

## Labour File:

# The Farce of Creation and Alleviation of Unemployment

It has been amply established that the new-liberal economic policies imposed by the imperialist globalization has utterly failed in delivering goods, particularly in bringing about prosperity to the people of the world. On the contrary it is irrefutably proved that hunger, poverty, misery, unemployment and joblessness have been growing consistently. Inequality in the wealth distribution is growing acutely into explosive proportions.

The very recent report of United Nations revealed that the number of people suffering from hunger throughout the world has been on the rise and that the number of undernourished people is rising in the world and by 2016 there are 815 million under-nourished people in the world.

The recent report of International Labour Organization (ILO) had emphatically disclosed that more than 700 million workers in the world are living in poverty and particularly that 145 million young workers in developing and emerging countries are living in extreme poverty. It also informed that 192.7 million people are unemployed globally.

Such has been the grim reality under the regime of neo-liberal economy of imperialist globalization.

But our rulers who are a part and parcel of the neo-liberal economic system have decided to con the people with fallacious claims and hood-wink them by impressing that they are leading the country in to prosperity through their so-called progressive policies and schemes!

Prime Minister Modi in the election campaign as well in the election manifesto had grandly claimed that NDA government will create 10 million new jobs in every year. To make believe his claims he started schemes like "Make in India" on a grand scale; which is nothing but acceleration of privatisation.

In our country where 13 million people enter in to the working age population annually and 7 million actually are looking for jobs along with the already unemployed seeking for jobs, even creation of 10 million new jobs every year will not cater the need of jobs adequately.

World Bank in its report "Jobless growth?" estimates that 8.5 million jobs have to be created to keep current unemployment rate constantly.

But the creation of jobs is left unanswered even to the extent of those conservative estimates; leave alone the quality of jobs. UBS security India reports that job quality is worsening gradually.

NITI Ayog itself has admitted that there is "severe under employment" and "exhorted the need in the creation of high-wage jobs".

But neither the jobs are created either in stated numbers (quantity) or in quality as has been claimed by the rulers.

But the NDA rulers have chosen to make false claims about creation of jobs every year.

The Prime minister, his advisory board members, NITI Ayog members have been consistently propagating in the media that around 1.5 crore jobs have been created during the year 2016-17. In fact due to the regularisation of economy, around 70 lakhs of jobs for the youth and 30 lakhs of jobs for elder people above 65 years were lost the net result being the creation of only 18 lakhs of new jobs. Due to the closure of small and medium industries our country's economy is not progressing leading to unemployment.

The very fact that the unemployment rate@3.7% in the first quarter of 2017-18 had raised to 6.3% in March 18 and it soared to 7.4% high in April 2018, speaks about the acuteness of the unemployment problem in our country. That 2.5 million have applied for a mere 90,000 vacancies in railways disclose two aspects of the unemployment problem. 1). Unemployment problem is rampant in our country 2). Even those job holders of poor quality are seeking higher wage and secure jobs compared to private/unorganized/informal jobs.

While such has been the grim reality the NDA rulers and their cohorts persistently argue that there is a great job creation and more of formal and secured job creation and boast that India is the second largest employer providing jobs over 44 millions. But the fact remains that 90% of work-force in our country is informal.

But our rulers insist that they created more jobs and formal jobs. They show us the date of EPFO as a proof for formal job creation and MUDRA beneficiaries as self employed people.

The sudden spurt in the number of EPFO contributors is not due to the created new jobs as being claimed. The increase in numbers is a consequence after the amnesty become doled out to employers (EPFO defaulters), who newly registered their old un-registered workers into the EPFO scheme as

members. Moreover the EPFO data also reveals that 90% of all the employers registered within it are earning less than Rs.15,000/- month disclosing the poor quality of jobs reducing them on par with informal workers.

Various surveys like Lokniti CSDS, India Today, Centre for monitoring Indian economy point out the very same facts mentioned above about job creation, quality of jobs and unemployment in India.

When it comes to the self-employment of MUDRA bene-ficiaries again it is a fallacious claim. In accordance with the 6<sup>th</sup> economic census in 2013-14 while 58.5 millions are supposed to be the total self-established establishments, 41.97 million of them are only own-account enterprises; which means the Mudra loan receiver alone is self-employed without employing another person is the enterprise. Thus 72% of the MUDRA beneficiaries are nothing but simple workers that took up survival employment lacking no other opportunity to find out any job; and are as insecure and vulnerable as unorganized sector workers to the viles of the market forces. It is a bitter truth that 85% of the self-employed under MUDRA scheme are earning lesser than Rs.10,000/- per month exposes the hollowness the quality of jobs claimed to have been created under MUDRA scheme self-employment.

Again in the name of developing skills among workers the NDA rulers have grandly started the so called skill India (PM) CVY scheme. Even those few that have been 'skilled' under this scheme are left unemployed and now NITI Ayog proposes to make them 'self-employed' under MUDRA-Loan scheme.!

This is the epoch where the NDA rulers consider '*FRYING PAKODAS*' OR *TENDING/HERDING COWS* as a substantial employ-ment/jobs, it will be foolishness to expect job creation that too of a fair quality by them. They only just sell lofty slogans in lieu of creating jobs and are skilled in hood-winking the people by raising sentiments of communalism and religiosity to step in to governmental power.

The desperate need of the day of the people of our country is respectable, dignified and secured living opportunity by working.

The rulers who are devoted to sub serve the interests of the imperialism and its neo-liberal economic policy of exploitation cannot and will not fulfil this basic need and aspiration of the people.

By constantly fighting against imperialism with unwavering unity of the unemployed and the other sections of the working people only the aspirations of respectable, dignified and secured employment can be achieved!

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