

Statement : Condemn Brutal Repression on Agitating Farmers

The All India Khet Mazdur Kisan Sabha (AIKMKS) strongly condemns the killing seven farmers in police firing in Mandasaur, Madhya Pradesh, who are demanding minimum support price for their crop as recommended by the National commission for Farmers (commonly known as Swaminathan commission) back in 2006. The government tried to brand it as work of anti-social elements and then as politisation of unrest by the opposition, but not conceded the reasonable demand of farmers. The attitude of BJP government, which promised to implement the Swaminathan commission's report is highly condemnable.

The AIKMKS also condemns the arrest and hand-cuffing of peasant in Kahammam, Telangana and lathi-charging of peasants at Guntur, AP, who are demanding a reasonable price for their Red Chilli crop.

The fate of peasants all over India is the same. They were thrown into distress and mire of debt by the anti-peasant policies pursued by the successive governments – be it the rise of fertiliser rates, irrigation water charges, hiking prices of seeds or making bank loans unavailable.

We call upon the peasants to unitedly fight against the anti-peasant policies of the government and demand for supply of fertilisers and seeds at reasonable prices, providing irrigation, institutional credit to all farmers, strengthening PDS and public procurement and redistribution of land.

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