

Diverting Peoples' Protests against the Policies of Modi in the name of Terrorist Menace

Popular Front of India (PFI) and its affiliates have been banned by the central government. The central government claims that the ban is in the name of terrorism against the integrity, security, sovereignty and general social order of the country as envisaged by the Constitution. History proved that prohibition cannot crush the terrorist organizations of majority and minority nature which are trying to establish a religious state. If an organisation is banned, it will adopt another name and re-emerge. There are hundreds of cover organizations for religious fundamentalist organizations promoting religious fanaticism. Examples include Hanuman Sena, Cow Protection Sena and Ram Sena, Hindu Mahasabha and many other organisations of majority Hindu communal forces. The Muslim community also has many cover organizations like the Hindu community.

These organizations have often been banned because of the terrorist activities they have carried out to achieve the goal of converting India into a religious state. Though banned, these communal organizations are emerging under a different name. So, the ban of a terrorist organisation never achieves the goal. There are many laws in the Indian law books and constitution to control and prevent the extremist religious-communal organizations. Strict and impartial implementation of this law can to some extent curb the spread of communalism by these organizations. Debates and ideological campaigns are needed to neutralize the poison of racial superiority that has been instilled in people through brainwashing. The religious fundamentalist ideology which promotes a religious state in the place of a secular state can only be defeated by using the ideology of secularism and democracy as a weapon.

Unfortunately the country is now being ruled by BJP led by Sangh Parivar organizations which is striving hard to convert India in to a Hindu state. The Sangha Parivar dream will be successful, only when Islamic Communal forces gain strength. An ideology of hatred can only grow through the propagation of xenophobia. The growth and strengthening of Hindu religious extremist Sangh Parivar, and the Islamic religious extremist organization Popular Front are inter dependent. Islamic communalism grows stronger by using Hindu communalism as its fertiliser. Hindu communalism in its turn takes the form of a monster by drinking the communal poison that Islam pours into the society. In fact only a small section of the religious minorities of India are in the terrorist organizations. Most of the Muslims follow the secular - democratic ideology. But the Sangh Parivar is running an extensive campaign portraying all the Muslims in India as terrorists. Muslims in India had a

good tradition of fighting shoulder to shoulder against the British imperialism for two centuries. Islamic extremist organizations have not been able to attract the support of even 1% of India's 11% Muslim population. The fact that Islamic extremists are not able to win the support of the Muslim population despite the heinous attacks of the Hindu fundamentalist's points to the greatness of the secular democratic values upheld by the Muslim population.

We find behind both the communal organizations profit-mongering corporate powers and imperialist powers vying for global supremacy. The vast majority of people are dissatisfied with unemployment and poverty created as a part of neoliberal economic policy implemented by Modi Govt. Privatisation of the PSUs which empower corporates is a part and parcel of neoliberal policy. There is increase in unemployment and poverty in a way never seen in the history of India. As a part of crony capitalism, Adani became the third richest person in the world, while India was degraded to 132nd position in the world hunger index. The number of suicides of farmers is increasing. While tax arrears and loan arrears of the rich are written off, the little assets of common people are even confiscated by the SARFAESI Act. The UNDP's Human Resource Index, the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy's Unemployment report and the World Inequality Lab's Global Inequality report reveal a miserable life index for India's marginalized poor. Debate for religious state and Communalism are used as tools to silence the popular protest against the Modi regime.

Communalism, whether minority or majority, will lead to the total collapse of the country's pluralism, secularism, and democracy. Even in the modern world history, there are many examples of how xenophobia, rancor and hatred raised with narrow objectives as part of religious and ethnic sectarian activities which have led to the complete collapse of the democratic order of countries. In America, which is described as the shrine of democracy, black people are constantly attacked because of racism, while women are killed for wearing the clothes they like in the theocratic regime of Iran. This suggests that religious-ethnic supremacy is antithetical to democratic-secular views. While communalism is a social scourge whether it is a majority or a minority, Hindu communalism is more dangerous in the social backwardness of India. The Sangh Parivar has been carrying out continuous strong attacks against the minority religious group, which is less than 15% in Indian population which has never been a threat. These attacks are infuriating the religious minorities and making the fanatics embrace the religious terrorist organizations. Demolition of Babri Masjid, partition of Jammu and Kashmir, cow protection, citizenship law, demolition of minority places of worship and claims of rights over mosques and churches are all part of this. In Varanasi, Dharma Sansad organisers declared that they have prepared 750-page constitution based on Manusmriti which will be adopted in 2023 Dharma Sansad. Thus the Hindutva forces are going ahead with very provocative slogans against the religious minorities. A democratic-secular India is possible only by curbing this Hindutva communalism, which has grown into a threat to the very existence of the country. The popular front's ban, even promoting minority religious casteism, is part of an attempt to whitewash Hinduism like Goebbels, who was Hitler's Propaganda Minister. We should be alert to identify and defeat the hidden agenda of the Sangh Parivar. They are attempting to convert the Indian Constitution into Manusmriti and lead the country to a Chaturvarna

system. Minority, dalits and adivasi peoples are oppressed by Hindu Brahmanical Socio order. As a Communist or a democrat or a secularist we have the responsibility to defend the attack against these people and also support their agitation against Sangh Parivar. That is our duty.