

THE FARCE OF CSR!

According to the Companies Act 2013, certain class of companies need to spend at least 2% of the average net profit towards corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities and make mandatory disclosures about their spending. This is supposed to be the object of building an enduring organisation of corporates as the trustees of society's wealth".

With such high-sounding lofty slogans the corporate world as well as the rulers who have been subservient to the big-capital have been hood-winking the people, covering up the colossal loot of the wealth from India of the imperialist transnational corporations and making the people to believe that the corporates and big-business organisations take up the social responsibility of the well-being of people.

However a recent study for the year 2015-2017 about the CSR practice in India had shattered the myth propagated by the vested interests and the powers that be about the virtues of CSR and corporate governance. The business school of Thomas Schmidheiny centre conducted the study about CSR spending in India and revealed that the CSR activities of business firms are nominal and ineffectual.

According to its study report only 50% of the family firms have met their CSR obligations to the prescribed amount only 45.1% of non family firms have contributed to CSR where as mere 31.7% is contributed by the state enterprises. Even these CSR spendings lack transparency and strong governance mechanisms.

Another study revealed even in this meagre-spending on CSR activities by the business firms, most of the amounts spent in the name of CSR were in the form of donations to the ruling-class political parties. In other words the 'CSR activities' conducted by the business firms has nothing to do with the society or its real requirements.

In effect the CSR is proved to be a farce that has nothing to do about bringing about well-being in the society and that trusty-ship of society's wealth is a myth created by the neo-liberal capitalist economy, which is purposefully intended to hood-wink people of the world to create a good-will to the corporations of big-capital that loot the entire-world and the capitalist system that approves, justifies and protects the exploitation and loot of the capital and its rule over the globe.

This shall open the eyes of those who have illusions about the virtues of capitalist system!
