

Conference Resolutions

Oppose the Union Government's Plan to Hand Over Forests to Big Corporates by Evicting Adivasis :

The Union Government has proposed to amend The Forest Conservation Rules, 2022 to transfer forests to big corporate houses which would take away the few rights of the Adivasi and tribal society and is aimed to evict them.

The Forest Conservation Act, 1980 was an attempt to declare Adivasis and tribals, who are the inhabitants of forest since centuries and who protect the forests, as illegal occupants and to bring criminal charges against them.

Widespread protest and resistance by Adivasi, tribals and democratic forces have compelled the government to promulgate the Forest Rights Act, 2006 where in there was provision to take consent of the inhabitants of forests before acquiring such forest lands. But in reality it did not protect those age old inhabitants from being evicted by executive orders of the government, in this case, the government had the Supreme Court by its side. The wild life (Protection) Act added to woes of the poor adivasis and tribal people living in the forest lands.

In the period 2019-2021 it is estimated that 5543 sq.km (55300 hectares) forest land was proposed to be transferred to the corporate exploiters for non-forest activities like mining and mega projects. These Acts and Rules even deny the provision of environmental hazard assessment clearance.

We condemn this heinous role of the government and demand immediate withdrawal of the proposed amendment to forest conservation rules.

On Ecology & Environment :

Ecological catastrophes on scales never before seen are now fast approaching. The latest report of the Inter-Governmental panel on climate change (IPCC) i.e. the sixth assessment report explains that various climatic and extreme weather events will tend to compound. On the one hand droughts, desertification, soil erosion, wildfires, weakening of monsoon, heat wave and on the other melting down of arctic ice, sea-level rise, mega storms and flooding are likely to be intensified in near future. As a result, climate refugees will be in hundreds of millions. It is estimated that up to 3.6 billion people currently reside in places that are highly vulnerable to climate change. Massive global crop failures are expected in future.

Along with it other factors such as loss of bio-diversities, ocean acidification, disruption of nitrogen and phosphorus cycle, loss of fresh water resources, chemical & plastic pollution and radio-active contamination are rapidly and intensively affecting the ecology and

environment. All these processes taken together will bring a catastrophic effect on human being and other living beings of this earth.

The Monopoly capitalistic system which is a system of economic and ecological waste both in production and consumption has brought the world to the edge of destruction and there by rapidly advancing towards a catastrophic situation. This unlimited capital accumulation process based on plundering of natural resources and fossil fuel creates an imbalance in the ecology and environment.

The Imperialist and richest people are mainly responsible for today's ecological crisis. According to an estimation the developed countries are responsible for nearly 80 percent of cumulative global carbon emissions from 1850–2011. The historical process of concentration of greenhouse gases emission is the major contributor to this climate change impacts that the world is facing today. Today the richest 10 percent of people on the planet are responsible of nearly half of the carbon emission. Likewise the United States military emits more carbon than 140 of the world's individual countries. On the other hand, the impact of climate change on poor nations and vulnerable people of the world are felt more than the developed countries and rich people.

Marginal attempts by the present political-economic system to address the ecological crisis have so far been proved inadequate. All the negotiations including the recent Glasgow summit to arrest the climate disaster are proved to be fruitless in front of monopoly profit and competition to capture the natural resources.

As Karl-Marx indicated, the struggle against capitalism is not simply about human freedom, it is also about human survival. So today a political revolution against the imperialist system will only save the environment and ecology from impending catastrophic events. Fight against this anti-people, anti-nature imperialist system today is the real fight to save the Mother Earth.

On Water Disputes in India :

Water is the most important resource for the existence of human beings. But in a class-divided society, like land and minerals, water is also the property of the dominant classes. In India, previously the colonial rulers and now their comprador ruling classes formulated the water resources policy for their class exploitation. That's why even though there are so many rivers and water bodies in India, famines, droughts on one side and floods and devastation on another side are rampant. As a result of this our country became unevenly developed, and water disputes became common. In the process of imperialist exploitation, especially in the globalisation, the order of the priorities of large dams i.e. flood control, irrigation, drinking water supply etc were changed, and electrical power generation got top priority. Now water means for profit and commercial use only.

There is the other side of the coin also. The Central government utilises the water disputes as an instrument to divide and subvert the various Indian states. Instead of resolving the river disputes among states, the Central Government is bullying the states ruled opposition parties and bossing over them. The latest example is taking of the entire river dams into its fold. The Central government enacted Dam Safety Act. In the name of surveillance, inspection, operation and maintenance, Centre consolidates power on Dams

in the guise of safety concerns. It is one of the draconian acts. We appeal to the people to oppose this Dam Safety Act 2021, and fight against the corporatization of natural water resources.

In this scenario the River disputes between Kerala and Tamil Nadu about Mullaperiyar Dam, between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka about Kaveri water issues, between Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh on Godavari river disputes, between Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan on Yamuna-Sutlej issue, should be resolved on the basis of people's dire need and minimum requirements. We appeal to the people to oppose the hate politics with water created by various ruling class sections, and unite among themselves to fight against the policies of water privatisation of the ruling class under the dictates of the World Bank.

We call upon the people to realise that only in a New Democratic State, where land to tiller is possible, where hegemony over land will cease, there the democratic distribution of water resources is possible.

Fight Against Anti-Agriculture and Anti-Peasants Policies of Ruling Class and Governments :

The three anti farmers laws were repealed because of tremendous agitation led by the north Indian peasants along with all India peasants and people of various fronts. Even though the Central Government is looking to revive the three infamous laws, because the essence of these laws is being implemented in various states through a backdoor method. The real essence of these anti-farmer three laws is, between 'farm to fork' all of the production and supply chains of agriculture should be put under the clutches of imperialists and their comprador corporates and village exploitative classes. These three anti-farmer laws are inseparable with the amendments to Land Acquisition Acts. The central government repealed article 370 and 37A of Kashmir, and amendments to Forest Conservation Act, and amended Bio-diversity acts. If we can see the real picture behind these acts it is a constitutional onslaught upon the people, and their rights. The real intention behind these steps by the Central Government is putting the entire agriculture and environment of the country, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari into the exploitive mechanisations of imperialists and their compradors.

We appeal to all the peasants to continue their struggles not only for MSP, etc but also to fight for saving agriculture, farmers, nature and environment of India, with the support of workers and the toiling masses. We appeal to the people to fight against the imperialists' mechanisations in all spheres of life and production.

On Women Question :

In the present existing semi feudal, semi colonial system of exploitation, patriarchal oppression and violence on women are intensifying day by day. Sexual harassments, rapes and honour killings are increasing. Their labour power is exploited very cheaply with meager wages in unorganised and corporate sectors. As a result in and out of home the work pressure and sexual harassments are intensifying on women. Attacks and murders also on women are increasing due to caste and communal fundamentalism.

In rural areas the women, in particular Dalits and Adivasis are continuously facing the feudal oppression and exploitation. The imperialist exploitative culture transformed the women as market commodities, so as their personality and dignity are degraded and damaged. Due to patriarchal ideology, feudal and imperialist exploitative vicious culture, violence on women is being increased. Several incidents that occurred recently in UP are some of the live examples of this scenario. Anti people policies of the government are damaging and destroying the lives of women. All those acts that are enacted claiming the upliftment of women by the rulers are not giving any protection to women. This conference condemns all kinds of oppression, suppression and violence against women and calls upon women to organise, consolidate and build struggles against all forms of exploitation.

On the Problem of Unemployment:

Today unemployment is a serious problem of the country. The main reason for this is non-employment and anti-employment policies followed by the Indian ruling classes. In the last 8 years, demonetisation, GST, lockdown, privatization of public sector industries, National Monetization Pipeline and other pro-corporate policies have resulted in unemployment in rural and urban areas. Statistics show that these policies have increased the unemployment problem to the highest level in the last 45 years. Notifications are not issued for filling of more than 65 lakh government posts at the central and state level. Due to this youth are agitating on a large scale. The youth who are protesting are being attacked and illegally arrested by the police. While crores of graduates are being produced in the country, in stead of setting up industries and providing jobs, 4 labour codes were introduced replacing 44 labour laws to serve the interests of foreign and comprador bourgeois. The rights of the workers are being eroded. The ruling parties consider the unemployment problem faced by the youth as a vote bank and do not attempt to solve the unemployment problem. Agricultural and industrial sectors in the country are in a crisis due to the imperialist globalization policies which favour the ruling class and the domestic and foreign corporates. The economy is collapsing and the farmers and workers are suffering a lot. As a result of this the rate of unemployment is increasing day by day.

This conference resolves opposing the policies of imperialist globalization causing unemployment and demands filling of vacant posts in the Central and State governments and in public sector and not to privatise the public sector.

On New Education Policy :

The New Education Policy that is being introduced by the Centre is not only an out and out privatisation and commercialisation of education in India, but also a serious step towards the fascist agenda of the BJP as preached by their saffron Gurus for Hinduisation of education. This is being covered up by the so-called lolly-pop of multidisciplinary education policy.

We strongly Oppose:

1. The policy of privatisation and commercialisation of education. and using the state exchequer for the same.

2. The conspiracy in teaching to the students that India traditionally had knowledge of modern science and mathematics from the ages of the Vedas and thus preventing them from scientific logic and epistemological tests.
3. The conspiracy to rewrite history in an out and out communal colour where Muslims and non-Aryans are totally eliminated.

On Health Care :

The health policy being pursued by both the Center and the states is totally anti-people. The present policy does not ensure the right of health to the people, the public health care is continually getting worsened. Health care is being privatized and commercialized and people in need of healthcare are forced to spend their properties to satisfy the demands of the corporate hospitals.

Even the so-called health cards issued by the Central government of Modi and some other state governments like West Bengal can be used for only a range of particular treatments. But for other treatments and health problems the government health care institutions are being made ineffective by reducing number of doctors or supply of medicines.

We strongly demand that:

1. It is bounden duty of all the government to ensure health for all
2. It is the duty of the government to stop mushroom growth of nursing homes and private hospitals run by businessmen or health tycoons.
3. People do not need health cards but assurance that they will get free health care for all types of ailments, in the government hospitals.
4. To open new hospitals or expand the existing ones at different levels so that effective measures may be taken for health needs of the people.

On North-Eastern States Issue :

The North-Eastern part of India at present presents a concrete example of a cauldron where many nationalities, linguistic and religious identities have been living peacefully for more than a century. Some of them had the history of resisting to be a part of India from the days of British and had been carrying on their struggles with crests and falls. All the governments at the Centre had responded with a policy of armed suppression of their movement. Latest being allowing the armed forces (military and paramilitary) to kill people at will, and an act (AFSPA) was brought into practice.

On the other hand, in Assam at the interest of governments at the Center, or the parties that wishes to rule India, for their electoral interests have been using the communal weapon, splitting the people on religious and linguistic identity against one another. In that pursuit fight between Assamese and Bengalis, or Assamese and tribals or Hindus and Muslims etc. are being conspired aided and abetted by reactionaries at the Centre. The present BJP is trying to utilize it fully for its electoral gain.

In this situation, this Conference strongly feels that

- 1) The conspiracy to utilize the CAA to divide the people must be stopped. And all voters with EPIC till the CAA was passed on 2003, should be declared citizens of India.

- 2) The conspiracies to put one section of the people against another must be stopped, we must unmask the conspiracy.
- 3) The nationalities which have been carrying armed struggle against the state like the Nagas, should be allowed to decide their own fate in a peaceful atmosphere.
- 4) To create that atmosphere immediate withdrawal of all punitive measures including AFSPA.
- 5) Assam should be helped financially for management of large-scale influx of people due to partition, without which reactionaries can easily put one section of people against another.

Fight against the Ruling Classes Design to Evict & Displace People from their Land in the name of Mining and other Activities :

The Union Govt., in connivance with big industrial houses, is playing the heinous role of evicting people, mostly adivasis and tribals, from the land inhabited by them for centuries, in the regions of Central, Eastern & North-Eastern India, in the name of mining and such other activities. The said regions of India are full of coal and mineral ores like bauxite, copper, iron and the corporate vultures are all targeting these regions for ultra-profit.

The Central part of India in reference is inhabited by tribals like Kol, Bheel, Goud, Abbin tribes Vhil etc. and the state machinery and mercenary are ruthless to evict them by force. The forests there will disappear in few years.

The provincial governments irrespective of whether BJP or non-BJP governments are on the same boat. In West Bengal the coal beds at Deucha-Pachami in Birbhum district neighboured by Jharkhand, believed to be the largest coal storage in Asia, have been handed over to the Govt. of West Bengal. Big corporate monopoly houses like Adani will invest there towards open cast mines, thereby evicting 1.5 million people, mostly tribals like Santhals and Mundas and Orao. This region consist of large areas that include Rampurhat sub divisional police stations and vast forest ranges of Rampurhat, Mallarpur, Tumbani, Nalhati, Mohammad Bazar upto Suri and such forests will be destroyed posing serious threat to ecology and environment there and also in Jharkhand.

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) Govt. is keen to play in the hands of notorious corporate houses as their stooge and lackeys and ignores even the obligatory provision of seeking environment impact assessment report. T.M.C government does not care to have environmental clearance, trying to forcefully evict tribal. Tribals have organized themselves into resistance group and started massive movement.

The coal bed there exists deep below the ground level and is covered with thick stone bed of Basalt. If such stone beds are crushed it may cause severe seismic imbalance. Such coal mining does not seem to have necessary expertise and technology, neither it is economically viable.

The regions indicated is termed as 'red corridor' by the state machinery and a part of the press, and, thereby, unleashing tremendous police and paramilitary repression with the aim to ensure corporate giants a free playing ground to have the rich ores and minerals without any resistance.

The West Bengal government's anti-people stand shall be resisted with all efforts.

Inflation :

Inflation affects every section and classes of the society. Especially on a working class, it affects like a thunderbolt especially on the working class consisting of labourers and daily wage earners. Their salary or daily wages will not increase, but due to inflation, they will have to cut down their expenditure on essential needs like food, education and health.

At the same time, the income of capitalists will increase exponentially – but the needs of the working class will not be met, and their savings will decrease. This is how inequality in society increases! The rich become richer, and the poor become poorer.

The main cause of inflation is the system! Unless we change this system, we cannot get rid of these difficulties.

On Language Policy :

The Congress government adopted the divisive strategy of imposing Hindi as the official language of the government creating a conflict between Hindi speaking states and non-Hindi speaking states. In the united struggle of the people against the imperialists and their vassals, the imperialists used language problem strategically in addition to the superstructures like religion, caste and politics to divide the people. Adhering to colonial, ethnographic theory, they systematically constructed a fictional concept of the biblical story of the language family. The concept of Aryan family of languages was developed by Max Muller and Dravidian family of languages was developed by Caldwell with the support of colonial rulers. They included the syllabus accordingly in educational institutes and research institutes.

It was in such a situation that the Official Language Act was enacted and English is being used as a link language between the Central government and non Hindi speaking states. .

We oppose the imposition of Hindi in the name of administrative convenience and that it is being spoken by the majority of the people in the country. Let's fight for the official language policy of communicating with people through mother tongue! We fight against the imposition of Hindi, English, Sanskrit languages on the South. All national languages are to be recognised as official languages! Let's fight for imparting of education from primary to research level through mother languages.

Release All the Political Prisoners:

There are thousands of political prisoners in our Indian jails. They were all kept behind the bars in the name of their public social activity. Many of them are not allowed to legal bail for years together. Some of them are not even charge sheeted. Many were not provided with due and just trial but are being convicted unilaterally. Under the act of UAPA, NSA, PD and other acts of political repression, all of them were put behind the bars curtailing their civil, and democratic rights.

All India conference of CPI (ML) demands release of all the political prisoners from jails immediately.

Condemn the Release of Bilkis Bano Rapists and Murderers :

On the day of August 15th, 2022, the so-called Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav, a group of 11 rapists and murderers in the case of Bilkis Bano were released by the Gujarat BJP Govt., in

a shameless manner. The All India conference of CPI (ML), strongly condemns this act with bitter anger.

Pregnant Bilkis, in 2002 communal genocide in Gujarat was raped on mass scale and her 3 year child was killed. Her sisters and relatives were also raped and 14 of her near and dear were murdered in her presence. It is a most inhuman crime which has no language to express.

The BJP and RSS walaas have felicitated those human criminals after their release from jail. It shows the ugly face of Hindutva.

Our All India conference of CPI (ML) strongly condemns their release on the grounds of good conduct in the prison and demands to put them behind the bars till the last day of their lives.

Release Immediately Batakrushna Swain :

The conference condemns the repression unleashed on the people of Sipasarubali land struggle. We demand the Govt of Odisha to release Com. Batakrushna Swain who was detained under NSA.

Withdraw the K-Rail Silverline Project of Kerala :

The CPI(M) led L.D.F Government in Kerala decided to implement a high-speed railway project in the name of basic development. It is proposed to have rail path for the length of 530 km from Thiruvananthapuram in the south to Manjeshwar at Kasaragod district in the north. Indian Railway under the ownership of the central government had constructed rail path mainly as broad-gauge. But the proposed Kerala high speed train is intended to be constructed on standard gauge. The raw materials for the said path and train are to be imported from Japan. The proposed path is not a part and parcel of the Indian Railway. The government of Kerala decided to construct it because of the affinity of CPI(M) led LDF to neo-liberal policies. 90% of finances for the project are to be raised from loans. Remaining 10% is from KIFBI under state government. So 100% of the project is on debt. But 10% of the rich section of people only will be benefitted by it. At present commuters under broad-gauge from Thiruvananthapuram to Manjeshwar have to pay about Rs. 300/- only. But in the said project one has to remit Rs. 1700/-. That means 6 times more than the present charges.

Majority of the Keralites are unable to pay the exorbitant amount. It is beneficial only to the wealthiest section. Kerala is a state running with overdrafts. State government treasury is bankrupt because of economic crisis. Kerala is struggling for survival. Prof. Madhav Gadgil reported on environmental defects of the project.. Stones, soil, rocks and sands are necessary for it and Western Ghats will be destroyed. Moreover, paddy fields will be converted into plain lands. A wall of 5 M to 12 M high is to be built from south to north for this railway track. As floods occur even to ordinary rains these walls create huge problems.

2500 hectares of land will be taken over for this project. 25,000 families will be evicted. 50,000 small scale industrial units will be closed and 2,00,000 labourers will lose their jobs. Actually railway transport in India is under the ownership of the Central government and so it has to release funds to this project. The government of Kerala is drowned in debt and so it is borrowing loans for the first time for state railway.

The State will face environmental issues from this project. The Kerala people are compelled to face a tragedy. The rulers are aiming at commissions from the project. The left parties namely CPI and CPI(M) oppose K-Rail in other parts of the country where the Indian Railway invests the amount.

As already mentioned earlier this project is a part of neo liberal policies of the government. Eviction is a major issue that originates from it. But the CPI(M) and the CPI (M) led LDF runs with rabbit and hunter at the same time LDF implement the said project at their political sanction as neoliberal. They execute it with the support of their political power.

The LDF not only implement K-Rail but GAIL pipeline, 60M National Highway, Ambani's port at Vizhinjam in Thiruvananthapuram and Coastal hill highway as well. The proposed project is nothing but neo-liberal.

In the aforesaid circumstances we LDF government, their political front and CPI(M) Central Committee to withdraw the said K-Rail Silverline project from the land of Kerala.

Support the Kerala KSRTC Employees in Definite Strike for the Implementation of the May Day Recognised Trade Rights :

"8 hours labour, 8 hours recreation, 8 hours rest" was taken as the battle cry by millions of workers all over the world in the 19th and 20th century. This slogan raised by proletariat during time of horrors of industrial revolution when men, women and children worked 18 hours. After Chicago struggle, This slogan was generally recognised and accepted by employers and government all over the world. Then and now, the exploiters try to sabotage this slogan content. But still they have not win.

This situation was going on, Kerala government forcibly try to implement 12 hour job in KSRTC. So many discussions and conciliation were taken place between employees unions including CITU and AITUC. But union has not agreed to that proposal. Then the authority has not given salary to employees in July and August 2022. The employees approached Kerala High Court and high court gave direction to Govt. of Kerala that the salary should be give before Onam national celebration of Keralities. The govt. rejected the court order and file an affidavit before court. In this affidavit, govt. said that they have no responsibility to pay the salary to the employees of KSRTC. At last, the Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan conducted a conciliation meeting with employees. The Chief Minister put suggestion before the employees that they should obey the 12 hour job; the pending 2 month salary will be given before Onam. CITU and AITUC agreed the proposal but not signed. Now they declared an indefinite strike. All over the world the corporate are trying to sabotage the May Day declaration. In India, Modi govt. amends the trade union act and rejected trade union right and also bring contract labour system. Through this, Sangh Parivar sabotage the entire trade union right. In another way, Kerala govt. is also doing the same.

Pensioners of KSRTC where denied of their monthly pension by several months. As communists, we have responsibility to support the KSRTC employees strike in Kerala.