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PRESS RELEASE

NCCOEEE, the broad based united platform of all the National Federations of Electricity Employees and Engineers resolved to resort to one Day Strike to oppose the process of legislation of Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021. All NCCOEEE constituents issued Nationwide Strike / Work Boycott Notice on 10th August, 2021. Accordingly, all round preparation to make the Strike / Work Boycott a grand success was done with mass campaign and conventions all over the country. Stay in demonstration took place in Parliament Street, New Delhi between 3rd and 6th August, in defiance of red eyes of Delhi Police at the behest of Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI.

Government has not yet placed the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021, in the Parliament. According to Power Minister GoI, the Bill has not yet been approved by the Cabinet. NCCOEEE National Chapter reviewed the situation in its meeting held on 9th August and decided to postpone the Strike Call of 10th August, 2021 till further attempt of the Government towards placing this unconstitutional Bill towards curbing the energy-right of poor and rural people of the country. 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.

All NCCOEEE constituents in all over the country will observe <u>Save Democracy Save</u> <u>Power Sector Day</u> 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 with prior intimation in the Parliament Street, New Delhi on 4th, 5th and 6th August, 2021.

NCCOEEE convey warm greetings to all democratic organisations of the country, who extended their 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 also in this struggle. NCCOEEE, on this *Auspicious August Kranti Day*, firmly assures all these patriotic organisations, continuation of this struggle till final victory for the rights of the people.

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