

Reject BJP and Its' Allies! Expose the Ruling Class Parties! Support the Democratic Forces!

Five states – Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Telangana – are going to polls in November 2018 to elect their respective state legislative Assemblies. While four states are being ruled by the BJP and its allies, the state of Telangana is being ruled by the regional party Telangana Rashtra Samiti.

To cover up these anti-people policies and to divert the peoples' attention from the basic issues, the ruling classes through their political representatives used and are still using communal, caste and regional sentiments, raking them up into hatreds and dividing the people in order to destroy their united strength.

Rajasthan witnessed large number of murders of Muslims in the name of Gau rakshan. The attacks on dalits and women have continuously been conducted in these states by the BJP and its mentor RSS. The TRS, even after four years of bifurcation, is raking up regional chauvinism to safely land again in the seat of power.

During their term in power in these states, they failed to even address the most urgent and basic problems faced by the people. The BJP promised to double the income of farmers, but did little except bringing out a concept paper by the NITI Ayog. At the same time when farmers demonstrated demanding remunerative prices for their produce, they were subjected to brutal repression in MP and Rajasthan. They promised to create jobs for the youth, but for the last four years the creation of jobs is on the decline. These governments absolved themselves of their responsibility of providing education, health and medical services to all the citizens, while promoting market forces to take over these sectors. The result is that education and health became unaffordable for the poor and a burden for the middle classes.

Hand in glove with the BJP government at the centre, these state level parties promoted the measures such as GST which had put unimaginable economic burden upon the people. While the hard earned savings of people deposited in the public sector banks and state budgets are being looted by the big bourgeoisie they remained as mute spectators and are now supporting measures to place these losses on the backs of people by newer forms of taxation.

The ruling parties in these five states have not even questioned the measures taken by the BJP at the centre encroaching upon their powers. When Narendra Modi government proposed amendments to the land acquisition law, it faced country wide resistance. These state governments made their own amendments to the land acquisition laws which made easy for the state government to take away the lands of peasants at their whim. These state governments with little publicity enacted changes in the so-called labour laws in favour of capitalists and trampling the legitimate rights of workers.

The opposition parties mainly the Congress in these states is leaving no stone unturned to come to the power. It is vying with BJP in showering promises of bringing haven to the earth. The ruling class parties are mainly depending upon their muscle and money power along with doling out the populist schemes and thus treating the electorate as beggars waiting for alms. The Congress and BJP along with the regional parties are one in serving the interests of imperialist capital and big bourgeoisie. Except making some noises when in opposition they have consensus on all the anti-people policies.

The successive governments in these states have been implementing fascist type of repression. For BJP and its mentor RSS Hindutwa has become a pet slogan to push through the divide and rule policy by raking up communal, caste and regional hatreds among the people. They are attempting to lull the anger of people with palliative measures. But they are committed to protect and continue the present socio-economic and political system.

The backwardness of the Indian economy and consequent poverty and misery of people are the result of continuing semi-feudal and semi-colonial nature of our society. Unless and until this

system is changed to establish a democratic society, there would not be any development in the lives of the people. We call upon the people to unite and struggle against the continuing oppression of the semi-feudal exploitation and domination of imperialism.

In the present context of elections to five state assemblies, we call upon the people to:

- ✦ ***Reject the BJP and its' allies;***
- ✦ ***be vigilant about the class nature of the Congress and other ruling class parties;***
- ✦ ***Support and vote for the democratic forces wherever they contested;***
- ✦ ***Workers, peasants and down-trodden people unitedly struggle against fascist Trends of the ruling classes.***

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with Revolutionary greetings

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