

Intensifying Class Struggles is the only way out!

The elections to the five state assemblies had completed with the defeat of BJP governments in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh and the regional parties coming to power in Telangana and Manipur. The Congress was able to capture power in three states it made a poor show in Telangana.

These elections took place after four and a half years rule by the BJP at the centre. The demonitisation, followed by the imposition of GST had devastated the peasant economy and manufacturing sectors, particularly small scale industries, which is the backbone of manufacturing and employment in India. Consequently agricultural crisis deepened further. The economy could not generate employment opportunities. This is the result of continuation of the implementation of imperialist dictats by the Narendra Modi government.

To divert the attention of people from these anti-people policies, the BJP raked up communal hatred with gau raksha, love jihad and brutal attacks on religious minorities. More than 100 incidents of killing and arson occurred during the BJP rule in the name of saving Hinduism. The fascistic type of propaganda and methods were adopted to crush the opposition to these policies.

During these more than four years, the BJP did not attempt to solve even a single problem faced by various classes such as agricultural crisis, unemployment, rather it intensified them further. The people are seething with discontent and anger. It got expressed in the massive demonstrations by farmers and workers demanding resolution of their problems.

In this context, the elections to five state assemblies came as a prelude to the general elections to the Parliament to be held in 2019. The main opposition party the Congress took up corruption under BJP rule and agrarian 'distress' as the main plank of its election campaign. It unabashedly blamed BJP for all ills knowing well that these were the continuation of policies pursued by it. One clear example is GST.

During the last elections many state governments announced loan waiver to farmers. This time also all the parties announced loan waiver and hike of Minimum support price to some degree or other. Here the ruling class parties are not for the resolution of agrarian crisis. Their policies are aimed at alienating the peasantry from their land to hand over it to the corporate farming. At the same time they use the high sounding schemes only to make the peasantry believe in the so-called development path charted by them.

After the elections and as part of preparations for coming Lok Sabha elections, the ruling class parties are playing the same card. The Congress party came out with a promise to implement loan waiver to farmers if it comes to power at the centre. According to news reports the BJP is contemplating to formulate a scheme in the lines of that implemented by the Telangana government that is, giving input assistance to the farmers.

Narendra Modi showed one-up-man ship when he made his cabinet to approve 10 per cent reservations in education and employment to economically weaker sections. As the employment opportunities are dwindling in the organized sector and government sector and as the criterion for the economically weaker section encompasses almost 60 per cent of population, the proposed reservation through constitutional amendment is only meant to create illusions among the youth and further polarize them on caste basis.

It is clear that whichever party may come to power in the coming elections, it is not going to address the root cause of agrarian crisis and unemployment, but seeks to treat symptoms rather than deep seated malaise.

The Congress and some left parties described BJP rule as communal fascism in order to rally progressive forces around them. It is to be noted here that the Congress, true to its class nature avoided discussion on how the raking up of communal hatreds and brutal suppression of peoples agitations served the interests of imperialism, big bourgeoisie. The Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is visiting every temple to appease the Hindu voters. It vociferously condemned the corruption of BJP rule while white washing the same during its rule.

The ruling class parties are not secular and democratic. They have nothing to differ among themselves on the question of serving the interests of imperialism, big bourgeoisie and big landlords and in using every opportunity to divide and divert the people on caste, religion and regional basis and trampling the democratic rights of people and suppressing them. The BJP adopted these methods nakedly, while the Congress adopted subtle methods. The fascist type of rule is going on throughout the last six decades whichever section of the ruling class representatives were in power.

It is strange some of the Communist revolutionary organizations fall prey to the slogan and propaganda of a section of ruling classes aimed at excluding themselves from the target of peoples anger. This only helps to replace one section by another section of ruling classes. It is not going to help the fight against divisive and diversionist policies of the ruling classes and the problem of communalism, brutal suppression of people and trampling of democratic rights.

It is the duty of the democratic, patriotic and revolutionary forces and organizations to expose both the naked and disguised methods of raking up communalism by the ruling class parties. They must recognize that fighting against communalism means fighting against injustice and inequality and fighting for the protection of democratic rights of the people to whatever religion, gender, region and caste they may belongs to. To wage such a struggle the people have to be organized into their class organizations. It is the class struggle that raised the peoples consciousness to such a high level that they do not fall prey to divisive politics of communalism. History has irrefutably proved this fact several times.
