

PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-PEASANT, ANTI-PEOPLE POLICIES

Karnataka Rajya Rythu Sangha (KRRS) affiliated to AIKMKS decided to take up programmes in protest against the anti-peasant and anti-people policies of BJP Govt. in Karnataka and at the Centre. It organized programmes in various districts and talukas. It carried on a wide campaign through leaflets. Even in the face of lock down restrictions the peasants took the MLAs and Ministers to task at several places whenever they came to villages as part of their programmes.

On June 2, 2020, 100 mask-wearing peasants reached Bengaluru from different districts and took part in Dharna held at Mourya circle. Police sought to foil it by arresting the peasants alleging violation of the Covid restrictions. But the peasants refused to withdraw the dharna without presenting their Charter of demands to the Government. The police came down to allow a delegation to meet the CM Yediyurappa. A ten member delegation led by Sri.Narayana Swamy, the President and Sri. R. Madhava Reddy, the State Secretary of KRRS, went straight from the venue of dharna to the Chief Minister, met and explained to him the main demands of the peasants. Then, the dharna was called off with a warning to continue the protest if the problems are not solved.

KRRS participated in programmes in various districts as part of June 25th All India Protest of various Peasant organizations. The peasants from Bellari, Siriguppa, Chikballapur and other places have widely participated in this protest.

DEMANDS :

1. Oppose Centre's intervention (amending the law) in the rights of the States in the electricity sector;
2. Oppose the Governor's consent to APMC favouring the capitalists;
3. Oppose the removal of the condition which stipulated that the peasants in the jurisdiction of Land Reforms Act alone can purchase the agricultural lands. This decision benefits the rich classes and harms the peasants.
4. Oppose the denial of peasants' right to raise the seed crops.

KRRS and Chaganuru Sirivara Karnataka land Protection Struggle Samithi took out a funeral jatha on Sept 25th, 2020 in Bellary demanding the Indian President not to give his assent to the anti-farmer bills passed by the Parliament. The people from various villages together with peasant women have participated in it. The anti-farmer bills in the form of dead bodies were carried from Narayana Rao Park to Chennappa circle. The people raised the slogans denouncing the anti-farmer policies of the state and Central governments. The peasants who have come from various villages formed a human chain. The slogans raised by them reverberated in the entire area. The police sought to prevent the people from setting the bills on fire. Defying it, the peasants have carried on the call of AIKSCC and AIKMKS. The bills were set on fire. In solidarity with the peasants, Chaganuru Mallikarjun Reddy, vittal and Patil-the advocates have participated in the program.

As part of this programme, a Rasta Roko was to be organized in Bengaluru. But the police arrested the president of KRRS Narayan Swamy and other leaders at their homes at 5-0 AM and lodged them in police stations till 11.0 am. By this time, the people have reached Bengaluru from different areas and held rasta roko on the high way and city Junction. The leaders from various peasant organizations have participated in the programme. They stopped the Vehicles and raised the slogans.

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