

## **Servility of our System in protecting the Interests of Rich, Powerful and Criminal Politicians!**

The horrifying accident met by the teenager from Unnao in U.P, who in 2017 became the victim of sexual assault of rape by the B.J.P MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, battling for her life in a hospital with her lawyer, amply exposes the real nature of system – whose interests it protects.

This shall not be seen simply in terms of maintaining of law and order, but in terms of the class nature of our system. The law and order enforcement prescribed in our system is not intended to protect common people from violence of the powers that be but are intended exclusively to protect the rich ruling classes, their powerful agents and the politicians representing the ruling-classes from the dissent, protest and ire of the people against their atrocious acts and anti-people policies. Our semi-colonial and semi-feudal system never enforces law and order against the rulers, ruling-classes and the criminal politicians.

That is why the teenager victim who went to Kuldeep Singh Sengar, a four-time legislator, presently of B.J.P, from Bangermaw for job two years ago was raped followed by a gang rape. This rape case of Unnao came to light in April last year when the victim survivor tried to immolate herself in front of chief minister Yogi Adityanath's residence. She took this step to draw attention to the police's refusal to take action against Sengar. After the complaint, she and her family members are hounded. Her father was arrested and beaten to death by Senegar's brother and his accomplices in police custody. The CBI was asked to investigate both the rape case as well as the death in police custody. It filed charge-sheets in both the cases in July last year but the trial in neither case has started. Many days after the charge-sheet was filed, a key witness in this case Mohmad Yunus died under "mysterious circumstances".

Now it is the collision of the truck with the vehicle in which the victim, several members of her family and her lawyer were travelling causing a serious accident. In this 'accident' one of the two aunts of the victim is killed, who is a crucial witness in the rape case. The victim is in critical condition. If she too dies, the criminal politician will walk free by defeating the process of justice.

Kuldeep Singh drew his notoriety from patronising illegal sand mining and operation of unlicensed passengers. Sengar has a network of loyalists in almost every village in Unnao district. Though sequestered 157 km from Unnao and kept in Sitapur jail, he (Sengar) 'worked hard' to ensure that BJP's candidate from Lok Sabha constituency Sakshi Maharaj, won. On winning the parliamentary election Sakshi Maharaj's first mission was calling on Sengar at the jail and publicly proffering thanks to him. Such has been his political clout with the ruling B.J.P. For B.J.P winning is all that matters but not the character of the candidate. Senegar belongs to Rajput caste. Yogi Adityanath as a politician has leveraged his influence in eastern UP to nurture Rajput to undermine the power of Brahmin gangsters whose word was law. Thus caste politics too played to protect Sengar from any action from the government. It is said that the events (present day rape, killings etc) are an outcome of 40 year long animosity of Senegar towards the victim's clan, which turned violent. The provocation seems to be a trivial as a fight over the spoils from illegal sand-mining or rivalry in a local body election.

Thus Sengar committed atrocities with impunity unchecked, with the wilful connivance of the state and the system.

After a public-cry over this atrocious horror, the Supreme Court came in to the picture late as a letter from the rape survivor's kin seeking help was not put up before the C.J.I in time. This is not a mere aberration of the Supreme Court registry, since it is not the first time that the registry played hooky.

Our system itself is designed to allow such lapses (intentional) to avoid necessary action against the rich and powerful in such crimes. The police intended to maintain law & order are the subordinates of the rich ruling classes and the rulers. This makes them to deferring to the powerful and the rich and treating the helpless with contempt.

What has happened in Unnao is a frequent occurrence in many parts of the country. Unscrupulous men of power have always been indulging in crimes of Senegar kind. The Patriarchial system allows such crimes to continue with impunity. The women, particularly the poor women, cannot expect justice unless they take the struggle to the level of changing the present system. As the Mafioso are embedded in our political system there is a need to confront them.

This can only be done by a people's movement. Such a powerful people's movement has to be built-up with such an objective.

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