

PRIVATIZATION OF EARSTWHILE J&K POWER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, EMPLOYEES IN A DELIMA

It has come to the fore that proposal on privatization of erstwhile J&K Power Development Department is being deliberated upon. This development has sent ripples across rank and file of power employees consisting of more than 26000 families. Particularly, as the newly carved out corporations are still in the stage of infancy post unbundling and as corporations are yet to stabilize. The approved SAC report on unbundling of erstwhile department is yet to be implemented fully on ground and a new privatization proposal is being floated.

Worthwhile to mention here that the High-powered committee constituted by ministry of Power (MOP), Government of India has recommended for abstaining from privatization in UT's of J&K and Ladakh as of now, citing various reasons concerning stability of operations. Even at the national level, All India Power Engineering Federation (AIPEF) & Northern India Power Engineering Federation (NIPEF) has on record expressed their reservations on this issue. At this juncture, JKEEGA in agreement with AIPEF and NIPEF unequivocally

opposes any such move which will jeopardize the careers and livelihood of employees and their dependents.

In this context the Honorable Baseer Ahmad Khan Advisor to Honorable Lieutenant Governor is requested to intervene personally in this matter keeping in view interest & concerns of the employees, so as to stop any such proposal. When the process of unbundling is yet to bear fruit, as any such move related to privatization at this juncture is highly demoralizing, demotivating and as a source of mental agony for the employees.