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The meeting of the Working Committee took place at D. Janakiraman Bhawan, Chennai on 10th March 2022. Com. K.O. Habeeb presided over the meeting.

Followed by submission of report by the General Secretary on the main points of the Agenda, President, Working President and Com. Subhash Lamba, Vice President placed their opening remarks on present situation and our tasks immediately ahead. Com. S.S. Subramanian placed accounts. After detailed discussion, following decisions were arrived upon for needful action & implementation.

1. As reported most of the EEFI affiliates are fully active to make the 28-29 March all India Strike a grand success. The unions, who are yet to gear up the strike campaign among the people & workers are to pull it up to peak by the two weeks next. Emphasis should be given to explain in details the 12 point demands to widest possible section of people as well electricity workers and employees.
2. Strike notice, should be given as per format circulated in February last, with needful change in the dates, at least a fortnight ahead. Copies of the notice are to be endorsed to Govt. authority of India as well appropriate States along with EEFI Centre.
3. Govt. of India found difficulty to legislate Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2021 and changed their strategy through privatisation of state power DISCOMs. As all the non BJP states refused to comply GoI guidance for distribution privatisation, BJP ruled states like UP, Haryana, Uttarakhand took up piece meal effort. All such acts were resisted by the Workers & Employees at the behest of NCCOEEE. GoI again revised its strategy to privatize Union Territory power sector in J&K. Chandigarh & Puducherry. United resistance stalled all those efforts. Deployment of Police, Military & Undemocratic ESMA yielded no result. Our unions with their limited strength in J&K as well Puducherry took part in all these joint struggles. In Chandigarh our union is the only union, mobilised wider people behind anti-privatisation struggle. Besides Govt. of India, Chandigarh administration as well RSS activists pushed the striking employees in series of legal & penal measures even the struggle is being continued. Strike on 22 & 23 February was totally successful. Outage of feeders lead the city into dark. In order to cover the failure of the administration. Police filed on the charge of sabotage has been framed against a good number of regular & contract employees. Some of them has also been placed under suspension, NCCOEEE has convened a

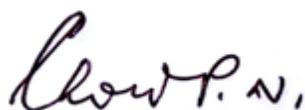
public convention on 19th March next. All Northern Region employees including EEFI organisations are to take part in this Convention.

4. The Working Committee discussed the schedule & venue of 9th National Conference of EEFI. In line with earlier discussion, conference is to take place in North India, AHPCWU proposed to host the 9th Conference in any suitable place in the State. Pending finalisation of date, 9th conference is scheduled in September, averting major national/regional events. EEFI office bearers will develop the plan on basis of delegation, total delegate etc. After 28-29 March Strike pending finalisation in April by the next meeting of the Working Committee. Meanwhile AHPCWU will finalise the venue. EEFI affiliates, who have not conducted their conferences since 2018, should complete their conference / AGM.
5. 9th Conference will adopt EEFI organisation document, as finalised in Bhubaneswar on 4-5 October, 2018. The States, who have taken up the exercise to prepare the state level organisation document may send the final version to EEFI Centre (in English/Hindi) by 30th June next, So that total document is edited/finalised for publishing after adoption by 9th Conference.
6. Accounts placed in the Working Committee meeting, reflects, there remains a gap between income & expenditure of the federation. 7th EEFI Conference resolved to create a struggle fund to cover such gap. It is needless to mention that no militant organisation can continue its vibrant activities without stable fund. Only a few organisations contributed in this fund. EEFI Working Committee, while prefers to decide not to raise any fund for the Conference, all organisation, who have not contributed in the Struggle Fund, are called upon to pay their struggle fund dues before 9th National Conference.
7. Suggestion came up in the Working Committee to strengthen Social Media & Electronic Campaign team of EEFI. General Secretary expresses our limitation on reporting of activities both written and graphically. WCM invited names of comrades from major states namely Kerala (1+1), Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Haryana, Telangana & Andhra Pradesh comfortable in English/Hindi. Names should reach to EEFI Centre by 20th April, 2022. This team will be headed by one EEFI Office Bearer and function upto 31st August, before formation of Social Media & Electronic Campaign Sub-Committee by the 9th Conference. Publication of our organ Voice of Electricity Workers has been stalled due to various reasons since consecutive years. We need to publish it again electronically. So that, major EEFI constituents may take the endeavour to publish it in states in print form in local language.
8. 18th Congress of WFTU will take place in dual mode. General Secretary, EEFI in his capacity of President TUI(C&E) has been invited to take part in the physical congress to take place in Rome(Italy) between 6th and 8th May next.
9. In order to have EEFI registered within the ambit of TU Act, comrades of Kerala will be entrusted to complete the formalities of Registration from Thiruvananthapuram. Working Committee hereby unanimously adopt the Resolution (copy attached) to this effect.
10. Working Committee noted that all over the country, demands of Pension as per Old Scheme is being developed. Mass mobilisation in different states, inspires EEFI to

organise the Electricity Pensioners with ideologically closer organisations of Pensioners. All state units will consider the possibility and decision will be arrived upon in the ensuing 9th Conference of EEFI.

11. Since, Tata Power took over major distribution area of Odisha, some issues are yet to be resolved. SouthCo Union. An old affiliate of EEFI are continuing Dharna in front of the HQ of the company. Com Pranoy Nayek has been assigned the responsibility to fix an appointment with Gridco MD for EEFI President and General Secretary by the end of March.
12. In view of failure of Glasgow Environment summit to adopt any unanimous resolution, Energy Transition is likely to pose problem for the peoples, whose livelihood is directly or indirectly related to either form of conventional Energy. A meeting took place in Vishakhapatnam. A team of EEFI office bearers headed by Com Swadesh Devroye will continue the discussion.

Meeting ended with Vote of thanks to the Chair.



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General Secretary