

Red Salute to Comrade Tarimela Nagireddy, Leader of the Oppressed Masses and the Pioneer of Communist Revolutionaries!

44 years elapsed since Comrade Tarimela Nagireddy left us. Even today the light he radiated on the Indian Revolution is our revolutionary guiding force. He strongly said the so called independence to the country in August, 1947 was a mockery and country became a reaping land for exploitation by all imperialist nations including British imperialism. He warned that the comprador Indian big bourgeoisie which linger for bits and pieces at the dining table of the Imperialists, would not contribute to the comprehensive development of the people of the country. He urged for establishment of New Democratic System by overthrowing the present system which is strengthening feudal relations by compromising with feudalism and serving imperialism.

At a time when rulers are using the Covid-19 pandemic to shift the burden of world capitalist crisis onto the backs of the people when the entire world is encircled with Covid-19, instead of taking measures to protect the people; at a time when the Indian ruling class is trampling India with American imperialist interests while the economic and political interests of the country are kneeling at the feet of imperialist finance capital; at a time when there is growing unrest and anger among the people and the dreaded rulers are crushing the unrest by sharpening the fangs of detention laws and by relief measures, the commemoration of Com.TN is reminding us our duties.

After Foreign Capital was allowed in the supply of fertilizers, seeds and other agricultural inputs, Government of India endorsed foreign capital into agricultural produce markets and crop cultivation taking advantage of the situation where people couldn't come out due to corona. Emergency Commodities Act amended and allowed foreign capital in cropping and pricing, amended APMC's law and privatized the marketing of crops. The laws enacted in the name of farmer empowerment have removed barriers to contract/corporate cultivation by foreign companies. All the subsidies announced for the agricultural sector during corona are actually to arrange the infrastructure (roads, cold storages) needed for foreign capital.

Narendra Modi, who announced to have come out of the R.C.E.P talks for the benefit of our peasantry, is ready for a free trade agreement on same lines with American imperialists and declared willingness to sign the

agreement any time soon. A similar agreement is in negotiation with the European Union. These agreements make the Indian agricultural sector hinge upon Imperialist economy and will destroy Indian agriculture.

As Com. TN stated, the Indian ruling class took slow pace for shifting feudal relations into capitalist relations without any disturbance to the existing system, but accelerated during corona pandemic. We continue to experience the poisonous outcomes of this process. 3 lakh peasant suicides, growing conflict in the rural areas, and the ongoing feudal chauvinist atrocities on the rural poor and the down trodden are its consequence. These developments will not solve the crisis in the agricultural sector as the rulers claim but worsen in the coming days.

The country's manufacturing sector has been crippling since 2010. Even the chances of its recovery were largely affected by demonitisation and GST, and today it is due to the corona lockdown. Narendra Modi's real aim to recuperate the manufacturing sector with Make in India scheme is to hand over the sector to Foreign Capital. On his overseas visits he invites foreign capitalists to come and establish Industries, grab the manufactured goods and trade elsewhere and wrap up profits. He is portraying the negative impact of this system as successful. He proclaimed of supplying drugs to the world but could not hide the fact that the Indian pharmaceutical industry would be shut down if raw material didn't come from China. While our rulers claim to be the top manufacturers of cell phones, Nokia company accrued Rs. 2,40,000 Crores as royalty in addition to profits and were assured for evasion of tax of Rs 24,000 crores on the royalty with an amendment to the law. While foreign capital is using Indian resources (land, minerals, electricity and labour) at low price to reap huge profits –it continues to be the duty of the leaders of Indian government to permit it.

90 percent of workers are working uncovered under labour laws. The remaining 10 per cent left in a state of non-execution of labour laws. On the contrary, the government has been campaigning that the laws are a hindrance for the Industrialists. Prior to Corona they enacted the three labour codes (draft regulation –not the law) and sought to devour workers' rights. They made some state governments to announce suspension of labor laws and increase working hours during Corona. After huge protests erupted, a called off the suspension but did not disclose their plan.

Unemployment and poverty have ascended during the Corona lockdown period. Small businesses, small scale industries are losing out. The cause of this challenging situation is attributed Corona. But if the market

values of the Indian bourgeoisie and Foreign Capital in the stock market shoot up over the same period, one can understand how the burden is put on the common man.

This shows the high dependence of the Indian economic and political system. This dependence came to the crunch where it has to concede to foreign capital. When news came about World Bank opening its office in New Delhi, Com. TN said "from now on the World Bank will control the budget of Government of India". But today not just the central budget, the World Bank controls the budgets of state governments and municipalities also. From the price of drinking water supply to tollgate charges, electricity charges, share of the people is decided by the World Bank. It directs on cutting down expenditure on education and health sectors. In the name of advanced services governments are executing every means to handover these sectors to foreign capital.

During Corona, this dependence has come out more naked than before. The imposing and lifting of lock-down were blindly enforced following USA and they even followed the same United States in failure to handle the pandemic. The debate over when to open schools is on the similar lines. This dependence is obscured by the slogan of "Atma Nirbhartha".

The Indian government has been entangled in a policy of encircling China since Obama's presidential period. India agreed to participate in United States, Japan and Australia efforts to tangle China. These policies in the name of strategic partnership, blindly supporting every response of US to China, has tainted the Indian government. Its journey is heading towards supporting even the US military atrocities.

People's lives are shattered by these anti-people policies. New schemes are concocted to suppress the growing unrest among the people, introduced universal income schemes replacing the already existing popular schemes; deposited money in farmers' bank accounts in the name of Raithu Bandhu; deposited money in Jandhan Yojana accounts during corona and by applying different methods to deposit money; by abolishing many of the existing popular schemes and depositing money directly in bank accounts the government wants to suppress public unrest.

Outrage is growing among the people with rising unemployment and poverty. Deviating the unrest by provoking caste, religion, region and nationalism is a cakewalk for Indian ruling class. The Tabligi-Jamaat meeting which had permissions from government months before we even knew about corona, framed as the reason for the corona outbreak, is an

attempt to provoke anti-Muslim sentiment. Trump's propaganda of China spreading corona to the world is used by the ruling regime to provoke Anti-China nationalism. At the same time, the electronic channels launched by RSS affiliates sought to turn old and outdated Hindu cultural values as rescue to the world, translating Hindu emotions into mania. Even in the gloom of this crisis, the ray of light is the people didn't tumble to this evil propaganda.

As the growing anger among the people took the form of protests and resistance, the ruling classes resorted to brutal detention. The repression of the protests that went on over the Citizenship Amendment Act continued even during Corona. Communal riots were cooked in Delhi to diverge the protests and the students, intellectuals and participants were framed and arrested for the riots. The country's Home Minister, seized the power to arrest and imprison anyone without a charge sheet anytime and anywhere. The Modi-Shah duo is bringing in the NIA to link gold smuggling, inter-religious marriages and whatever they want to terrorism.

Doctors and nurses who were earlier called frontline warriors and showered with flowers are harassed for voicing the facts about Covid-19 and the inaction to handle it. Govt. sought to instill fear and zero tolerance for criticism of government policies on peoples' minds. No ruling class party is an exception in this regard.

By his thorough analysis of the situation prevailing up until 1970s Com. Nagireddy predicted the future consequences and we witness them today. As an alternative Com. Nagireddy gave a call to carry forward New Democratic Revolution, annihilation of feudalism, comprador bourgeoisie and their rule, and an end to the exploitation of imperialist hegemony. He firmly said no matter how many ups and downs come in the way the **victory of the revolution is assured**. The foremost duty of all of us is to follow the path shown by Com. Tarimela Nagireddy and continue to work for the victory of the New Democratic Revolution.

(It was written by P.Jaswantha Rao one month before on his last breath in Telugu. On the occasion of Com. TN memorial day on July 28, 2020)