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Press Note

HERC issues final order giving effect to Section 108 directions - parallel licence not to be proceeded with; EEFI warns against fresh Central push for listing and Agri DISCOM

The Electricity Employees' Federation of India (EEFI) welcomes the order dated 28 October 2026 of the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission in Petition No. 30 of 2026. The Commission has recorded the directions issued by the Government of Haryana on 26 October 2026 under Section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003, and has decided not to proceed further with the parallel distribution licence granted to Eleven Power Private Limited so long as those directions remain operative. The Commission has also rejected the company's request for a hearing on the matter.

This is the formal culmination of the victory achieved by the 48-hour statewide strike of more than 40,000 employees and engineers under the Haryana Electricity Employees and Engineers Joint Struggle Front, and by the solidarity of farmers' organisations, other trade unions and ordinary consumers. EEFI had insisted that the State Government must exercise its power under Section 108 and had demanded a clear policy direction against parallel licensing. The employees and the people forced the Government to act. The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that parallel licence will not be allowed in Haryana. The Commission has now given effect to that policy. EEFI salutes the struggle that made this possible.

At the same time, EEFI draws attention to a D.O. letter dated 19 October 2026 from the Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India, to the Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana. The letter presses for early listing of UHBVNL, DHBVNL, HPGCL and HVPNL, notes that the separate Agri DISCOM is yet to be fully operationalised, and calls for expeditious appointment of consultants by HPGCL and HVPNL for the listing process. Listing of public power utilities and creation of a separate Agri DISCOM are moves that fragment the integrated public sector and open the door to privatisation. The same forces that sought to introduce a parallel private licensee are now pushing these measures from the Centre.

Discussions between the Government of Haryana and the Joint Struggle Front are scheduled on 3 November 2026. EEFI calls upon the State Government to take a clear and firm stand in these discussions. It must announce that no step will be taken towards listing of the State power utilities or towards operationalisation of a separate Agri DISCOM in a manner that weakens the public sector. The State Government must not succumb to pressure from the Central Government on these matters.

EEFI once again salutes every employee, engineer, farmer and citizen who participated in the struggle. Vigilance is required until the written Section 108 direction is fully protected and no fresh privatisation move is allowed to advance.

Long live the unity of electricity employees!
Defend public electricity! No to listing of power utilities!

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