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### Language

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Opposition to privatization continues in many parts of the world. For example the *The Times of India* reported in January 2014 a threatened strike by power engineers in the state of Uttar Pradesh opposing state plans to privatize power supplies in four cities. It is impossible to provide solid references for all these struggles, but those cited below give an impression of the breadth of resistance.

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3. campaign in Delhi against raised tariffs and proposed privatization.

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