

Speak what may, Issue Remains the Same!

Internal turmoil continues in the BJP, which is in power at the Centre. The scramble for a change of Chief Minister in Karnataka eventually forced the Chief Minister Yediyurappa, to forgo his seat. It is clear that the thrilling drama of who should replace Yediyurappa is only to make his follower as the CM.

The power struggle is intensifying in the ruling Congress in Punjab, the state which is at the centre of the peasant movement. Congress is looking to change the Chief Minister to escape from the crisis created due to its backdoor efforts to protect corporate interests. It is in that state that the popular agitation led by the Aam Aadmi Party against the congress government's policies was put down using the police. Congress is struggling to retain its power once again in the state.

The clashes between Assam and Mizoram are raging over the borders which run 125 km across three districts on both sides. The foundations for the border dispute were laid during the British era. 6 policemen were also killed in the recent clash.

In Kashmir the BJP did everything that shouldn't be done to the people, in order to serve the interests of the imperialists, and now it is talking about giving back statehood to appease the ruling and opposition parties.

The islands of Lakshadweep region are being made more suitable for the interests of multinationals. Instead of the ports in Kerala, through which commercial transport has been taking place so far with the islands, Center has taken a divisive decision of shifting trade to the ports of Karnataka, where BJP is in power. The BJP is moving many a pawn for getting political grip in the South. It bought up the issue of Kongunadu in the wake of the Tamil Nadu government's decision to use the term 'union government' instead of the term 'central government' in their daily administrative activities. Calling representation to this region, it even gave an MP ministerial position. The issue of the Mekedatu project between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu is being brought back through Karnataka.

The conspiracy to turn the Krishna River Water Dispute between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh governments into animosity between the people of these two states has not been worked out. People exercised restraint, the rulers' provoking drama failed. So, acting as big brother the Centre entered between the states to settle the issue, like the monkey in panchatantra and ordered both of them, the foolish cats, to pay 200-300 crores each within prescribed time as fine. Thus, not only the dispute remained unsettled but also both states ended up in fines. This is another proof of the centre's approach towards states. Telangana BJP is shouting loud that it will come to power in Telangana and all water disputes will disappear.

The Centre is vehimence in privatising the Visakhapatnam steel plant ignoring the agitations of the workers and the people. A BJP leader also is even counter attacking the

agitators by questioning the demand for setting up of a steel factory in the private sector in Kadapa.

The BJP is using repressive measures through ordinances for privatisation of LIC, bankruptcy of banks, privatisation of airports, ports, and even defense firms as they are corporations.

Whether it belongs to private or government, whether it is a capitalist government or a socialist-pattern of government does it provide the fruits of working class labour to the workers? Don't you understand that the conflict between public capital and private capital drama is to place the capital in the hands of big bourgeoisie, the partners of Imperialists?

The comprador policy of handing over to big investors the huge projects, infrastructure and industries that were built with the wealth of the people, with their labour, with their taxes and with their exploitation, is part of their long-term policy. The utopian claims, that public capital – investments by socialist-pattern of governments – is for the benefit of the people, are getting busted since 1970s. The privatisation processes of today are proving this again.

The huge peasant agitation at the Delhi borders for three demands is going on for the last one year. The agitation against privatisation of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has also been going on for months. Yet the government is maintaining silence as if nothing has happened. As the issues are unresolved, agitations are reaching Delhi. These movements in the form of satyagraha cannot be more militant than the present agitations. Peaceful strike, dharna – a form of agitation process wherein the ruling party and the management has to resolve the dispute on the spot- looks somewhat militant than satyagraha. These days, local agitations in every city have to be conducted only at the designated place set by the government. And after doing it there for long, they are moving to Delhi's Jantar Mantar. Is this period of peace? Period of stagnation? Or is this political bankruptcy? People may not be able to question right now. But it won't remain forever.