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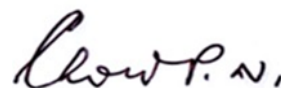
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1. NCCOEEE National chapter convey heartfelt greetings to all its state chapters and all members of the constituent organisations for their exemplary endeavour towards development of unity and high spirit to make NCCOEEE call of Nationwide Strike / Work Boycott on 10th August, 2021 a grand success. NCCOEEE also greets the organisations of power sector employees & engineers, who are not formally covered themselves in NCCOEEE umbrella but extended their support and solidarity to Strike / Work Boycott action. All state chapters should take into consideration, how these organisations with positive struggling spirit can be included in NCCOEEE.
2. NCCOEEE National chapter has also been applauded by all its constituents for their prudence for assessment of the prevailing situation in and outside the Parliament and arrived at a time bound decision through NCCOEEE National chapter meeting held on 9th August to postpone the Strike Call of 10th August, 2021 to avert one futile Power Sector Strike, when the Parliament was turmoil. Concurrently, Press Release was issued with the declaration that NCCOEEE will resort to strike action, on the day of placing the Bill in any house of the Parliament on 11th /12th / 13th August, 2021 of this or any other session of the Parliament in future. Finally, both house of the Parliament was adjourned prematurely. Sequences indicate that unity of Electricity Employees & Engineers under the leadership of NCCOEEE has become victorious in this spell to put hold upon legislation process of anti-people, draconian & unconstitutional Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021 towards curbing access right to electricity for the poor & rural people inclusive of farmers.
3. NCCOEEE has also called all NCCOEEE constituents to observe “Save Democracy Save Power Sector Day” by organising one hour protest demonstration in front of all power utility offices and installations on 10th August to decry the Govt. of India dictated Police atrocities over the electricity employees and engineers mobilised for peaceful & democratic form of protest movement in the Parliament Street, New Delhi with prior intimation on 4th, 5th and 6th August, 2021.
4. NCCOEEE conveyed warm greetings to all democratic organisations of the country, who extended solidarity support to NCCOEEE and all its constituents, in the struggle of protecting public sector existence of electricity utilities as well retaining right to electricity for poor and rural consumers including farmers. NCCOEEE expects their support in future in this struggle also. NCCOEEE, all these organisations, continuation of this struggle for the energy rights of the people become victorious.
5. NCCOEEE reviewed Strike / Work Boycott preparation, and noted with high applaud that almost all the state chapters took most serious effort to carry forward the message of struggle. It was also observed, lots of organisations, who were not formally associated with any NCCOEEE constituent came forward to make the Strike / Work Boycott successful.

6. With the above observation, NCCOEEE state chapters need to expand its co-ordination with all the employees and engineers organisations to include those organisations under NCCOEEE umbrella. Besides these, some independent state Federation has approached their inclusion in National Chapter. These approach letters will be sent to respective state chapters. State chapter should make them convinced on the point that National Chapter consists of only the central leaders of National Federations.
7. Most serious concern is the series of statements of the government, specifically Power Minister. He is daunted to attack state monopoly in power sector. He totally forgets that this state monopoly alone has contributed nearly 100 times growth of per capita consumption of electricity through 75 years since independence of India. This state monopoly has converted a food starving nation to a food surplus one. Electricity Act 2003 committed to reduce tariff but outcome is reverse. Government is inclined to extend option to consumers for choice of supplier. How happy the Mumbai consumers who are enjoying such option? NCCOEEE need to publish documents and campaign material covering those and other relevant questions.
8. NCCOEEE has become popular among the Electricity employees and Engineers but our goal is to foil the dubious game plan of the Government to transfer the public asset with scope of business from state to private monopolies. To achieve victory in this struggle, we need to penetrate into the consumers for which we need simple, lucid and authentic campaign material for the consumers. NCCOEEE National chapter should shoulder the responsibility of developing the content in English / Hindi. It may be a booklet with 8/10 pages. State Chapters will shoulder the responsibility of translation in local language and printing. Cost will be divided among the NCCOEEE state constituents. Lower level committees will buy it at cost (May be Rs. 5/- per copy) from state centre. After sale of the booklets among the consumers, spent amount from the fund of the union / Association will be replenished.
9. Our planning for mass contact among the consumers (specifically domestic, small commercial / industrial / farmers) should be comprehensive throughout forthcoming months with the leadership of our activists at electric supply / consumer care centres.
10. Social Media Campaign may be effective and cheaper, if we take care to encourage our younger expert activists.
11. Wherever possible NCCOEEE State Chapters should meet the press to highlight our struggle and anti-people characteristics of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021

Suggestions to improvise the idea are welcome. This Circular should be discussed in state chapters and suggestions should be sent to NCCOEEE National Chapter. Final decision will be arrived in the next Physical meeting of NCCOEEE National Chapter at Delhi in early September.



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