

# **NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF ELECTRICITY EMPLOYEES & ENGINEERS**

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## **Press Release on National Protest Day Opposing the Electricity (Amendment), Bill 2020**

National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees & Engineers (NCCOEEEE), the broad based united platform of almost all National Federations of Electricity Employees & Engineers of the country organized **National Protest Day on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020** wearing black badges and raising Black Banners **to oppose the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020** on all the work places of Power utilities all over 680 Districts of the country & Metroplitan cities at 9895 spots covering Hqrs of power companies in state capitals, Zonal, Districts, Circles, Divisions, Sub-Divisions, Power Plants, Sub-Stations, Section offices, Consumer Care Centres, Call centres in all the states and Union Territories like Chandigarh, J&K, Ladakh & Pondicherry. All spots of protest demonstrations took multiplicity of colour, as the participants represented All India Power Engineers' Federation (AIPEF), All India Powermens Federation (AIPF), All India Federation of Power Diploma Engineers (AIFOPDE), All India Federation of Electricity Employees (AIFEE), Electricity Employees Federation of India (EEFI), Indian National Electricity Workers Federation (INEWF) & TNEBPWF(LPF). Main object of the Bill is transferring assets of the power network from Generating Station Bus to doors of 25 crore households and farmers' fields, developed through seven decades at the cost of public exchequer to private hands, in other terms cronies closer to government. The Protest demonstration ranged from Sikkim, Meghalaya in the North-east to Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat Kerala and Kanyakumari embracing Hills, deserts and Ocean in North, South and western periphery of the country.

The leaders of the Federations and unions while addressing the demonstration strongly criticized the Govt. of India for its heinous decision to introduce Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2020 towards privatization of distribution of all UT's during the period when entire country is locked down facing Covid-19 attack and electricity Employees & Engineers are in forefront to maintain continuity of power supply in cities & Hospitals. The proposed Bill has prescribed 3Tier privatization in Distribution business. Last tier i.e. franchises will not require any license. The proposition transpires; MoP is conceiving ridiculous idea of informalization of risk prone electricity distribution job requiring high level of skill and acumen.

NCCOEEEE along with all its constituent Federations put fervent appeal to all the Chief Ministers & 780 Members of Parliament to oppose the Bill as it will curtail the access to electricity for all poor domestic and agricultural consumers. SEBs made India food sufficient country from a starving one. This Bill, if enacted will endanger the food security of the country. Governments of Telengana, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Bihar and a few other states has refuted the Bill intending convert electricity from concurrent list of the constitution to Central list in gross travesty of the constitution.

Apex leaders, as well members NCCOEEEE national chapter greeted the members of all constituent Federations to make the protest Day a grand success. They expected the spirit of all Electricity Employees and Engineers to oppose anti-people power policy of the Government will remain elevated to protect the right to electricity of all people of India as NCCOEEEE reaffirms electricity is not for profit of Adani, Ambani & Tata, rather it is for socio-economic development of the Indians in its totality.

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