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CITU Congratulates the Maharashtra Electricity Workers for 100% Successful Strike

Centre of Indian Trade Unions Congratulates the Striking Electricity Workers and Engineers of Maharashtra who are in Strike action valiantly defying the Maharashtra State Government's vindictive invocation of draconian MESM Act 2017. CITU vehemently condemns this vindictive act of Maharashtra government and urges upon the workers and people of all section of the Nation to stand strong beside the Striking workers of Maharashtra.

More than 86,000 workers and engineers including 42,000 contractual strength of Maharashtra State Public Electricity Companies are in historic 72 hours Strike from 4th January 2023 midnight. This Strike action is against the heinous plot of allowing Adani Group in distribution service of Navi Mumbai's Bhandup Circle.

Strikingly, the petition filed by Adani Group - Adani Electricity Navi Mumbai Ltd. and Adani Transmission Ltd. is misinforming, misguiding, incomplete, incorrect and ill-intended in many senses. The group is in severe financial-debt crisis and the petitioner company doesn't have any experience of Electricity distribution service. These are strong, valid and justified objections, as under section 14 (Grant of License) of Electricity Act 2003 the Granting of License to any petitioner requires the compliance relating to the **capital adequacy, credit-worthiness, or code of conduct**.

The 3-days' Strike starting from yesterday is 100% Successful in its very first day! Entire Maharashtra Generation-Transmission-Distribution Utilities are under Strike. For last two months, the Public Sector Electricity workers are protesting against notorious intrusion of Adani Group in Maharashtra Public Electricity Distribution Sector. But the State government didn't pay any heed to the objection of the agitating workers and the people. Certainly, there was no option left except going for Strike to save Maharashtra Public Electricity from the crawls of Adani! The Maharashtra State Administration is the sole responsible for any disturbance to public services causing from this Strike action - the onus of people's suffering is undoubtedly upon them.

CITU believes that this is a strong expression of Resistance & Defiance of the Maharashtra State Electricity Workers against blatant privatization and government's highhandedness. CITU demands the immediate withdrawal of MESM Act 2017 and resolution of the pertaining issues in favour of the Striking workers. Once again, CITU calls upon people in general and its affiliates in particular to go for a solidarity action in support of the Striking Maharashtra Power Employees.

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