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(RECOGNIZED FEDERATIONS OF DEFENCE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES)

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To,

**All the affiliated Unions of
AIDEF, INDWF, BPMS**

FEDERATIONS APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA WHO IS THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES TO INTERVENE IN THE ALLEGED GROSS IRREGULARITIES REPORTED IN THE PRESS IN THE EOI cum RFP FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR PROCESSING THE CORPORATIZATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORY BOARD.

We hope you must have come to know by this time that a complaint has been filed with the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) about the various irregularities in the EOI cum RFP for selection of consultant for processing the Corporatization of Ordnance Factory Board. This has been reported in the National English Dailies also. Since, It has come in the public domain the 3 Federations discussed about the steps to be taken by the Federations in this regard. After discussion it was decided that the Federations should approach the Office of the Honourable President of India who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces for intervening in the matter, since the allegations made by the complainant are of a serious nature. Accordingly the 3 Federations today submitted a Joint appeal to the Honourable President of India, Prime Minister and Defence Minister pointing out the various irregularities which was reported in the News papers. In our appeal we have categorically mention the following:

"If the allegations made in the complaint to the CVC is true, then the officials of DDP have not done due diligence for use of public money and they have not adhered to Rule 21 of GFR 2017. Such officials have been entrusted with the responsibility of Corporatization of the Ordnance Factories. We are afraid that if this proceeds in this direction it will have serious implications about the future of the Ordnance Factories and the Defence preparedness of our country".

We have appealed to the Honourable President that since the Armed Forces are under the direct control of President of India, the 4th Force of the Defence i.e., the Ordnance Factories also should be under the control of President of India as a Departmental organisation. A copy of the Joint letter dated 22-7-2020 of AIDEF, INDWF and BPMS along with a press statement is enclosed with this circular for your information and for informing the employees. This joint letter may be used as a campaigning material by all the Affiliated Unions. The press statement may also please be issued to the local press for publication.



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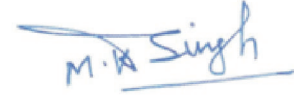
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PRESS RELEASE

FOR FAVOUR OF PUBLICATION

To,

The Editor

DEFENCE EMPLOYEES FEDERATIONS APPROACH THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO INTERVENE IN THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE RFP (TENDER) FLOATED BY MoD TO APPOINT A CONSULTANT FOR CORPORATIZATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES.

FEDERATIONS REQUEST THE PRESIDENT TO WITHDRAW THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE OF CORPORATIZATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES.

The 80000 Defence Civilian Employees working in the 41 Ordnance Factories under the Department of Defence Production is preparing for an Indefinite Strike against the move of the Government to Corporatize the Ordnance Factories. Strike ballot is taken in all the Ordnance Factories and 99% of the employees have given mandate for commencing the Indefinite strike. Agitation is going on in all the Factories inspite of the COVID-19 pandemic after the Finance Minister made the announcement on 16-5-2020 in the name of Atmanirbar Bharat. . In the meantime on 6-7-2020 the Defence Ministry floated a EOI cum RFP (Tender) for appointment of a consultant to process the Corporatization of Ordnance Factory Board.

In this situation, reports have started coming in the National Dailies that a complaint has already being lodged with the Chief Vigilance Commissioner against the gross irregularities and serious lacunas in the EOI cum RFP floated by the Government to select a consultant to process the Corporatization of the Ordnance Factories. The complainant points out many irregularities including the generosity shown about making payment to the vendor as fast as possible so that MoD and consultant will be out of picture, let whatever happens to the Ordnance Factories.

The Federations (AIDEF, INDWF and BPMS) after studying contents of the complaint registered with the CVC have now approached the Honourable President of India for his intervene in this serious matter. The Federations in their representation to the President of India has brought the following to his notice.

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The Federations have made a special request to the President of India which is given below.

Our special appeal to the Honourable President is that since your honour is the supreme Commander of the 3 forces, the 4th Force of Defence of our country i.e. the Ordnance Factories should also be under your control and the same cannot be handed to private corporate through the Corporatization route. At present the Ordnance Factories are Accountable to the parliament and subjected to CAG Audit. A major portion of the Defence Budget is for Procurement and the private Corporates are always having an eagles eye on the Defence Budget. It is also pertinent to mention here about the past history where so many complaints about corruption in Defence Procurements from private Sector and Foreign Military Industries has taken place and shaken the country. The Country cannot afford once again to land in to any Defence scams.

The Federations have further appealed to the Honourable President of India that as already recommended by the Parliamentary Standing committee that OFB should continue to remain as a Departmental Organisation and as stake holders we are prepared to sit with the DDP and find out ways and means to further improve, strengthen the functioning of Ordnance Factories to develop it as a State of the Art Defence manufacturing complex to achieve the ultimate aim of self reliance and Defence preparedness of the Country.



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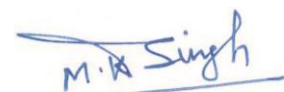


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