

Inquilab zindabad! Peasants Movement zindabad !!

AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF INDIA BY ALL INDIA KHET MAJDOOR KISAN SABHA (AIKMKS)

- + *Unite with the ongoing Peasants Movement in the country!*
- + *Repeal the Three anti- farmers and pro- corporate Farm Acts!*
- + *Guarantee the government purchases of farm products on MSP!*
- + *Withdraw the Electricity Amendment Bill, 2020!*
- + *Ensure the supply of farm inputs on cheap prices!*
- + *Implement the radical land reforms!*

Dear friends,

The Central Government under the leadership of Narendra Modi has imposed the three anti-farmers & pro-corporate Farm Acts on the peasants of the country ignoring the rights of the state governments during the Corona period. These three farm acts – the Farming Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion & Facilitation) Act 2020; the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act 2020; the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 are anti-people which will in reality dismantle the agricultural marketing (APMC), enable the corporate sector to directly purchase the farm produce, dismantle the system of M.S.P., promote the contract farming, establish the control & hegemony of native & foreign big capitalists on agricultural sector, enhance the hoarding and black marketing and open the entire agricultural sector in favor of open market under the neo liberal policies of pro- imperialist WTO. Lacs of peasants of the country are sitting on dharnas on the borders of Delhi against the three Farm Acts since last two months. They are carrying on the agitation. Till now eleven round of talks have been held between the central government and the farmers' leaders, but the government has taken a stubborn attitude and is not ready to accept the just demands of the peasants. More than 150 peasants have got martyrdom in the midst of biting cold of the winter season. But the morale of agitating farmers is very high and they are determined in their resolve that they will not go to their home until & unless the repeal of the three Farm Acts (Kanoon wapsi nahin to Ghar wapsi nahin).

This attack of the central government is directed against the farmers of India which is dominated by peasant masses. More than 65% of the Country's population reside in the villages and more than 50% of people of the country is dependent on agriculture for their livelihood. The agricultural sector generates maximum opportunities of employment till date. Agriculture is the backbone of the economy of our country. It has been aptly proved in the Corona lockdown time. More over the government is placing the agricultural sector into the hands of corporate houses in the interests of imperialism. Actually this is a ploy to massively displace the peasants from agriculture and supply them as cheap laborers in the cities.

On the other hand the government in the centre is draining the people's money freely to fill the coffers of big industrialists. During the last 5 years the corporate houses in connivance with the government have not refunded almost 17 lac crores of loans they had taken from the banks and the central government had written them off and waived 50 lac crores of tax amount during last 16 years in the name of NPA. But when the matter comes to help the peasant community, the government start talking about the dearth of funds. Agricultural expert Dr. Devendra Sharma is of the opinion that the government can take the responsibility of purchasing of agricultural products on MSP in the country by providing only Rs. 4 lac crores for the agricultural sector. But when it comes to the question of providing economic assistance to the workers and peasants, all the governments true to their servitude to imperialism & corporate houses refuse to oblige. The NDA Government under the leadership of BJP has already surpassed the Congress led UPA government in implementing the pro- imperialist policies of liberalization, globali-zation and privatization. This government is handing over all the sectors including public industry, health services, education sector, electricity, water, road etc. to the open market throwing away the veil of Welfare State. The consequences are quite evident in the form of price rises. Everything is going out of the reach of common people. The opportunities of employment are becoming lesser day by day and the level of un-employment is the highest today in comparison to the last 45 years.

Comrades!

It is essential for the government to purchase the grains on MSP in the country so that cheap food, food security can be guaranteed and public distribution system can be maintained. If the money of the country is spent in the agricultural sector, the lot of peasants will become improved and their purchasing capacities will be increased. The improvement in the sale & purchase in the market can help even the employment to grow. It is very essential that the central government as well as state governments must take the responsibility of purchasing of agricultural products. It is very necessary for the poor and middle peasants because they can't wait for long to sell their products.

Friends!

The present agitation of the farmers is very important. Today the imperialist policies as well as the Indian corporate sector are standing against the farmers. All sections of the peasantry and the people of the country must unite to fight this just struggle and make sure their victory. The seventy percent population of the peasantry is comprised of agri-cultural laborers, poor and small peasants. This section of the peasantry must be mobilized to participate in the ongoing agitation prominently. The demands of just wages and land reforms are the basic demands of this section. The pro-landlord land reforms implemented in the country previously did not change the situation. It is very urgent and pertinent to implement the radical land reforms so that agricultural economy of the countryside can be developed, the condition of the peasantry especially poor and small peasants can be changed for better and the process of democratization of the society would be stronger.

We, on behalf of **All India Khet Majdoor Kisan Sabha**, wholeheartedly support the ongoing peasant movement under the leadership of **Samyukta Kisan Morcha**. We pay our deepest tributes and heartfelt condolences to the peasants who became martyrs during the agitation and pay our warm regards & red salute to them. We appeal to the workers, peasants, other toiling masses of the people and different sections of the common citizens to support the farmers' agitation whole-heartedly. The unity of workers and peasants will certainly take the agitation far ahead, teach a lesson to the government which is deadest to mortgage the country and make the road of revolutionary movement for basic change of the socio-economic system wider.

With revolutionary greetings,

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[The AIKMKS and its affiliated organizations in AP, Telangana, Karnataka, TN, Odisha, Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Kerala, Delhi and other states are active in mobilizing the people against the anti-farmer, anti-people, pro-corporate and pro-imperialist policies of Indian ruling classes and in support and solidarity with the ongoing farmers protest movement for the repeal of three Central Farm Laws. As part of it, an all India team of leaders and activists has visited the Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur Centres in Delhi borders in the last week of Jan' 2021. Here the team had a good discussion with leaders and activists of the protesting movement which greatly helped to understand the protest movement, its unity and the determination of farmers to continue the struggle till the end. The team extended the whole hearted support and solidarity of AIKMKS to the protest movement and has widely distributed **the APPEAL** of AIKMKS among the protesting people. – EDITOR.]

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