NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF ELECTRICITY EMPLOYEES & ENGINEERS

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To Shri Basavaraj Bommai The Hon'ble Chief Minister Karnataka

Respected Sir,

Intervene immediately to resolve the issues of the agitating power workmen of Karnataka

We on behalf of National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees & Engineers (NCCOEEE) – the broadest national level conglomeration of affiliated and independent federations of electricity employees & engineers want to impress upon your good office with great anxiety that 60000 employees, engineers and officers and 45000 pensioners of Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (KPTCL) and 5 state run electricity supply companies (ESCOMs) have resolved to resort to token strike on 16th March 2023 from 10 am.

This action is called by the Federation of Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Employees and Associations – a united body KPTC Employees Union, KEB Engineers Association, KPTCL Accounts officers Association, KPTCL Diploma Engineers Association and KEB SC/ST Welfare Association. Obviously the entire Karnataka electricity sector will be under heavy grip of this strike action.

The revision of pay scales and allowances of the workmen and officers of KPTCL, ESCOMs, PCKL and Pensioners was due from 01/04/2022. The KPTCL Board of Directors passed the resolution to upward revise the pay by 22% in the end of September 2022. But that proposed fixation of pay is still pending for approval at the finance department.

Along with the above issue, the federation has raised the demands to roll back electricity amendment bill 2022, filling up of vacancies and regularization and reintroducing the old pension scheme for the electricity employees.

The NCCOEEE national chapter met on 14th March and has called upon the entire electricity employees of the country to stand beside the Karnataka powermen and hold solidarity protest action throughout the country on 16th March 2023.

Sir, you being the administrative head of Karnataka state are requested to immediately intervene to fulfill the just demands and the interest of the electricity workers, employees and consumers of your state.

Instead of addressing the just concern of the people, if Karnataka administration highhandedly tries to break the strike, or tries to engage the electricity employees of other states as mere mercenaries against own striking employees and workers, it will be disastrous and will lead to more complex situation further.

Hope we have been able to communicate our grave concern over the current situation to impress you to adopt prudent steps to save the power workers and hence the state owned power industry of Karnataka.

Thank you

Sincerely yours

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