

JKPEECC stages protest against privatization

Srinagar, Aug 18: In continuation to its struggle the Power Sector Engineers & Employees of Jammu & Kashmir under the banner of Jammu and Kashmir Power Engineers and Employees Coordination Committee (JKPEECC) observed peaceful symbolic protest on 18th August seeking withdrawal of Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020 and while opposing privatization process of electricity distribution in Union Territories.

The power sector employees and engineers of Jammu & Kashmir exercised their democratic right by carrying anti-privatization placards "NO PRIVATISATION NO VICTIMIZATION" at their respective workplaces across Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The proposed amendments in the Electricity Act 2003 and National Tariff Policy are not only



anti-employee but also against the interests of the general public. The bill is "anti-farmer" and "anti-domestic consumer" and paves the way for privatization of the entire power sector in the country.

Privatization of Electricity is no way for any power sector reforms; rather it will impact adversely upon poor

domestic consumers, medium and small industries and poor farmers. After the privatization move or passing of Bill, the farmers as well as domestic consumers will have to pay much higher electricity bills as compared to the existing one. Besides, the career of Millions of Engineers and Employees of the country has

been put at stake. The Central Government is out to destroy the power sector of the 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.

Jammu and Kashmir Power Engineers and Employees Coordination Committee (JKPEECC) greets all the Engineers & Employees of Power Department in J&K in making the protest Day a grand success. The spirit of all Power Employees and Engineers to oppose anti-people power policy of the Government will remain elevated to protect the right to electricity for all people of India as JKPEECC reaffirms electricity is not for profit, rather it is for socio-economic development in its totality.