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PRESS STATEMENT

EEFI Greets Valiant Struggle of AP Workers

United Forum of Electricity Contract Workers of Andhra Pradesh consisting all together eight Unions of all affiliates has resorted to continuous strike from 20th February, 2018 to impress their long pending demands. 23000 workers in various Power Stations, Sub-stations and supply establishments engaged through different contractors all over the state. 95% of all these workers formed the united platform for emancipation from the jaws of primitive exploitation continued for decades. Most of these workers are skill and technically qualified but they have been unlawfully deployed in perennial nature of jobs at a meagre rate of wages in defiance of Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 as well Supreme Court Judgment over Payment of Equal Wages for Equal Work. These workers under the platform of United Forum resorted to various struggle including hunger Strike. AP Government and Power Corporations management assured them wage increase and direct payment but their commitment resulted into hoax. In the present circumstances, striking workers has modestly refused to accept verbatim commitment of Power Minister, Energy Secretary and authority of Power Corporations. They have sought for formal order with specific date of implementation. AP Government is insisting Power Corporation management to adopt repressive measures against striking workers and their leaders.

Com K O Habeeb, President EEFI and the undersigned greets the striking Electricity Workers of Andhra Pradesh for their valiant struggle towards achieving justified and lawful demands. EEFI warns AP Government to refrain from any repressive measures against the AP Electricity workers. EEFI make it clear, at the event of any repression on AP Electricity workers, their counterparts in the rest of the country will not be silent spectator.

(Prasanta N Chowdhury)

General Secretary