

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF ELECTRICITY EMPLOYEES & ENGINEERS

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A virtual meeting of the NCCOEEE National Chapter took place on 17th February, 2022. K O Habeeb presided over the meeting. Salient points of discussion and decisions of the meeting are appended below:

1. As discussed earlier on 29th January, the Union representing employees of Chandigarh took part in one day Strike on 1st February, 2022 with 100% participation. The Strikers mobilised at Sector- 17 of Chandigarh City, hundreds of workers and good number of engineers from Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir joined the solidarity rally along with members of AISGEF. Strike call on 7th February was postponed.

United forum of Employees and Engineers of Pondicherry as resolved went for indefinite Strike from 1st February to oppose privatisation. NCCOEEE programme of massive Nation wide Protest Demonstration on the day in solidarity support to Chandigarh as well Pondyicherry power employees and engineers were observed all over the country. Memorandums to both the UTs were sent to LG and Administrator. Majority of the NCCOEEE leaders were physically present at Chandigarh and addressed the massive demonstration there. Similar mobilisation will also took place at Pondyicherry on 1st February. Regional leaders from Tamilnadu, Kerala attended the Pondyicherry rally on 1st February. Shri Shailendra Dubey and Prasanta N Chowdhury rushed from Chandigarh to Puducherry and addressed the there on 2nd February. The Chief Minister, met the delegation and assured to intervene into the matter with GoI to drop the matter of privatisation of power sector. He requested to postpone the strike. His request was conceded to.

2. Unlike Puducherry, Chandigarh UT does not have any elected Government. Formal administrator of this UT is Governor of Punjab. One Joint Secretary of GoI looks after the affair. So, no conciliation or dialogue has yet been opened in Chandigarh. Powermen's Union has decided to call for 3 days' strike there from 22nd to 24th February, 2022. Meanwhile various civic society organisations organised Mass Dharna on 15th February. Support to this anti-privatisation struggle has been extended to by all political parties, Trade Unions, peasants of villages excepting BJP and its allies. NCCOEEE decided following action plans to make the strike successful :

- I. All power sector employees' organisations will be requested not to allow any of their members from the adjacent states to agree their deployment at Chandigarh to break the strike.

- II. NCCOEEE memorandum will be sent to Home Minister, Government of India declaring full support to this anti-privatisation struggle, clearly indicating that, if any repressive / punitive measure is imposed to any of the striking employee invoking undemocratic laws like ESMA etc. Arena of struggle will be widened to power sector all over the country.
 - III. All NCCOEEE constituent organisations of Electricity Employees and Engineers will organise massive demonstrations at all state capitals in support of the anti-privatisation strike of the Chandigarh electricity employees. Memorandum will be sent to Home Minister, Government of India with demands to drop the privatisation plan of profit making efficient exemplary efficient Chandigarh power utility.
 - IV. Mobilisation of power sector employees and engineers at Chandigarh from the nearby states to join rally of striking workers at Sector-17 as per schedule below:
22 February - Haryana, 23 February - Punjab 24 February - HP , UP
 - V. Fore front leaders of NCCOEEE are requested to be available at Chandigarh to boost the spirit of the Striking Workers.
3. NCCOEEE resolved to extend fullest support in true sense and spirit to Two Days' Nation wide strike on 23rd & 24th February, 2022. In view of break in Parliament session, the Two days Strike will take place on 28th & 29th March next. NCCOEEE reaffirmed all NCCOEEE constituent Trade Union members will take part in the Strike and all NCCOEEE constituent (NON TU) Association members (other than who are engaged in emergency operation) will take part in the demonstration in both the days through participation in Day Long Work Boycott.
 4. NCCOEEE decided to extend support to Anti-privatisation struggle of AP Employees and Engineers to oppose of AP Government's decision to transfer Sri Damodaram Sanjeevaiah Thermal Power Station of Nellore District to private hand. Draft memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh, will be circulated. NCCOEEE and all the National Federations and their state constituents will send memorandum to CM, AP requesting to put hold upon transfer of the power Station to private party.



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