruited after April, 2004.
- 7) Ensure safe working condition in risk prone jobs in Electricity industry.
- 8) Stop transfer of natural energy resources to the hands of private capitalists.
- 9) Stop disinvestment in Energy Sector PSUs of India
- 10) Ensure 'Right to Energy as Human Right'.

This Rally endorses the decision of Apex body of NCCOEEE for resorting to a Nationwide Power Sector Strike during the monsoon session of the Parliament, in consultation with All Central Trade Unions and National Federations through a National Convention at Delhi.

Public awareness campaign against the suicidal policy of the Government to curb the Right to Electricity of the Poor Peoples of India will be continued and intensified in support of the Strike against anti people power policy of the Government on cost to public for profit of privates.

Long Live NCCOEEE.

Long Live Unity of Electricity Consumers, Employees and Engineers. Save Public Sector, Save Nation.

(Prasanta N Chowdhury)

Convener