



JKPEECC opposes amended Electricity Bill, to join Aug 18 protest

Srinagar, Aug 16: National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers (NCCOE) - the united platform of National Federation of Electricity Employees and Engineers will be observing National Energy Security Day on 18th August across India in solidarity to coal workers strike for withdrawal of Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020 and to oppose privatization of electricity distribution in Union Territories, UP Purbanchal (Varanasi) and Odisha (CESU).

In line with the online meeting of National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers (NCCOE), presided over by All India Federation of Electricity Employees President Mohan Sharma held on August 4, all Jammu & Kashmir Power Engineers and Employees Coordination Committee (JKPEECC) will lend whole hearted support to this genuine call and observe



protest day on August 18 for seeking withdrawal of Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020 and to oppose privatization of electricity distribution in union territories, UP Purbanchal (Varanasi) and Odisha (CESU) by carrying anti-privatization placards "no privatisation and no victimisation" on that day in their respective work places.

"To rush through such changes in power sector at a time when the states/UT's and general public face the novel corona virus (COVID-19) crisis is inexplicable.

Privatization of electricity is no way for power sector reforms, rather it will impact adversely upon poor domestic consumers, medium and small industries & and poor farmers," the JKPEECC said in a statement.

"It seems the Central Government is out to destroy the power sector of country despite the fact that during the COVID-19 crisis, only the public sector companies stood by the government, while the private sector is nowhere visible in this bad time in the country," it said.

JKPEECC said that all the Power Engineers and Employees of J&K feel the proposed amendments are not backed up by the sufficient application of the mind.

"The centre should therefore refrain from going ahead with this amendment. The JKPEECC in one voice oppose the proposal of central government move regarding privatization of DISCOMS in Union Territories," it said.