

Report from Jharkand

Unite against the Imperialist Development Policy and attacks on the Rights of Tribals & the son of soil

Call of Hul Jharkhand Kranti Dal Conference

Hul Jharkhand Kranti Dal is basically a peasant organisation of Jharkhand. H J K D is affiliated with AIKMKS. On the occasion of 118th martyrs day of great peoples leader Birsa Munda the 2-day 11th conference of HJKD held on 9 and 10 June. Under the leadership of Munda, the Ulgulan was against the British imperialism, feudalism and their state power the police station and court. The 11th conference started with the homage to the great leader Birsa Munda with the traditional revolt songs and dances. Then the 5 members of presidium consisting of comrades Brisa Hemberam, Babudhan Murmu, Jaswa Kachhap, Mangal Marandi and Lalita Soren began the proceeding of the conference. Dr Rose Kerketta, who first raised the demand for the right to property for tribal women in Jharkhand, was the chief guest to inaugurate the conference. But she didn't came because of health problem. So an old activist and intellectual of Jharkhand Fr Stan Swamy inaugurated the conference. He stressed that the land question is still important for Jharkhand since the Ulgulan period of Brisa Munda. Comrades Vashist Tiwary of CPI(ML) Red Star, Bharat Bhushan Choudhary of Samajwadi Jan Parishad and Manzul Oliver Dadel of Birsa Seva Dal also addressed the open session of conference .

All speakers stressed on the corporate loots and state represssions. They also narrated about the communal attacks especially on minorities and dalits. The Sangh goons are also attacking the progressive writers, journalists and intellectuals. These kind of incidents are increasing day by day in Jharkhand. So Jharkhand is on top of the list for this type of attacks in all over India. Jharkhand is now the laboratory for the Sangh Privar. It is the need of exploiting ruling classes to break the unity of toiling masses. At the last of the open session Comrade Shambhu Mahato of AIKMKS spokes on the history of the Jharkhand movement and the present situation in the Jharkhand. He explained that present exploitative and represssive system is not fit for the adivasis according to their culture which is based on equality, collecti-vity, brotherhood and labour.

In delegate session the three documents Present situation & our tasks, Political organisational reports and the Constitution of HJKD has been placed before the conference. After the discussion all the three documents has been passed unanimously. A state committee of 23 members comprising of Brisa Hemberam as President and Babudhan Murmu as General Secretary has been formed unanimously.

Following resolution were placed before the conference and passed:

1. Present development policy is an attack on water, forest, land, minirals & toiling masses. Parliamentarian political parties have no differences on this Imperialist development policies based on plunder and repression. This development policy widening the gulf between the rich and poor. The State has been wantonly ignoring the constitutional rights of ST, SC and other weaker sections. So the ST,SC and other toiling masses are isolated in this system. So the conference in the interest of nation rejects this development policy. Conference demands to keep stress on public sector industries and small scale industries to increase employment opportunities.

2. To make peasants self sufficient in producing seeds and fertilizers the agricultural sector must be freed from the clutches MNCs and corporate houses. As recommended by the Swaminathan commission report the price of the agricultural produce should be 50% more of total cost of production.

3. The aboriginal people of Jharkhand depends on agricultural & forest produces for lively hoods. According to the data of Dr Swaminathan, 83% of peasants families of Jharkhand have below the 2 hectare land and 0.69% families have more than 10 hectares land. So 83% families of peasants are in a hand to mouth existence. So naturally they are not in a condition to use the industrial products, agricultural produces or the service sectors. They are bound to migrate seasonally in search of work with better wage in different states. So to change the present situation of peasantry the land reform is needed instead of land bank for the industrialists. Those lands of ST,SC & others which were occupied by money lenders, new rich & dabangs in contravention to CNT and SPT Acts should be returned back.

4. In agricultural sector lakhs of farmers are committing suicides due to debt trap. While hundreds of crores of rupees are being given to the big industrialists in the form of tax concessions etc, the government is not paying attention to the debt problem of peasants. Our conference demands that all kind of debts of all peasants should be written off.

5. The population percentage of aboriginal population of Jharkhand, specially the ST population is decreasing in comparison of total population of Jharkhand due to the migration from other states because of industries. So the constituencies reserved for STs in the state assembly reduced to 28 from 32. Now it is recommended again to further reduce them to 22 from 28. But till now it is suspended because of political pressure. Now the identity and existence of adivasis is in crisis. In this situation it is difficult to unify peasants and workers to fight against the plunder of MNCs and big business and for the land reform. Conference feels that unity of the people of Jharkhand is urgent and necessary.

6. Jharkhand Govt is trying to destroy the social unity of Jharkhand which is based on the culture of Jharkhand. The Sangh Privar is raking up the chauvinism in the name of Hindu religion. In the name of protecting cow, the number of mob lynching is highest in Jharkhand. There are continuous social movement against the land acquisition and amendment of CNT & SPT Acts. To break this social unity, the Jharkhand Govt came with a bill on the religion conversion. HJKD conference opposes this bill and demands to withdraw it immediately.

7. Jharkhand Govt unlawfully formed a land bank without consulting the concerned peoples. It is against the 5th schedule of Indian Constitution and PESA Act. This bank is not for the landless or poor peasants but for the MNCs and corporate houses. HJKD conference opposes this bill and demanded to roll back this anti peasants policy.

8. Basing on the Report of Bhuria Commission, Gram Sabhas in Scheduled areas were provided with powers in the PESA Act. Since then a social movement with the help of Dr B D Sharma was going on. Now B D Sharma is no more but movement still going on. It is a sign board of stone with the details of PESA rules. Govt is now fearing with this self rule movement which is against of land bank, land acquisition and any interference of bureaucracy in any development affairs of villages. So Govt declare this Pathal Gadhi movement as a anti National movement. Some activist are arrested and sent them to jail. But this movement is spreading day by day to the tribal areas of Odisha & Chhattisgarh also. Our conference supports this movement of self rule. We also demand that Govt should release the all activist of this movement and implement the Gram Sabha Act for the self rule of 5th scheduled areas.

9. The slogan of PM is save daughter - educate daughter. But reality came from the mouth of RSS head Mohan Bhagwat. Bhagwat uttered that women are the only a consumer item for men. HJKD conference condemns this statement. Because of this understanding, the atrocities on women are increasing day by day. Even girl child are not spared. It is first time in history that a ruling party march on street to protect the rapist. HJKD conference sharply condemns this heinous act of sangh pariwar.
