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Resolution on the National Situation

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The Founding Convention of our beloved party, the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) held in the year 1948 under the leadership of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Marxist thinker, characterized the present Indian state as an ‘independent bourgeois national state’. Accordingly, it was formulated that India is in the stage of ‘anti capitalist socialist revolution’. The First and Second Party Congresses held in the year 1988 at Kolkata and in 2009 at New Delhi respectively upheld this strategic formulation of the Founding Convention.

Reiterating the analysis of the Founding Convention on the disposition of class forces for accomplishment of the anti-capitalist socialist revolution based on Leninist teachings, elaborated further by great Stalin, the Second Congress of our party emphasized in its ‘thesis on the national situation’ that “In India, after independence, the national bourgeoisie has been saddled in state power. So, proletarian revolution in India can be achieved only by overthrowing this national bourgeoisie from state power. And this can be achieved by the most revolutionary class of this era — the proletariat, both industrial and agricultural — in close alliance with the semi-proletarian strata of the masses and by winning over the middle class, both urban and rural, in favour of revolution. Emphasizing the teachings of Comrade Stalin, Comrade Ghosh showed

that, though vacillating, the middle class is an ally of the anti-capitalist socialist revolution and, therefore, serious effort should be made to win it over to the side of revolution. But, as it is a vacillating class, if it cannot be wholly won over to the side of revolution, it should be made, at least, ‘benevolent neutral’ to isolate the national bourgeoisie completely.”

This Third Congress of our party being held in Ghatsila of Jharkhand state from 21 to 25 November 2018 reaffirms the validity of the class characterization of the present Indian state as an ‘independent bourgeois national state’ and accordingly the stage of revolution as ‘anti-capitalist socialist revolution’ with the corresponding disposition of forces of revolution. Hence there is no fundamental change in the strategic formulations in so far as present national situation of India is concerned.

Significant Political Developments since the Second Party Congress

Although not of a fundamental nature, the national political scenario of our country since our Second Party Congress held in New Delhi from 11-15 November 2009, is marked by certain significant political developments which a revolutionary party of the proletariat like ours ought to take due cognizance in order to determine its concrete tactical line in conformity with the strategy of revolution to effectively meet the newer challenges in the latest political situation.

The defeats of the Congress-led UPA, victory of the BJP-led NDA and consequent formation of government by the BJP along with its allies at the Centre in May 2014 have been a notable development of political importance after the Second Party Congress. However, the victory of BJP cannot be construed as a positive mandate of the

people in its favour. Rather, deep-seated discontent and accumulated wrath among the people against the prolonged misrule of the Congress-led government which gravely affected all spheres of their life was reflected in the election result. Hence, it was more an anti-congress verdict, rather than a seemingly pro-BJP and pro-Modi swing which unseated Congress from governmental power and installed BJP government at the centre. It is pertinent to recall our party analysis that the heinous class design of the ruling Indian national bourgeoisie is to foist a two-party bourgeois democracy in the country maintaining a facade of the parliamentary system to befool the people, since it on the one hand helps sustaining illusion of bourgeois election among the masses and on the other hand, cunningly restricts electoral choice between two parties or two combinations both of which are subservient to bourgeois class interest. At the same time, this parliamentary illusion and orchestrated polarization of votes between two principal contesting parties or alliances help the ruling bourgeoisie to keep people away from the militant mass movements on burning demands of their life and thereby obstruct the growth of class and mass struggles conducive to the revolutionary struggle against the ruthlessly oppressive, utterly reactionary moribund capitalist order.

In keeping with this sinister design, once the ruling capitalist class found that the Congress stood discredited before the masses, it, in order to stall any eventuality of this anti-Congress sentiment being channelized along right track to turn into an anti-capitalist mindset, unleashed a concerted effort to project the BJP-led combination as the alternative. So, the big monopoly houses and the corporate giants backed the BJP marshalling their money-muscle-media-administrative powers at their command and

projected Mr. Narendra Modi as an architect of ‘change’ and ‘development’. Powered by this class backing, Mr. Modi also sought to deceive people with a slew of electoral gimmicks and fake promises as if he was slated to turn the lot of the people and bring ‘ACHHE DIN’ (good days) for them. Alongside, with a much-hyped propaganda through monopoly-controlled media, an impression was sought to be created as if there was a Modi-wave sweeping across the country. But a close examination of the electoral results revealed that there was no such popular overwhelming mass support for the BJP and Modi. This was substantiated by the fact that though BJP and its allies seized the opportunity to install a government enjoying the highest majority since 1984 general election and the BJP singularly held more number of seats than what was required to form a government, its total vote-share was of just only 31% which was strikingly the lowest of all the parties which formed governments at the centre so far since independence.

Emboldened by its electoral success in the last Lok Sabha poll and riding on the media maneuvered Modi-hype coupled with the backing of corporate moneybags as well as utilizing all administrative and muscle powers at its disposal, the BJP and its mentor RSS began to push forward more aggressively its arch communal agenda of ‘Hindutva’ in all walks of life. In course of that, the BJP was also able to extend its influence in different states and form governments in many states either of its own or in alliance with its other associates including north-eastern states and more particularly in CPI (M) ruled Tripura. All these cast an ominous spell in the national political landscape. This has been a significant political development after our Second Party Congress.

Another distinctive feature was also noticed. In

whichever state, the people could find a viable parliamentary alternative against both the BJP and the Congress, the two most trusted parties of the ruling bourgeoisie, people preferred to ensure the victory of that regional bourgeois party, rejecting both, the Congress and the BJP. So in many states, the regional bourgeois parties appeared as alternative political forces despite vigorous corporate-sponsored propaganda in favour of the BJP and Mr. Modi. Hence the state level regional bourgeois parties continue to have significant hold not only in their respective states but also in the all India political spectrum. This is also an important political aspect to be taken note of appropriately.

As it has already been stated above, the Congress during its two consecutive terms at the central government since 2004 became extremely discredited because of its anti-people pro-capitalist policies and unfolding of one after another mega-scams stemming from the existing rotten capitalist system and its utter misrule. Same was the case with the Congress-ruled states. So, the electoral reverse in the last 2014 was severe jolt to the Congress which served the aggregate interest of the Indian bourgeoisie as its most trusted political organization for a prolonged period since independence. This gave the BJP an opportunity to extend its political reach in many new states. However, with the simmering discontent and accrued grievances among the people against the anti-people drive of the BJP government and gradual waning of so called Modi-wave, the Congress with the patronization of a section of monopoly houses has been making a frantic attempt to stage a comeback by filling up the anti- BJP political space and arrest its downhill trajectory. But in many states, it still has to play the role of second fiddle to the regional bourgeois parties which are acting as the

dominant players in their respective state in the bourgeois vote politics.

One more significant aspect of the present political situation of the country is the growing marginalization of CPI (M) and CPI, not only in the electoral battle but more so in political and organizational spheres. The CPI (M)-led front received severe blow in two successive assembly elections in West Bengal in 2011 and 2016, where they ruled uninterruptedly for long 34 years. Thereafter, they were washed out in Tripura in 2018 assembly election where they were in governmental power at a stretch for long 25 years. These developments have been serious setbacks for these parties morally, politically and organizationally as the inevitably outcome of them destitution of the path of leftism, the CPI (M), CPI and their associates running these state governments just like any other bourgeois party, both in form and content. Alongside running the governments with a clear objective of currying favour with the ruling bourgeoisie and thereby stay put in power or remain afloat in the corridor of power, the CPI(M), CPI also practiced the bourgeois politics of expanding support base using their position in the government, distributing favours, flexing muscle power and indulging in corruption and nepotism. Pursuit of these opportunistic social democratic policies by the CPI(M), CPI and their embracing of bourgeois parliamentarism, open tailism of the Congress and this or that regional bourgeois parties including casteist-parochial forces just for the sake of winning few seats sabotaged desired left unity and development of united left movement on the burning problems of people's life. Also, once the CPI(M), CPI began being decimated in the election, there is marked erosion in their political base. All these have maligned and undermined leftism giving broad political space to a

branded rightist and rabid communal party like the BJP to thrive even in traditionally left-dominated states with the portent of further fascization of all spheres of our society.

Intense crisis of capitalism and its harrowing impact on workers, peasants and other toiling masses

Following inexorable course of history, world capitalism-imperialism is now ridden with severe and insoluble crisis. Entire burden of this crisis is squarely passed on to the oppressed toiling masses making their life increasingly devastating with every passing day. Long back Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pointed out that Indian capitalism has given birth to monopoly capitalism and has itself attained the stage of imperialism. Indian multinationals are exporting huge amount of finance capital in many countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. As an inseparable part of global capitalism-imperialism, Indian capitalism is also stricken with this ever-deepening crisis which, in the words of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, has now become an hourly one. More accentuated is the crisis, more grueling is the oppression of the toiling masses bearing the burden of the crisis. The policy of capitalist globalization which the imperialist-capitalist camp headed by the US imperialists pushed through after dismantling of Socialist Camp could not contain its growing all-embracing crisis, as it is endemic of the system. Ruling Indian capitalism also followed the suit and rolled out globalization of country's economy only to find the crisis mounting instead of being abated. Obviously, the common Indian citizens are shouldering the brunt of the capitalist crisis with harrowing rise of wretchedness and all-round misery eating into the very vitals of life. Socio-economic-political-cultural setup of our society though remaining basically unaltered, the intensification of the crisis in all dimensions in this

intervening period following the Second Congress of our Party has now assumed an extremely danger on proportion.

The BJP ascended to governmental power at the centre in the last Lok Sabha poll with mouthful promises of development, rhetoric of anti-corruption crusade and removing all fads and ills of the erstwhile Congress government. But, as a sequel to following same set of anti-people pro-monopolist policies by the BJP government with more ferocity, the life and livelihood of the common toiling masses continue to be in peril, while the condition of the oppressed masses is deteriorating every day, every hour, it being observed that there is more and more concentration of wealth in the hands of a few super-rich and corporate tycoons. Only 1% of the super-rich own 73% of the country's wealth while 77% people languish in abject poverty. Just 57 billionaires of the country have amassed wealth equivalent to what 90% of our population possesses. On the other hand, India is home to 1/3rd of the global poor. It ranks 103 out of 119 countries in the Global Hunger Index. So the gap between a few super rich and multitudes of poor is widening astronomically. In fine, the increasing concentration of capital in the hands of microscopically few financial oligarchy on the one hand and the fast growing pauperization of multitudes of toiling millions on the other is the stark reality of the capitalist India under BJP rule. With capitalist crisis intensifying and consequent severe recession and stagnation resulting in economic downturn, unemployment problem is mounting and jobless growth has become the order of the day. While no employment opportunities are unfolding before the job seekers, the existing job holders are plagued by the uncertainty of continuation in the employment. Employment generation has in fact turned negative even in most of the labour-intensive sectors. Before coming to

power, the BJP had assured to provide jobs to 2 crore (20 million) people annually. Instead, the quantum of job loss in last 5 years is stated to be about 2 crores (20 million). Even though the government is concealing the real figures of employed, unemployed, under-employed and pseudo-employment, the number of unemployed is now at an all-time high. This is the biggest crisis the country is grappling with. The demonetization of high value notes causing sudden withdrawal of over 86% of the currency in circulation has aggravated the unemployment problem further with most of the cash-based low-end economies coming to a grinding halt. As fallout of it, lakhs of small and medium enterprises were closed, throwing few lakhs of workers out of jobs. Thus unearthing black money which was the declared objective of demonetization ended in a destined farcical note.

Despite strong opposition from the working people, their hard earned democratic and trade union rights which were achieved through decades of struggle and sacrifices are being robbed progressively in the name of labour reform. Of late, the government has been aggressively moving to scrap 44 central labour laws in the name of amalgamating them into 4 labour codes with a view to achieving its avowed goal of 'Ease of Doing Business' at the behest of the corporate sharks and giant multinationals. Even whatever little social security benefits are still available to the working people are also being either taken away or drastically curtailed. The inclusion of 'Fixed Term Employment' in the 'Industrial Employment (Standing Order) Act, 1946' would shatter the life of the working people, giving the employers unfettered right to 'hire and fire'. The government seeks to abolish permanent employment altogether by way of sweeping retrenchment in the name of downsizing or right-sizing of labour force

and go for engaging whatever little labour is required on contract and casual basis. Even apprentices and trainees are engaged to perform jobs of perennial nature. The scheme workers like ASHA, Anganwadi (ICDS), and Mid-Day Meal etc. are still not statutorily recognized as workers thereby depriving them of the benefits of minimum wages, social security and other legal protections. The workers of the unorganized sector who constitute more than 90% of the workforce are subjected to ruthless exploitation. In the drive towards ongoing all-out privatization, the dismantling of public sector enterprises built up in the post-independent period as labour-intensive units with public money are now being handed over to private operators through the route of disinvestment. In fact, the government has no propriety to do so. In many PSUs, backdoor privatization is taking place under the garb of public-private-partnership (PPP) and more and more jobs are either outsourced to private houses or done through contract labour system. The wretched conditions of the migrant labour and working women continue to worsen further with passage of time.

The pro-corporate agrarian policy has created a severe crisis in agriculture, the biggest livelihood provider in our economy leading to growing marginalisation and pauperization of the poor and marginal peasantry. On the one hand, lack of irrigation facility, steep rise in the prices of agricultural inputs like seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, diesel, electricity etc. are pushing up the cost of cultivation enormously while on the other hand, with the procurement machinery being controlled by an utterly corrupt nexus of administration-middlemen-ruling party leaders-village touts, the peasants are not getting remunerative price of their produce. So, the peasants are forced to distress sale and are unable to repay the loans they take for financing cost of cultivation, resulting in growing indebtedness and spate

of peasants' suicide numbering in lakhs. All tall assurance given tacony Minimum Support Price and Crop Insurance to the peasants are proving to be a hoax. The agricultural labourers are deprived of even statutory minimum wage and have no guarantee of work throughout the year. Forced acquisition of arable lands and rampant eviction on the plea of development without any rehabilitation and compensation has thrown the downtrodden peasants in complete ruin. This appalling condition of the peasants constituting over 70% of the country's population is also affecting the agriculture as a whole. The life of the peasants as well as those of agricultural workers is proved to be nothing short of a nightmare now. With agriculture no more providing means of sustenance, thousands and thousands of rural poor are migrating to various cities to somehow eke out a livelihood by working as a casual labourer in unorganized sector. Often such migrant labourers are found to be enslaved like bonded labourers.

The decision of different state governments to invalidate the right to centuries old ancestral land, home and hearth of tribal and other sections of forest-dwelling poor people is sure to deprive these backward communities of minimal socio-economic-cultural rights. Acting at the behest of giant land-sharks, realty tycoons, corporate magnets and other vested interest the government is pushing these people to abject poverty and ruin. This also affirms how the government is functioning as a stooge of the domestic and foreign monopoly capital caring a fig for the penurious misery-stricken tribal populace.

Rising economic onslaught on common people and rampant economic offence by the powers that be

The soaring prices of all utility items including food articles together with plummeting income is hitting hard the

common people. Steep rise in retail tariff of petrol and diesel is having cascading effect on the price line of all essential commodities, especially the food stuff, contributing further in accentuating misery of the people. The introduction of 'Goods and Service Tax' in the name of tax simplification and prevention of tax evasion has added further dimension to the acute problem of sky rocketing price rise which is shattering the life of the masses. While the fiscal savagery has been holding the common people into ransom, the corporate houses are favoured with plethora of tax waivers, tax concessions and bail-out schemes including condoning of willful default of bank loans. The huge Non-Performing Asset (NPA) or defaulted loan amount of the Indian Banks, only speak of the powerful extent of the corruption of the monopoly houses with the government machinery acting as an accomplice. The promise to weed out corruption, retrieve black money stashed overseas, track down the tax evaders, punishing economic offenders has proved to be a sheer electoral gimmick. The BJP ministers and leaders who feigned to have launched a 'war against corruption' are now alleged to have indulged in large scale corruption while entering into a murky deal to procure Rafale fighter jet aircrafts from France. The BJP government and more so the Prime Minister himself are accused of having jacked up the purchase price of Rafale aircrafts arbitrarily and inexplicably to a whopping amount of Rs. 1611 crore against original quoted price Rs. 526 crore per unit just for favouring a particular monopolist. Close on the heels of this mega defence scandal, the Nirav Modi scam came into light which defrauded Punjab National Bank, to the tune of Rs. 11,300 crore by tampering with the banking system. Earlier Vijay Mallya, titled as 'Liquor Baron' of India, similarly defrauded some nationalised banks to over Rs.

9,000 crore. All these swindlers of public money being close to the BJP were granted safe passage to flee abroad by the government. As already mentioned, demonetisation of high value currency notes with much clamour to unearth black money has proved to be a fiasco. These mega scams aid and abet reckless embezzlement of public money by the corporate billionaires. CBI, the premier government investigating agency, which was set to probe into the serious cases of corruption and economic offences, is itself rocked by an unprecedented corruption scandal and an ugly turf war exposing how incredulous these government agencies themselves are. It has also been revealed that these so called high-powered probe agencies are tools in the hands of the party in power to avenge its political opponents. The overt involvement of the BJP-led Madhya Pradesh state government in the Vyapam Scam which took a toll of hundreds of innocent students and their guardians and has thrown their life to complete despair speak volumes of institutional corruption in our country. All these horrific episodes, reveal to what abysmal depth the government level corruption in this capitalist system has stooped to, holding toiling masses into ransom.

Fascistic attacks on culture and rational thought process

The accelerated pace with which various unscientific and obscurantist ideas are being promoted by BJP ministers, important functionaries of the RSS-BJP and even by the Prime Minister himself is a matter of deep concern. They are systematically trying to distort history along communal line, confusing deliberately mythology with history and painting an incorrect picture of ancient period. Weird wild claims are made about existence, discover, invention and innovation of modern science and technology

in ancient period. These distorted and ridiculous claims are being made even in the platforms of science and history congresses, obviously in a frantic effort to implant the agenda of the Hindutva in the mass mind trumpeting the glory of the ancient period and in that way entrench for the rule of capitalism. These unscientific irrational thoughts are being incorporated in the school curricula in various forms thus paving the way for younger generation to grow up with falsified notions and unscientific beliefs which are against the secular ideas and scientific outlook of Indian renaissance preached by great Rammohan, Vidyasagar and Jyotirao Phule and other such luminaries of different parts of India. This is clearly an attempt to bury the lofty moral and social values preached by them. The evil design of saffronization of education by RSS-BJP is nothing but sheik blatant rejection of all time-tested scientific theories of great scientists and are already intended to obstruct and destroy rational thinking process and instead imparts in people's mind all sorts of bigoted, communal thoughts to keep them arrested in the blind alley of mysticism and thereby keep secure the ruthlessly oppressive moribund capitalist system from being questioned and challenged. Systematic fomenting of fundamentalism, spewing venom of communalism, fomenting religious-casteist-chauvinist fanaticism, inciting national jingoism in the name of patriotism and infusing regimentation of thought are nothing but a sinister ploy to firm up fascist culture on our soil.

Another fascistic design of RSS-BJP together with Congress and other bourgeois political parties has been revealed on Assam and the entire nation centring round NRC or National Register of Citizens. Things have come to such a pass that the ruling class and its successive servitor governments of Congress, AGP and BJP treading the same path and following a long course of heinous conspiracy have

left out about 4 million bona-fide Indian citizens belonging to religious and linguistic minority communities from the second “Draft NRC” (National Register of Citizens) published on 30th July, 2018. On fraudulent pretext those genuine citizens are declared as ‘illegal foreigners’ and ‘infiltrators’ and are threatened of being thrown out of the country. Since long the letter ‘D’ is put against the names of 3 lakhs and 70 thousand genuine voters, ‘D’ indicating dubious or doubtful voters. Now the BJP has intentionally stoked the fire of NRC in Assam designed to create rift among the toiling masses along religious and lingual lines to push the people into fratricidal blood bath. If this sinister move succeeds this evil design may be extended to other states also. The toiling masses must unite to resist this fascistic design of the ruling class and its subservient political parties and their governments.

The agenda of Hindutva also includes ghastly attacks on religious minorities, particularly the Muslims and the disadvantaged sections of the Indian citizens categorized as dalits, in the form of mob-lynching which is witnessed more pronouncedly in the BJP ruled states abated covertly and overtly by the respective governments with full endorsement of the government at the centre. The so called cow vigilantes are allowed to commit freely such barbaric crimes of wanton lynching of innocent common people with impunity. The cold blooded assassination of rationalist individuals and social activists like Kalburgi, Pansare, Gouri Lankesh and others are fascistic crimes committed by the Hindutva brigade to muzzle the voices of protest. State sponsored killings in the name of ‘encounters’ and ‘countering terrorism’ are sweeping rampantly, surcharging the social environment with hate, threat, intimidation and suspicion and extreme fear. Any voice of dissent and protest is branded as anti-national and seditions. This is the

hideous underbelly of the wide propagation of 'Hindutva' doctrine of RSS and BJP.

Alongside, the ethical-moral fabric of the country is sullied and polluted with reckless propagation of obscenity, vulgarity, violence and such other noxious inputs through all available media including cyber network owned and controlled by the capitalist rulers. Consequently, besides spurt in crass self-centeredness, anarchical and individualistic thoughts, nurturing a sense of ultra freedom, aimless desperateness, social-alienation and sex-perversion, there is a menacing rise of crime as well as criminal mentality in the society, Atrocities on women have increased rampantly. Rape, gang-rape and dowry deaths are now commonplace incidents. The perpetrators of this heinous crimes move scot free, often under the umbrella of political bigwigs. It is becoming clear everyday that women of all ages are completely insecure in this country.

Turning Autonomous Bodies into appendages of the Government

Dismantling of statutory bodies like Planning Commission alongwith declared moves to dismantle such other bodies like University Grants Commission, blatant subversion of whatever little autonomy the regulatory agencies like the Reserve Bank of India and other institutions have been enjoying over the decades and establishing direct control of the bourgeois government on these institutions and introduction of one after another draconian black acts trampling underfoot all democratic and civil rights shows increasing concentration of power in the hands of the executive. Even systematic efforts are made to create a committed judiciary with a view to depriving the people of whatever little justice they still hope to receive by knocking at the door of the Courts.

Right to privacy of the citizens is being infringed upon by way of keeping biometric and other key information about all citizens thereby creating a state of surveillance in all affairs. In spite of Supreme Court ruling that Aadhar Card linking is not mandatory for receiving any service, the Modi government following the path of the previous Congress government has made it virtually mandatory. With this identification number, the bourgeois state would easily have access to detailed information about any citizen and will be able to track down the activities of their opponents, particularly those involved in the democratic and revolutionary movements.

Health and Education in Shambles

Health care system is threatened with total collapse. Bulk of the country's population who are languishing below poverty line are deprived of minimum medical assistance because the government, irrespective of which party subservient to the class interest of the ruling capitalist class is in command, has been criminally negligent towards discharging the primary medical service to them highly planned policy to with itself from health service and push for rapid corporatisation of health service it is pushing the health care system to shambles. Idle monopoly capital is being invested in health business to reap maximum profit when the government hospitals at all levels lacks even minimum infrastructure facilities for adequate treatment. Healthcare, of late, has been reduced to singing praise in favour of 'Ayusman Bharat' a health cover scheme which is nothing but a conduit to transfer people's money into the coffers of giant insurance companies. The National Medical Commission Bill, 2017 which repeals the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 is the latest design towards drive for all out privatisation of medical service and medical education.

Similarly, education is being systematically stripped of its essence. Following the path of the previous Congress government, the present BJP led government also has taken recourse to rabid commercialization and commoditization of education with the clear intention to close the doors of learning for crores of common people. Saffronization of education in the name of Indianization of education and such other sinister moves on the part of the present dispensation mark the murky scenario of education in our country. Side by side, there is a blatant move to subvert the academic autonomy.

Situation in Jammu and Kashmir

The situation in Jammu and Kashmir is extremely volatile and worrisome. At the time of independence, Jammu and Kashmir was a muslim majority princely state ruled by a Hindu king Hari Singh. When the question came as to which country, India or Pakistan, Jammu and Kashmir would join, both the king and the national conference, the nationalist party of the soil under the leadership of renowned Sheikh Abdullah opted to join India. An 'Instrument of Accession' was signed by the king and the government of India and through that Jammu & Kashmir joined India on some conditions which were incorporated in the article 370 of the Indian Constitution which in reality stood for the autonomy of Jammu & Kashmir. It was the responsibility of the then Congress governments to respect the autonomous status of the state, to work for the economic and other developments of that state and thereby win the hearts of the people and help the process of full integration of that state and the people with India. But soon after, the then and subsequent Congress governments at the centre completely ignoring the provisions of Article 370 played with the autonomy of the state. In order to install its own government in Kashmir, the Congress went

to the extent of rigging elections there and even arrested Sheikh Abdullah repeatedly. All these hurt the sensitivity and sentiment of Kashmiri people and paved the way for Pakistan backed separatist and secessionist forces to raise their ugly heads. With the entry of BJP government by way of joining hand with the PDP, the situation has aggravated further more. Instead of solving the long standing sensitive and complex problems of Kashmir by initiating political process, the BJP government, like the previous Congress has taken recourse to ruthless suppression, oppression and killings. All these have created a reign of terror. Moreover, there is a heinous conspiracy to divide the valley people on communal lines by fostering communal venom. Withdrawal of military and restoration of civil rule and guaranteeing full autonomy to the people of Jammu and Kashmir based on Article 370 in its original form only can pave the way for a political solution of this long standing complex problem of Jammu and Kashmir.

Danger of Fascism

All these developments of the last few years since our Second Party Congress proved to the hilt that rule of the BJP has no basic difference with that of the previous Congress regimes which continued for a long period. Both, the Congress and BJP, the two most tested and trusted political parties of the Indian bourgeoisie serve the aggregate interest of the crisis-ridden ruling capitalist class. In pursuit of its class objective, in this third phase of general and intense crisis of world capitalism and more particularly after the dismantling of socialist camp and onset of all-out globalization, the drive towards fascism is their inescapable historical course. Explaining the main features of fascism, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said that “They are mainly economic centralization, maximum

concentration of political power in the state, rigid firmness in administration — all leading to more and more identification of the state with the interest of the monopolists — and cultural regimentation.” No doubt, all these features of fascism have become more pronounced under the present dispensation at the centre.

The ‘Thesis on the National Situation’ adopted by our Second Party Congress sounded a caution as follows: “Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pointed out long back that with their arch communal character, with their ideology based on promoting blindness, fanaticism, rabid anti-Muslim, anti-Christian psyche on the model of Hitler’s anti-semitism and with their regimental organizational network, the RSS-Sangh Parivar as well as their political wings, namely erstwhile Jan Sangh (BJP of later times) ever ready to serve the aggregate interest of capitalist class, bear in them all potentialities to turn into a vicious fascist force.” This forewarning of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has proved to be true given the sequence of developments in the national scenario in the past few years.

However, it is pertinent to note that despite this grave danger of fascism, unlike Germany the contradiction between the national monopoly bourgeoisie and the regional bourgeoisie along with the existence of plenty of small production in our economy acts as a deterrent factor in foisting all out fascism in our country. Furthermore, a large number of liberal democrats, scientists, historians, artists, journalists, literati and other intellectuals are opposing fascistic measures of the government which is a noteworthy feature. Under the circumstances, it is incumbent on a revolutionary party of the proletariat like ours to devise a correct political–tactical line in the obtaining situation to combat the growing danger of fascism before our society.

Sustained united powerful left-democratic movement is the need of the hour

We have witnessed in the recent past that growing discontent and anger of the common people are often bursting forth in protest movements on the burning issues of life across the country. Peasants, industrial and agricultural workers, unorganized and scheme workers, students, youths, women, teachers, scientists and other cross-sections of the oppressed masses have been taking to the streets in large numbers here and there braving all odds and even at times confronting brutal suppressions of the state machinery. However, most of these movements are unorganized, spontaneous and politically unconscious sporadic mass outbursts which often subsided in the absence of a real revolutionary political leadership. So the imperative need of the hour is to develop conscious, organized, united powerful and sustained class and mass struggles of different sections of the exploited toiling masses throughout the country based on correct revolutionary ideology and of higher proletarian cultural and moral values under a correct revolutionary leadership. Only a torrent of such class and mass struggles can thwart the growing danger of fascism.

It is evidently clear that the CPI(M) and the CPI have abandoned the path of mass movements since long and true to their social democratic character have been seeking to make political fortunes undergoes in bourgeois parliamentary opportunism. So, they, instead of responding to the need for developing united left-democratic movement are frantically trying to anyhow reap harvest in the hustings even if that warrants hobnobbing with the Congress by certifying it as a 'secular and democratic' force and also tying up with this or that regional bourgeois

parties or combinations in different states. However, at this juncture of political development and viewing the utmost necessity of building up broadest possible unity of the left-democratic forces for spearheading united left-democratic movement, we must endeavour seriously to build up united platform of left-democratic parties based on the Marxist principle of unity-struggle-unity. Unfortunately, the leadership of CPI(M), CPI have not responded to develop united militant mass movements. We appeal to the rank and file of CPI(M), CPI and other left parties to realize the urgent need of the hour and come forward in building up united militant mass democratic movements through out the country.

In this situation it is abundantly clear that to develop real mass and class struggles the crying need of the hour is to strengthen the SUCI(C), the genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat on our soil, founded by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Marxist Thinker. For this, all leaders and cadres of the party are to unleash an arduous, relentless and all-embracing life struggle to heighten their ideological, organizational and cultural standard following the noble revolutionary teachings of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought and strengthen the Party at all levels to meet the needs of the present situation.

The Third Party Congress of our beloved Party calls upon all left and democratic parties, forces, all well-meaning and progressive individuals to come forward, forge struggling unity to build up united mass movements to stall fascist onslaughts and save our society by accomplishing the historic task of anti-capitalist socialist revolution in our country and thereby strengthen the cause of world proletarian revolution.

