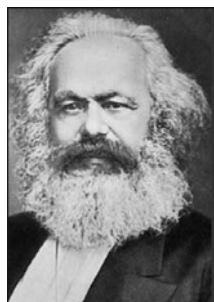


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“The need of a constantly expanding market for its products chases the bourgeoisie over the whole surface of the globe. ...The bourgeoisie has, through its exploitation of the world-market, given a cosmopolitan character to production and consumption in every country. ... It is enough to mention the commercial crises that, by their periodical return, put the existence of the entire bourgeois society on its trial, each time more threateningly. ... And how does the bourgeoisie get over these crises? On the one hand by enforced destruction of a mass of productive forces ; on the other, by the conquest of new markets, and by the more thorough exploitation of the old ones.”

— KARL MARX



21 December, 1879 - 5 March, 1953

“The workers cannot trust their leaders when these leaders sink into the swamp of the diplomatic game, when their words are not supported by deeds, when the words and deeds of leaders do not coincide. Why have the Russian workers displayed such boundless confidence in Comrade Lenin? Merely because his policies were correct? No. Not because of that alone, but also because they knew that there was no contradiction between Lenin’s words and Lenin’s deeds, because they knew: ‘Lenin does not fool us!’

“It was on this, among other things, that Lenin’s authority rested. That is how Lenin trained the workers, that is how he kept alive in them faith in leaders.”

— J. V. STALIN

Land Acquisition Ordinance

Blueprint of disaster for the millions of poor to build smart edifice for the rich

The present BJP government at the Centre led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has hastily given effect to an ordinance bypassing Parliament ostensibly for acquiring land for development. For a prime minister who had taken entry into Parliament acting like a devotee entering the sacred temple of democracy, it was indeed a devoutly democratic deed! And for his democratically elected government taking the abjectly undemocratic ordinance route instead of facing Parliament was also nothing novel, the present ordinance being the eleventh in just 250 days in office.

Present ordinance and its background

Meant to amend the LARR Act, 2013, (Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act), popularly known as the Land Acquisition Act which was passed by the last Congress-led UPA government, the present Act provides for as follows: *Number one*, five ‘eminent domain’ sectors have been specified namely affordable housing for the poor, the country’s defence

capabilities including manufacturing of defence materials, PPP (Public – Private Partnership) projects on social infrastructure which include private health and educational institutions, industrial corridors and rural infrastructure such as roads and power. To smoothen the land acquisition process, it is claimed, the ordinance relaxes norms for land purchases for these special or eminent categories of projects. *Number two*, such projects would neither require any mandatory consent of land owners nor social impact assessment of land acquisition, till now required as per the LARR Act 2013. *Number three*, to acquire land for these projects, it would no longer require to distinguish between fertile and ‘unfertile’ or irrigated and non-irrigated. *Number four*, the government is allowed by the ordinance to acquire land for individual industrialists. *Number five*, the ordinance waters down the five-year time limit put on projects after which, as the LARR Act 2013 required, the land would have to be returned to the owner, had

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SUCI(C) denounces the Union Budget 2015 as pro-capitalist, pro-rich and anti-people

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI (C), has, in a quick reaction to the Union Budget, 2015, said on 28 February that when the people of the country are bleeding white under galloping price rise, mounting unemployment, escalating job loss, appalling poverty and pauperization, unavailability of rudimentary means to eke out a bare living, rampant corruption and are dying of hunger and starvation, the BJP Finance Minister with cleverest of demagoguery interspersed with apparently incomprehensible economic jargons has presented a budget which, notwithstanding surfeit of routinized hollow promises, announcement of a slew of programmes, most of which are old wine in new bottles, which conventionally remain on paper and customary shedding of crocodile tears for the poor and underprivileged, is wholly and solely aimed at serving the vested class interest of the monopolists, industrial houses and corporate sector. Wearing a radical cloak, he has made every attempt to ensure that in the name of giving boost to private investment, infrastructure development, manufacturing industry, stock market operations and widening social security network through increased thrust on pension and insurance, the sectors in which large inflow of FDI is expected, the capitalist owners continue to reap maximum benefits both in terms of tax concessions, credit off-take and duty waivers. The hoax of job creation through stimulation of investment by offering plenty of facilities to the private capitalists has also, like previous years, featured in this budget. Nakedly, he has reduced corporate tax from 30 to 25% while keeping the tax slab of the individuals unaltered. Wealth Tax has been abolished. Service tax which is straightaway recovered from the end consumers in the form of loading on the bills has been increased from 12.36% to 14%. Unproductive defence budget has been raised to as high as Rs 2,46,727 crores. The Finance Minister has also made a total mockery in regard to unearthing and generation of black money by just stating that all such holders of unaccounted money and tax evaders will be firmly dealt with. But even a child in this country knows that it is the top monopolists, corporate bigwigs, unscrupulous politicians and corrupt bureaucrats who thrive on black money and hence the so-called belligerence of the government which is installed in power with the backing of the ruling monopolists is nothing but playing to the gallery. The so-called thrust on

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BJP's *volte face* on land acquisition

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it remained unutilized.

Here it may be worthwhile to recall the background in which the country started to pay attention to the issues concerning land acquisition leading to the LARR Act 2013. It was during the historic Singur-Nandigram movements in West Bengal that the issues like forcible acquisition of fertile agricultural land, with or without consent of land-owners as well as the question of assessing social impact of such acquisitions came to the fore. The then CPI (M)-led front government of the state took advantage of the old British time Act of 1894 to grab multi-crop lands in well-populated areas of Singur and Nandigram for doling those out to domestic and foreign monopolists in the name of industrialization. The latter, that is the monopolists, and the government playing subservient to them, suddenly seemed to have become hyperactive to grab 'land' as a precious commodity. Similar incidents started taking place also in other states ruled by other parties, like Kalinganagar, Odisha, Dadri near Delhi-UP border etc. Drawing inspiration from the historic movements of Singur and Nandigram, peasants of other states also built up movement to resist forcible acquisition of agricultural land. Since the CPI(M)-led government in West Bengal fell back upon the 1894 Act promulgated during the British rule to justify its initiative to grab fertile land, demands were raised from the vortex of movement to change that colonial Land Act which, *inter alia*, did not take into account the soaring land prices due to urbanization and stipulated that compensation would be paid only to the owners and not to others eking out a living from that land like the sharecroppers, *bargadars*, agricultural labours and other sections of population. So, the main intents for demanding an amendment to that law were to provide for adequate safeguard and security to all those who had been dependent on the targeted land for their life and livelihood. Thus came afresh, the questions of obtaining the consent of the owner peasants, assessing the social impact of land acquisition, and thereupon, of paying adequate compensation to and properly rehabilitating the affected people.

BJP now amends what it helped to get passed

Pressure of the movement compelled the then Congress-led UPA government at the Centre to amend the old 1894 Act. The LARR

Act, 2013 was framed by the UPA government after a prolonged discussion for over a period of seven years. It was passed with the consent of all major parties in Parliament, including the BJP, only after going through two Parliamentary Standing Committees in 2007 and 2009, both headed by senior BJP leaders, then in opposition in Parliament. The 31st report of the Standing Committee on Rural Development, headed by none other than the present Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Sumitra Mahajan of the BJP, prevented the UPA from indiscriminately expanding the definition of public purpose for which land is to be acquired, and even recommended deletion of the clause that gave wide discretion to the government to define infrastructure projects. The committee had also recommended that land should not be acquired by the government for use by PPPs (Public-Private Partnership) and private companies and that the definition of "public purpose" be confined and limited to state-sponsored projects. Further it favoured a greater role for the gram sabha (village committees) not only in matters of consent but in all matters, as a suggested route for helping social impact assessment. Even as late as in August 2014, rules for the Act were framed and notified by the present Modi government. So all through the process, the BJP was involved thick and thin in it.

The earlier LARR Act 2013

In any case, the LARR Act 2013 brought under the undeniable pressure of people's resistance to forced land acquisition, had to incorporate several clauses. There were the questions of compensation and rehabilitation-resettlement of the affected people. In this regard, it was added that acquisition will need mandatory consent of 80 per cent of the owners when the government acquires land and 70 per cent of them for PPP projects. There was also the provision that if the acquired land allotted for so-called development remained unused for five years, it would have to be returned to the owners.

But there were loopholes in the Act leaving out escape routes for the land grabbers. The whole process of acquisition-rehabilitation-resettlement was fraught with bureaucratic and legal labyrinths, dreadful for the farmers. The 'owners of the land' were addressed, but vast number of landless labours, sharecroppers and others surviving on land and

agriculture were dumped in the category of 'other affected families'. The earlier UPA government never tried to give effect to the provision for returning unused land to the owners after five years. As the Comptroller and Auditor General of India informed Parliament in November last, of 45,635 hectare land acquired by the government for the Special Economic Zones (SEZs), more than a third, 38% remains unused for long. 1250 acre land grabbed for Navi Mumbai SEZ remains as it is since 2006; nor is it returned to the original owners. That SEZ, incidentally, is meant for benefitting Mukesh Ambani, the leading industrialist and one of the friends-philosophers-guides of the present Modi government.

Some pertinent questions

And there were other vital and fundamental questions associated with the issue. By its nature, land is a permanent asset to people. It feeds not only a few peasants but also their families and that through their generations. It is intimately linked with their right to live. Do not forcible grabbing of land from them amount to denying them the right to live? If for argument's sake it is accepted that land needs to be taken, who will answer these questions? Can any amount of compensation really compensate people's loss of this land, upon which they lived for generations? Whom would the government or the companies compensate? Only a few individuals of one generation. What will be the fate of their next generations? Besides, people are devastated by the intense industrial recession, ever-mounting unemployment, soaring price and such other maladies the capitalist system is breeding every moment. How long will the fistful of compensation last to withstand this devastation? Then there is 'rehabilitation and resettlement'. Can resettlement to a piece of land chosen by the state, its government and the land-grabbing sharks really settle people evicted from where they have traditionally dwelt and worked upon? It were these and many such questions that necessitated that if land were genuinely required and acquired, could that be done without thorough assessment of these and other social impacts?

All these questions were there in the air when the Congress-led UPA government had mooted and gave effect to the LARR Act 2013. The BJP, then a party in opposition, too raised this or that of the above

questions. Now they themselves are in the governmental power, at the Centre and in a few states. However, even before the Act has been fully implemented and tested by any government, State or Union, the latter, the Modi government, started creating an impression that the LARR 2013 was an impediment to the development needs of the country. So, there is immediate need for its amendment. And finally three senior members of the cabinet rushed to the country's President on the last night of 2014 and had the new ordinance signed over by him to see that the same comes in force before the dawn of the New Year.

BJP justifies its volte-face

Why this haste? The union cabinet justifies its decision by holding that the amendment was necessary to smoothen the process of land acquisition for the sake of development. It said that Section 105 of the LARR Act necessitated that 13 Central legislations like the Land Acquisition (Mines) Act, 1885, National Highways Act, 1956, Coal Bearing Areas Acquisition and Development Act, 1957, Railways Act and the Electricity Act ought to be amended by 1 January 2015. So the Ordinance was unavoidable. A technical point! But the government suppresses the alternative available; it could have extended the deadline through a Notification in Parliament without resorting to such a clumsily hasty move taken under the cover of night. A few months back, the Ministry of Road and Surface Transport of the Modi government blamed the LARR 2013 Act for holding up sanctioned projects worth Rs. 4 crore. Now, with the amended Act in place, the projects, or their likes, would not need the consent of 80% of landowners during acquisition. They can take over any land they wish for those infrastructure projects belonging to the 'eminent domain'; they can build up anything they want, or may leave it for any length of time without any worry; they need not bother about any impact of their act on the society. Modi and his government can also grab land for the industrialists-monopolists-the rich and their henchmen to bring the *achhe din* he promised before the election. But what about the *achhe din* or good days for the vast millions of common people, the pauperized rural poor, the voters he allured with the pledge to bring him to the seat of power? To judge we should see through the amended Act.

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The mentor and master ruling capitalist class is being repaid in full

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Seeing through the ordinance

First, will there be many things left in people's life and livelihood beyond the five 'eminent domain' sectors for land acquisition? Or even if there be, with a slight manoeuvring with pen and paper by the government-bureaucracy-monopolist-industrialist-rural kulaks nexus, can not those issues beyond the sectors be included in them? And if it be, outright those lands under question will be made free from the hazards of asking for consent of the owners and carrying out social impact assessment. Does it not mean that consent of the affected families and social impact assessment, the minimum solace for people in the LARR Act 2013, are virtually given a permanent good bye?

Second, the ordinance provides for offering compensation to *only* the owners. As mentioned above, the compensation may turn out to be fruitless and fallacious for the affected family, already bleeding white from the all-out crisis of the capitalist system manifested in mounting recession, unemployment, price rise and so forth. More so, it is not a question of just the present; it is for generations to come, who will stand helplessly devastated to see what has because of the permanent asset, their land, upon which their ancestors lived.

Third, what will be the fate of the millions of landless labourers, sharecroppers, agricultural workers as well as others in the rural communities that directly or indirectly are linked with and surviving on land and agriculture? This ordinance excludes them totally from receiving any compensation, erasing downright the category of 'other affected families' in which these hapless people were included though pitifully in the LARR Act 2013.

Fourth, levelling together fertile and 'unfertile' or irrigated and non-irrigated lands is a measure typifying the ordinance and casting an ominous spell for not just the peasants, but even the country as a whole. In many parts of the country, not just in remote hinterlands, but also in the heart of the well-populated areas, the peasants will be found to have converted many unfertile land into fertile with their sustained painstaking labour over the years. It will also be found that, to whatever minimum it may be, some amount of land of the country has been brought under irrigation. Now lumping these together, fertile and

'unfertile' or irrigated with non-irrigated, would mean that the land grabbers will gleefully usurp without any compunction, the hard labour of the farmers that they had put to bring about a change in the character of the land, converting it from non-agricultural to agricultural or the expenses from public exchequer for developing irrigation. Who is going to compensate for that?

Besides, doling out fertile irrigated lands to the privileged for such and such 'eminent domain' sector projects is going to affect food production and tell severely upon the food security of the country, leaving its people at the door of starvation and at the mercy of the black marketeers-hoarders-administration nexus. Though the government in our country claims that there is surplus in agricultural food crop and spares no effort in substantiating the claim by presenting surfeit of statistics, the fact is that majority of the country's population do not get even one square meal a day. Thousands are dying from starvation. Unable to afford purchase of bare minimum eatables, the poor, in order to meet hunger are consuming rotten, even poisonous stuff like mango seeds, insects, etc. Even if it is agreed for argument's sake that through application of latest scientific techniques, the fertility of the land would be increased and multi-crop production on single land would substantially go up, can it be ruled out that decline in cultivable land will be fraught with the danger of diminishing return and thus fall far short of meeting the growing food requirement of the country's people?

Fifth, as the ordinance allows the government to acquire land for individual industrialists, it will only add to the boon for the latter. It will only save them from hazards, for instance, much of their embarrassment from the difficult task of land acquisition and from their commitment to the society or land owners.

And last but not least by any means, is that with the provisions of the ordinance the land grabbers can now leave the land as it is for any length of time.

The ordinance brazenly subservient to corporate interest

So, it is evident that the present ordinance is brazenly subservient to the interest of the domestic and foreign monopolists who need land at convenient locations without having

any obligation to compensate the evicted poor peasants and other villagers. It is highly undemocratic and brought in most undemocratically. Not only that. It is even criminal that the ordinance legalizes acquisition of land without consent of the landowners. Thus the amendment is highly inimical to the interest of the peasants and blatantly pro-monopolist, pro-corporate.

That is why, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) took credit for the decision and described it as a serious commitment to economic reforms. It said in a release: "CII whole-heartedly welcomes the fact that the government has incorporated our suggestion to exempt projects in certain important sectors like defence, rural electrification, rural housing and industrial corridors from the mandatory 80 per cent consent from affected families." Assocham, another industry body, stated that "Indian industry whole-heartedly welcomes the much-needed changes in the Land Acquisition Act. The government has achieved a good balance between interests of farmers and development needs".

As indicated above, this claim is abjectly hypocritical. We may need to add two more points to bring out the hypocrisy further. The monopolists and the governments, now the Modi government, subservient to them, have always tried to make people believe that land is a dire necessity for industries and hence for the development of the country, employment for people and so on. But wherein lies the crux of the problem?

One, have all the lands so far acquired been utilized? Two, if not, why? It has already been mentioned that more than a third of the land acquired and handed over to the industrialists, is lying unutilized. And those industrialists include even such big guns like Ambanis or the Jindals. In fact, the problem is not at all with the land. It lies in the very playground of the monopolists, the industrialists. It is in the market. The capitalist exploitation has fleeced people to their bone. It robs people of even the minimum purchasing power to barely eke out a living. And naturally, loss of purchasing power means loss of buyers in the market; loss of buyers in turn affect sale of commodities; less sale means commodities accumulate, industries first cut their production short, take to retrenchment or lay off of work force and then close down the shutters. The entire capitalist world is suffering from tremendous

recession which they cannot overcome. When the existing industries are in the grip of such recession, only the insane will look ahead for newer industries.

Modi pays back his mentors-masters

At this critical hour of the monopolists, Modi was wholeheartedly backed and boosted up by them. So he is under obligation to pay back the debts by implementing pro-industrialist policies as expeditiously as possible. It may be mentioned that some pilot initiatives to meet the class need of the ruling monopolists were taken by Modi during his tenure as the Gujarat chief minister. There he enacted the Special Investment Region (SIR) Act, 2009, to facilitate large-scale land acquisition. It was meant for developing and distributing to 13 SIRs and four industrial areas centered on manufacturing to the band of industrialists and monopolists like Tata, Ambani, Adani and so on. They got hold of the land at throwaway price and could use it to enhance their fortune under the hype of 'vibrant Gujarat'. Then again there was the Nano car project of the Tatas, which Modi welcomed to Gujarat when the Tatas and the then CPI(M) led government in West Bengal could not set it up on the extremely fertile land of Singur in the face of strong resistance of the affected peasants and other villagers. To the benefit of the Tatas, Modi, then CM of Gujarat, offered lavish concessions, nearly interest free loans to the extent of almost 10,000 crore rupees and other facilities, that summed up to assistance to the tune of about 30,000 crore rupees, obviously from the tax-payers money. Now in the long run (or, rather the short run for within a decade!), the said SIRs have earned Modi the distinction of the architect of *crony capitalism* (euphemism for a strong bond between the exploitative capitalists and the government) and the Modi government is nicknamed as *Ambani-Adani-Sarkaar*. As for the Nano project of the Tatas, it now lies shut down for half of a week, with the Tatas planning for closing the factories for a month or so. (economictimes.com/2014). However, the monopolists have made their booties. So, they found in Modi a most trusted Prime Minister who could serve their class interest with utmost efficiency. And, they backed Modi with money and media power to ascend to the throne of Prime Minister. And now they must

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Lands acquired, people robbed, no industry in sight, food production jeopardized, yet corporate rejoice: the ordinance in nutshell

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have been asserting themselves putting pressure on their blue-eyed Prime Minister to give effect to Gujarat-like legislations and projects at the national level. Only this can explain the vulgar hurry of enactment of the Land Act through the ordinance route. The very argument of the Union Finance Minister that "states, ministries and stakeholders had been reporting many difficulties in the implementation of the previous 2014 Act and hence the expediency in bringing the new Act" sounds ridiculous as the previous Act was preceded by a long consultative process and has not been tested enough after its promulgation.

Call for industry a hoax, food security pushed towards debacle

It is pertinent to mention once more that not only the call for industry is a hoax. If, on that plea, fertile agricultural land is destroyed through indiscriminate acquisition, it would also have, as shown above, a tremendous adverse effect on food production of the country. Already, a huge amount of arable land acquired for the so-called purpose of setting up industries is lying unutilized. These lands cannot be reconverted into agricultural stretches. If more agricultural land is acquired and destroyed, the fallout will be disastrous. Any new industry that may happen to come up, if at all, can use the unutilized land in factory premises or the land of thousands of closed down industries.

The ordinance spells doom for people

It is extremely unlikely that the monopolists and their political manager, the government, do not realize these problems. Still they go on with their plans. What for? With what design? That is reflected in their 'eminent domain' concept for land acquisition. It includes social infrastructure with private health and educational institutions, rural infrastructure such as roads and power along with the defence capabilities. Augmenting military capabilities has in fact played the role of the saviour for the crisis-ridden capitalist economy ever since the country earned independence. Thus side by side with mounting poverty, illiteracy, destitution of vast millions, defence budget and defence capabilities have leapfrogged to reach its present staggering share of the country's economy. At present India is one of the largest arms-

purchasers in the world, aspiring to be one of the largest arms-producer too. And that is a high-profit earning business for the monopolists to keep its military-industry complex running. And now with the slogan of the *achhedin*, the Modi government has included the defence requirement as well as the 'infrastructure' tag in their preference list of agenda. With FDI in defence increased to 49%, even foreign arms manufacturers would now find India a lucrative destination. And so is required land to set up such new arms manufacturing industries. Likewise, people should not miss that the *achhe din* comes accompanied with the agenda of 100 smart cities in the country. Obviously these smart cities will house the monopolists, the rich, who are nowadays adorned with some of the richest names of the world, their corporate executives and the newly emerging affluent and effervescent upper stratum of middle class that prefer to live upon the crumbs trickling down out of the closed fists of the rich. Spurt in realty promotion would need land. In the next step the government itself will come out with the agenda of land hunt for these cities; it will require the infrastructure of roads and power etc., in the vast rural hinterland for smooth movement and lighted living of these privileged; it will set up social infrastructure including educational and health facilities. It may be recalled here that, on face of acute market crisis and in absence of industrial growth, the monopolists have already identified these service sectors as the domains of unique investment, since people will have to look for education of their children or to avail of health facilities till the last drop of their blood, till their last breath. So profit is ensured against investment in these sectors. Establishment of such new education and health centres for rich and affluent would need land.

It did not take much time for the design to be revealed in concrete shape. Mukesh Ambani is silently scaling up his defence capabilities in a tie-up with France's Dassault Aviation to manufacture fighter jets in India, aiming to become one of the largest manufacturers of combat jets, Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group has announced its foray into defence. Anil Ambani has already made clear of his plans for a smart city, Dhirubhai Ambani Defence Park, for defence sector, slicing off from a \$100 billion defence plan outlay from public exchequer to fill his own coffer. The Anil Ambani firm is learnt to be in talks with several international collaborators, including

Eurocopter of France, Kamov of Russia, and Sikorsky of the US, for technology tie-ups and has reportedly approached several state governments for land for the proposed DADP, obviously bringing ruin to village people there. That defence smart city will manufacture army and navy helicopters, will import and export defence materials, will have airfield and road connectivity to the nearest port etc. Naturally such a 'defence park' will have other associated infrastructures, as enumerated above. So, there will be a hunt and grab of land. But how the proposed smart cities and set up of arms manufacturing units bring 'development' to the hapless evicted

landless people will, however, remain a million-dollar question.

This is the blueprint of the 'development' Modi and his government and party are talking of, at the altar of which they wish to use the vast millions of the country, to pay with their sweat and blood, their life and livelihood. The latter, the myriads of exploited, oppressed masses of the country, with peasants at the fore, have a singular requirement: to see through this design, to unveil the real meaning of *achhe din*, to unmask the architects planning for building for a smart country to be built upon the tears and ashes of its people and oppose this draconian Land ordinance tooth and nail. Down with the Land Acquisition Ordinance!

Delhi AIDS0 submits memorandum to the HRD minister

Delhi State Committee of AIDS0 submitted a memorandum to the Union HRD minister on 18 February. It pointed out that the no-detention policy up to class VIII is causing grave concern among students, guardians and education-loving people in general. As per the annual report of the First Education Foundation, the level of solving simple mathematical questions by school children has drastically lowered. The report further states that 50% of class 5 children cannot even read out class 2 level books.

miserable status of our students performance. This gives a true picture of the deteriorating education system in our country at the root of which lay the policy of privatization and commercialization of education which the government is giving effect to after introduction of liberalization, privatization, globalization and WTO-GATS agreements in the country. This is also making students from poor and middle classes unable to afford the costly education.

AIDS0 on behalf of conscious



AIDS0 demonstration in Delhi against abolition of pass-fail system

As per another report and analysis of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of the Ministry of Human Resource development 46.5% of class 5 students are not even able to solve ordinary mathematics questions of two digits. In an international students evaluation survey based on reading ability, mathematics and science, etc. of students aged upto 15 years, the O.E.C.D has pointed out that India stands at 72nd position out of total 73 nations (above only Kirgizstan) which shows the

students, teachers, parents and progressive intellectuals of our society appealed to the HRD minister to immediately scrap the no-detention policy by reintroducing the pass fail system upto class VIII and also reintroduce the compulsory board examination of class X.

A student demonstration was organized on 18 February. Comrade Bhaskarananda, President Delhi State Committee addressed the rally as the main speaker along with other student leaders from different colleges.

Modi finds glory in supporting imperialist war

One of the latest contributions of the BJP prime minister, Narendra Modi, was made during his recent visit to Australia. To highlight the historic ties between the two countries (India and Australia), Modi cited the example of Indian and Australian soldiers fighting shoulder-to-shoulder in Gallipoli in 1915 during the first world war, obviously as part of the imperialist British army. He further announced that the two countries would partner commemorative events as part of the centenary of the first world war and presented to his Australian counterpart a replica of a first world war trophy belonging to the Sikh Regiment. This brought out applause from many, reportedly the war veterans. They greeted it as a clarion call for everyone in this country to recognize the sacrifices made in that war by 1.3 million Indians across three countries (ostensibly India, Pakistan and Bangladesh). Included among these greetings was the one from a retired major general whose regiment was involved in the Gallipoli fight. He hailed PM's acknowledgment as a great step and a wake-up call to all Indians who don't know about India's role in the war and all those who think it was not India's war.

All said and done, the incident demands raking up the past. Number one find. As reported by the media (The Times of India 19 November 2014), it may be the 'first acknowledgment by the Indian establishment of India's role in the Great War that has hitherto been a taboo topic'. But it was never the first eulogy by some Indian including the predecessors of the present BJP and their leader Modi, of the British imperialist rule in India. Neither was it the first of any such eulogy of the devastating war which was imposed by the imperialists upon people of the world including Indians, for the sake of their frantic adventure towards capturing and redistributing markets. We propose to substantiate our claim with concrete instances shortly. Let us list up more finds.

Number two, the veterans, the war veterans of the imperialist war who were no more than local stooges of the imperialist rulers, now try to highlight Modi's effort as recognition of the sacrifice made by the 1.3 million Indians in that war fighting for the British. Joining the bandwagon are also a section of media particularly that section which during the independence

movement was known for its pro-British anti-nationalist stance and few individuals who seem to be swayed away by any memorial associated with the war. Are they not aware of a nearly a century-long independence struggle of the country in which people fought, may be in different ways of their own, against the oppressive discriminatory rule of the foreign that is the British imperialist power? What would these votaries of the British rulers say about the sacrifice of these many more millions of Indians who sacrificed their life, livelihood and everything on account of the tyranny, oppression and totally illegitimate occupation by the very same British imperialist rulers and their native henchmen? Their only fault was that they wanted to free their country from foreign rule and domination, whereas the only object of the imperial occupiers and their henchmen was to plunder the resourceful country for their own power and pelf. On the other hand who were these Indian soldiers who fought for the British army in the world war? Were they anything other than the mercenary army who became soldiers to earn their livelihood and served their paymaster? Which was the India's war, the war for which the Indians should be proud of for taking a meaningful role? Was it, the imperialist Great War that was thrust on them or the do-or die freedom struggle that made the Indians stand up on their feet as one nation?

Number three, what could have been the motive of Modi in these pronouncements at this juncture? Simply the occasion of the centenary celebration of the first world war or something more? Did he wish to prove Indian's heroism and patriotism with their role in the world war? Was that a patriotic war at all? Or, by eulogizing India-Australia's role in that war, was Modi trying to make a headway into the bilateral tie with Australia for more earthly, that is business, economic, military, or any such ends in the interest of the ruling Indian monopolists?

Answers to all these questions may be sought from the role of the BJP and its predecessors. It is well known that the BJP is a relatively recent political outfit of the RSS. It was founded in 1980s whereas the RSS was founded in 1925. The RSS founder K B Hedgewar, was a close friend of VD Savarkar. He had started his life as proponent of

SUCI(C) expresses grave concern at rise in peasants' suicides, puts Modi and his government on dock

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 21 February 2015:

Criticizing erstwhile Congress government for harrowing rise in farmers' suicide round the country, Prime Minister Modi, in his pre-election speech prior to riding to power had, glaringly for reaping electoral benefits, remarked that "The first guarantee given by any government should be that it will not let farmers die." But after his ascendancy to power, farmers' suicides are continuing on an increasing scale. Oppressed under the grinding wheel of ruthless capitalist exploitation, the poor peasants being unable to bear with accentuating hunger and starvation are opting for self-killing. The kind-hearted people of the country are stunned, speechless and gravely concerned at this grim spectacle of serial suicide. It is reported that in Maharashtra, a state which is also ruled by the BJP, 93 suicides have been reported in 45 days from 1st January, 2015 in the perennially parched Marathwada region. Earlier, in November 2014, a record 120 debt-ridden farmers were reported to have committed suicide in the drought-hit Vidarbha and Marathwada. It is also alleged that families of nearly half of the farmers in Maharashtra who have committed suicide are not receiving even the paltry Rs 1 lakh compensation because of rampant corruption and political interference apart from the lackadaisical approach of senior police and revenue officials. This once again shows how Modi had defrauded people by making utterly false promises and how apathetic he and his government are towards the appalling plight and penury of the destitute peasants while being extreme generous in offering surfeit of benefits, concessions, tax waivers and other freebies to the industrial houses particularly the monopolists and corporate sector. Moreover, once the new Land Acquisition Act which the Modi government has hastily given effect to by passing an ordinance and diluting the previous Act would, it can well be presumed, push more number of poor peasants and agricultural workers to commit suicide.

It is time that the poor and have-nots alongwith democratic-minded right-thinking people take up cudgels against Modi and his government and force them under pressure of powerful movement to take appropriate remedial measure to arrest this procession of death and pay adequate compensation to the bereaved families with due expediency as well as completely waive the agricultural loans to poor peasants.

armed revolutionary struggle against the British. He was imprisoned and sent to Andaman. In 1911 and then in 1913 from the jail, he sought clemency. From there he wrote to the British government: "if the Government in their manifold beneficence and mercy release me I for one cannot but bethe staunchest advocate of constitutional progress and loyalty to the English Government which is the foremost condition of that progress...I am ready to serve the Government in any capacity they like". He even pleaded where could the "prodigal son return but to the parental doors of the Government". (See: Penal Settlement in Andamans by R.C.Majumder, 1975, p.211-214; italics added)

That the views of Savarkar were no chance words or any move in disguise, will be evident from his words in 1941, that is, during the second world war and in the wake of the famous August revolution of the Indian freedom struggle in 1942: "Hindustan must ally unhesitatingly, in spirit of

responsive cooperation with the war efforts of the Indian (that is the then British: Board P Era) government by joining the army, navy and aerial forces". This very Savarkar is considered a national hero and a great patriot by the BJP. The questions are: Do these words carry any note of patriotism or do they reflect simple capitulation to the imperialist rulers? If the mentor of some organization holds such a view, can that or those organizations (in this case the RSS as also Hindu Mahasabha, and other political outfits on similar ideological base) be expected to hold any view other than those pro-imperialist ones referred above?

While K B Hedgewar was responsible for setting up RSS and its initial leadership and for developing the organization as a street-fighting machine to fight the "enemy" and enhance passions by the disinformation campaign, it was MS Golwalkar who firmly established RSS in the Indian political scene. In his book "Bunch of Thoughts," Golwalkar wrote

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BJP double standard

BJP demanded a secret ballot for trust vote in Bihar Assembly (The Hindu, 20 February), while elsewhere, as reports show usually, issue a whip to obey the Party decision during voting in Assemblies. Obviously when democracy means that members of the legislative assemblies can and should take part freely in making decisions to fight injustice and establish the rule of truth, a party whip appears certainly to be an affront to that. At the same time, issuing whips in cases and demanding secret ballot in others, mark a double standard that BJP is practicing.

Rape incidents continue to soar in country's capital city

The whole country burst into protest when on 16 December, 2012, brave Nirbhaya Damini, a paramedical student, was brutally gang raped and tortured by a group of six miscreants in a speeding bus in Delhi, the country's capital, and she finally succumbed to death after valiantly fighting for life for long thirteen days. There was a demand that the government take appropriate steps to forestall any such recurrence in future. But, the government's has been a role of

mute spectator, of paralysis of action. Shocking figures submitted by the police to the Delhi high court have revealed that of the 1,704 cases of rape registered in the Capital in the first 10 months of this year, 215 were instances of incestuous rape. (Hindustan Times, 19 November, 2014) Just the other day, in what brings back bitter memories of Nirbhaya rape case, a 25-year-old woman was raped in an Uber cab in Delhi and the accused driver threatened to sexually assault her with an iron rod and even kill her if she informed anyone about the incident. This only goes to show how unsafe the women continue to be in the country's capital city though the power that be boasts of improvement in law and order. Crimes against women like rape, kidnap, abduction, homicide for dowry, torture, molestation, sexual harassment and trafficking are on an upsurge throughout the country. There is one rape in every 30 minutes. And, what is noteworthy, the highest rise in rape cases are reported to be in Delhi, 329% in the last ten years. The number of reported rapes in Delhi more than doubled between 2012 and 2013 in the aftermath of the December 16, 2012 gangrape. This is the trackrecord of capitalist India the ruling circle of which parrot the mantra of development day in and day out.

CONFESSION AT LAST

BJP president Amit Shah has admitted what was common knowledge: party's electioneering exaggerated what was within the realms of possibility for a government when it comes to black money. Hopefully he is not going to tell the people that his party's promise of ache din was also an idiomatic expression. That would be, literally, taking things too far. (Times of India 07-02-15)

Modi, RSS and imperialist war

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that "the theories of territorial nationalism and of common danger, which formed the basis for our concept of nation, had deprived us of the positive and inspiring content of our real Hindu Nationhood and made many of the 'freedom movements' virtually anti-British movements. Anti-Britishism was equated with patriotism and nationalism. This reactionary view has had disastrous effects upon the entire course of the freedom movement, its leaders and the common people." An aggressive Hindutvavadi, Golwalkar also said, "Hindus, don't waste your energy

fighting the British. Save your energy to fight our internal enemies that are Muslims, Christians, and Communists." In practice too, the RSS, indoctrinated, guided and instructed by their Hindu communal leaders, remained aloof from the freedom movement including the salt satyagraha (1930), Quit India movement (1942) and the Naval mutiny (1946) in Mumbai.

It is thus clear that the anti-British imperialist Indian freedom struggle was 'reactionary' in the eyes of the RSS. Obviously in the eyes of the RSS, the great sons and daughters of the country

Comrade Sarala Mahato passes away

Comrade Sarala Mahato, veteran member of Singbhum district committee of the party and President, AIMSS, Jharkhand, suddenly passed away on 26 January last following a massive heart attack. She was 65. Comrade Sarala who hailed from a very poor family of agricultural worker of Dhalbhumgarh was extremely keen to acquire higher education and in those days, she obtained first class in B.A. examination which was unthinkable for a woman from tribal-dominated area. When she was a student of Ghatshila College, she came in contact with Comrade Hiren Sarkar, Member of the first Central Committee of the Party and Comrade Amriteswar Chakraborty, the then Secretary of Singbhum district. Through them, she was acquainted with the illuminating thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and being highly inspired, she joined the Party in 1968. Ignoring the lure of a good job, she became a wholetimer of the Party and began to stay in the Party office and gradually initiated her entire family into the Party. Apart from participating in the JP movement in 1974, she was at the forefront of many mass movements like the Bidi leave movement of Potka, sleeper factory movement, movement against atrocities on women, movement against branding and torturing rural women as witches etc. In the process, she emerged as a popular mass leader.

She used to lead a very simple life and always stood by the side of the oppressed and repressed, was a partner of their joy and woe. Four times, she fought assembly election from Singbhum constituency as Party candidate. Her last journey was joined by many of her admirers, common people and Party comrades.

In her memorial meeting held at the Ghatshila study centre on 1 February, Comrade Ranjit Dhar, veteran member of the Polit Bureau of the Party said that Comrade Sarala was the product of a particular struggle which she as a committed worker of the Party conducted following the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. So, it is incumbent on us to know the teachings of Comrade Ghosh and the Party he founded more deeply and intimately. Others who spoke included Comrade Rabin Samajpati, Jharkhand State Secretary of the Party, Prof. Sidheswar Jha, former principal of Ghatshila College, Prof. Subodh Singh, Naresh Kumar and Mala Chatterjee. Comrade Bimal Das, member, Jharkhand State Committee, presided over.

Red Salute Comrade Sarala Mahato

Comrade Ranjit Dhar, member, Polit Bureau addressing the memorial meeting at Ghatshila on 1 February, 2015

including Subhaschandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, Chandrasekhar Azad, Kshudiram Bose, Lala Lajpat Rai and hundreds of such others whom the countrymen place on the highest pedestals of respect and reverence as great patriots were all 'reactionaries'. When the entire country and its people were beaming with anti-British imperialist nationalist fervour, such an anti-people anti-national arch communal reactionary force, as the RSS were, could not make any deep inroad into Indian political scene. But now, after riding to power, the BJP-RSS combine and Modi, following the foot-steps of their mentors are coming out aggressively with eulogy for the

imperialist world war. It is further evident why like the retired British army personnel would try to paint the effort as laudable and to term the world war as India's war. But again all said and done, Indian people would not accept this deplorable effort which strikes at and tries to demolish the entire glorious tradition of the Indian independence struggle. After all it smacks of the most unpatriotic yet chauvinistic pro-imperialist, tending to fascist, attitude and denounces the selfless sacrifice of innumerable martyrs and stalwarts of the independence movement and Indian renaissance who helped this nation to rise in the world.

Movements across Haryana

On 13 February, in a protest demonstration at Rohtak, Haryana, SUCI (Communist) Central Committee member and Haryana State Secretary, Comrade Satyawan, protested against petrol price hike by Rs. 2.50 by the state government by imposing 5% vat when worldwide the price of crude petrol has gone down continuously. By this act, the BJP-led Haryana government has imposed additional financial burden on the people proving its anti-people stand and has made way for the oil companies for earning more profits. He announced that a massive demonstration at the state level on the issue will be held on 28 February at Rohtak, with protest programmes continuing in districts in the mean time.

At Rewari, on 13 February SUCI (Communist) of Rewari district burnt effigy of Haryana CM against imposing 5% vat tax on petrol.

A massive law-violation programme was held at Bhiwani, Haryana on 26 February under the auspices of a united forum of leftist parties and trade unions.



Massive law-violation programme Bhiwani, Haryana on 26 February

On 16 February, at Rewari, Asha Employees, under the banner of Asha Workers' Union affiliated to AIUTUC, held a massive demonstration based on their burning problems such as decent remuneration, transport facilities to the work sites, social security including recognition as government employees and others. A petition was submitted to the Haryana Chief Minister. Leaders addressing the demonstration urged the BJP led government in the state and Centre to take immediate steps. They pledged for continuing movements till the demands were fulfilled. Mid-day Meal Workers Union also staged a demonstration at Rewari on 13 February.

Demonstration in Jamshedpur

Demanding repair of an important thoroughfare like post office road, reduction in auto and bus fare, restriction on plying of heavy vehicles in the busy morning hours, a demonstration was organized in Jamshedpur by local Party unit on 19 February. Many common people joined the demonstration.

including SUCI(C), CPI, CPI(M), RSP, Forward Bloc and CPI(ML) Liberation on 10 February. It submitted a memorandum highlighting a charter of demand to the President of the country, through the District Collector. The demands



Joint rally on 10 February at Jaunpur, UP

included putting check upon price rise, unemployment, and corruption, stopping cut in MNREGA allotment, withdrawal of FDI-PPP policies, bringing back black money, resisting spread of communal thoughts of RSS, destroying universal democratic education, resisting hate campaign through Love Jihad, conversion and such issues by the Hindutvadis, protect rights of minorities including dalits and women. A meeting held in culmination of the rally was addressed by leaders of the different participant parties. It was decided to develop stronger movement with the leftist forces joining it with fuller strength and vigour.

Signature campaign in Gujarat in demand of abolition of semester system

AIDSO Gujarat unit has launched a massive movement in demand for abolition of the semester system. Because of this semester system, the students have to sit for examination before the syllabus is complete and have to bear the huge burden of donation and fees for

repeated admission. Against this, there is mounting discontent among the students and guardians. Comrade Rimi Vaghela, AIDSO Gujarat State Secretary, has informed that a mass signature campaign is going on in full swing at

all schools, colleges, railway and bus stations, market places and such other places. Later, this signature sheets along with the charter of demand will be handed over to the education minister.

Save Education Convention in Tripura

Tripura unit of All India Save Education Committee organized a convention at TB Prevention hall in Agartala on 31 January. The Convention was in protest against abolition of pass-fail system upto class VIII, the farce of continuous evaluation without setting up adequate infrastructure and appointment of requisite number of teachers, making the central board examinations optional, communalization of education, etc. Speakers included Shri Dhrubabrata Roy, teacher, Shri Kamal Roy Chowdhury, drama personality, Shri Naresh Chandra Dutta, teacher, Shri Sanjay Das, teacher, Professor Alok Satpathy, and othes. The main resolution was moved by Shri Sanjay Chowdhury, one of the main conveners. Shri Subhas Chandra Das, teacher, conducted the proceedings.

SUCI(C) MLA provided scholarship to 54 meritorious students

In a function held on 8 February, Comrade Tarun Kanti Naskar, SUCI(C) MLA from Jaynagar constituency, West Bengal, paid scholarship to 54 top-ranker students of class VII and VIII of 27 schools from the amount of enhanced salary granted to the MLAs. The amount of scholarship was Rs 800 for class VII and Rs 1000 for class VIII students. It may be recalled that Comrade Naskar was the lone MLA to oppose raise in the salary of the MLAs in 2012. However, his opposition was

ignored by the TMC-led West Bengal government. Instead, it went ahead to increase the salary. Then, as per the decision of our Party, Comrade Naskar started spending the amount of enhanced salary in giving scholarship to meritorious students. The scholarship distribution function was graced by Prof. N R Pradhan, chief guest, Prof. Pradip Kumar Dutta, Srikumar Chatterjee, Kamal Mitra, MLA, Kalipada Sinha, BDO and others. Dr Manas Chatterjee presided over.

Seminar in Allahabad

A seminar on "Workers-employees struggle-last ten years and today" was organized by AIUTUC in Allahabad, UP, on 8 February. Many eminent persons took part in it.

Demonstration of AIDYO in Badlapur

In protest against huge deployment of police forces, active involvement of administration and blocking national highway-56 for four long years on the occasion of the marriage of the niece of Parasnath Yadav, minister of UP, AIDYO organized a protest demonstration in Badlapur, UP, on 1 February.

Joint rally of left parties at Jaunpur

At Jaunpur, UP, a rally of student, youth, peasants, workers was held jointly by left parties

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Comrade Provash Ghosh's condolence at the death of veteran CPI leader

In a condolence message to the CPI, General Secretary sent on 21 February Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of our Party, wrote: We convey our heart-felt condolence at the sad assassination of Comrade Govind Pansare, a veteran left leader who had been at the forefront of many left-democratic movements including the latest campaign against road toll tax in Kolhapur. It is evident that he fell victim to the bullet of the vested interest who smelt danger in his efforts for mobilizing public support against an anti-people move and hence hatched ploy to kill him. In his death, the left-democratic movement of the country has lost an ardent fighter.

We share the grief of all comrades of the Communist Party of India as well as the members of the bereaved family and join you in demanding stringent punishment of his killers.

AIMSS demands speedy trial and punishment for criminals perpetrating atrocities on women

Dr.H.G.Jayalakshmi, General Secretary, All India Committee of AIMSS has issued the following statement on 11 February 2015 : "The All India Committee of AIMSS expresses its deep shock and severely condemns the rape and murder of a mentally challenged Nepalese woman at Rohtak, Haryana. AIMSS appreciates the spirit of the protestors who protested against this gruesome incident wherein blades and stones are found thrust into her body, similar to Nirbhaya incident of Delhi.

AIMSS condemns the inaction of the police in registering the case immediately and acting upon it. It is ironical that the Chief Minister of Haryana has praised the police for their 'good job' of nabbing the criminals though they had taken more than a week. AIMSS urges upon the Government to punish the concerned officials for their delayed action. It is a well known fact that the criminals are emboldened by such inaction of the authorities.

The report of yet another incident of rape and murder of a 26 year old woman at Amritsar and other reports of a 22 year old woman being raped and assaulted at Meerut and a 20 year old Japanese tourist being drugged and raped are a matter of great concern.

AIMSS demands that speedy trials are conducted in each of these cases and stringent punishment awarded to the criminals."



Road blockade at Kharagpur on 16 February in demand of reduced bus fares

SUCI(C) vehemently opposes exorbitant hike in petrol-diesel prices

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist), issued the following statement in regard to the petrol-diesel price hike on 1 March 2015:

Yesterday BJP-led central government placed anti-people and corporate-friendly union budget for the year 2015-16 at Parliament. At midnight the government again gave a blow to the people by announcing exorbitant hike in petrol-diesel prices. Already the Modi government has increased service tax in the budget and for that transporting, electricity charges and prices of essential commodities will be increased. This increase in the prices of petrol/diesel will add further woe to the people.

We vehemently oppose this most sinister move on the part of the BJP government to raise the petrol-diesel price. We once again urge the people to come forward to organize countrywide powerful mass movements to foil this heinous conspiracy of the ruling bourgeoisie class and its government.

SUCI(C) criticizes Railway Budget as a shrewd ploy to increased privatization while dodging the issues which make railway travel hazardous, costly and unsafe

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI (C) issued the following statement on 26 February 2015:

While presenting Railway Budget 2015, the BJP Railway Minister has been extremely cunning in dodging the serious issues which are plaguing the Railways over the years like late running, dilapidated conditions of the coaches and rakes, unhygienic maintenance and improper track monitoring, rising incidents of theft, burglary and atrocities on women passengers, rampant corruption at every stage of operation, menacing rise in malpractices, nepotism, misappropriation, loot and larceny, backdoor recovery of additional fare in the form of superfat surcharge, increased number of tatkal quota and recurring number of accidents which make railway journey costly hazardous, harassing and above all unsafe. Instead, he has opted for playing to the gallery with customary announcements of a surfeit of routine promises particularly giving an impression of making Railway hi-tech with a slew of IT enabled facilities which, it is needless to say, will be exclusive preserve of a minuscule section of tech savvy passengers and hence of no use to the maximum number of ordinary commuters. Thus, the minister has shrewdly tried to hoodwink the people and shield the hideous underbelly of the budget propositions.

The minister has also sought to take credit for having not increased the passenger fare but the fact is such hikes are no more effected in the budget but slapped on the people by means of issuing administrative fiat bypassing the parliament as was the case last year when the BJP government steeply raised passenger fares by 14.2% and freight charges by 6.5%. Moreover, with a separate Railway Tariff Authority vested with the power of revising the fares and surcharges as and when it deems fit and need not get the same passed in the parliament, there is no need for the railway minister to declare any hike in fare in the budget. However, freight charges on coal, iron ore and steel would go up from April 1 cascading effect of which will be on the prices of other essential commodities.

What is most noteworthy is that the minister has envisaged an investment of Rs. 8.5 lakh crore in next five years and gave clear indication of so much of resources coming either from multilateral development banks or pension funds and through accelerating the process of privatization of the Railways by widening the scope of "Public-Private partnership" (PPP). Surely, the private operators will maximize return on their investment by imposing more and more burden on the common passengers through periodic escalation of fare and other charges and that too exorbitantly. Significantly, all the stations are to be handed over to the private houses for maintenance. This will introduce platform ticket in the stations which do not require that now and increase the cost platform ticket in these stations where it is required. It is pertinent to mention that last year, the government talked of a fuel price-linked fare structure meaning that if fuel prices are lowered, fares will come down. But despite fall in the fuel price, fares have not been reduced while it is for sure that if there is rise in fuel tariff, fares will be immediately jacked up on that plea.

We call upon the people to realize the utter deception camouflaged under the mellifluous words of the budget speech and rise in organized protest against the chicanery of the pro-monopolist pro-corporate anti-people BJP government.

SUCI(C) denounces the Union Budget as pro-capitalist, pro-rich and anti-people

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direct transfer of subsidy to the deserving is another hoax as the delivery mechanism is fraught with a host of inadequacies and faults and there is no redressal in case of non-receipt.

People of the country ought not to be misguided by the sugar-coated hoodwinking words the Finance Minister has arrayed in his budget but must understand the deceptions and illusions dished out on a palatable base and hence rise in protest against this outright pro-capitalist pro-rich budget.

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