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The Heroic Armed Struggle of Peasants of Telangana and its Achievements cannot be Erased from History

The heroic armed struggle of peasants of Telangana initiated by Andhra Mahasabha and led by the Communist party had given a death blow to the heinous despotic rule of the Nizam nawab that was supported by the British imperialists. It liberated the suffering masses from untold severe repression by the iron heel of Nizam. This has been the universally known and accepted fact of the history.

But now in the era of post truth and gas lighting both Congress and BJP, the big ruling class political parties, are vying to rob the fame of liberating Telangana from Nizam. They are now making false and tall claims as if they are the liberators of the oppressed and suppressed masses of Telangana. They are cunningly distorting and falsifying history to hoodwink people with false narrations and claims to grab the credit of liberating Telangana from the tyrannical rule of Nizam.

The real fact was the decisive resistance against feudal despotic rule of Nawab of Nizam state occurred on 4th July 1946 in a village called Kadivendi. This was the day when all the feudal lords under the leadership of Visunuuri Ramachandra Reddy had conspired to trash the flood of the mass consciousness against feudal despotic rule. On that very day the Communist party decided to thwart and destroy their conspiracy. On that day oppressed masses decisively marched towards the GADEES (fort like mansions) of the feudal lords for confrontation with their traditional weapons.

The hired goondas of the feudal lords fired on the marching masses in which Doddi Komariah, who was in the frontline was killed. This incident infuriated and raged the masses. Their anger flooded like lava. At that time Comrades Devulapalli Venkateswararao, Arutla Ramachandra Reddy, Bhimireddy Narasimha Reddy and some other leaders were available to direct and lead the resistance of the masses and destroy the conspiracies of the landlords. These leaders gave a call to the masses to use all the available traditional weapons like sticks, vadisela in their fight against the feudal lords. The masses surrounded the Gadi, used smoke bombs, took possession of it and destroyed it while the owners, the feudal lords escaped.

This was the day of initiation of Telangana struggle. This was the day of the martyrdom of the first hero Doddi Komariah. This was the day when digging the grave for the cruel rule of Nizam began. This was the day when liberation from feudal bondage and slavery started. This was the day when the ruination of the feudal landlords was started. This was the day when the organising of village voluntary squads, people's guerrilla squads and village

peoples' authority was started. For all this the credit goes to the then Communist Party which devoted its time and energy to liberate the oppressed Telangana.

Under the leadership of Andhra Mahasabha and the Communist Party the masses of Telangana took possession of 10 lakh acres of land from landlords. They administered their villages. They destroyed the rogue army of Kasim Rajvi who supported the rule of Nizam. The Communist party and state Congress party declared war against Razakars (army of Razvi). The people of Telangana fought valiantly to put an end to the rule of Nizam with untold sacrifices.

Exactly this was the time when the then Home Minister at the centre Vallabhai Patel had taken up the 'pious task' of merging princely states in the Indian Union. At the same time Nehru sent the union army to Telangana in the name of 'police action'. Instead of supporting the suffering people, in practice the union army resorted to oppress and suppress the peoples' movement led by the communists. The feudal lords who fled returned to their villages with the support of the congress rulers. In the course of the fight between the union police and the masses more than four thousand activists and organisers of peoples' militia had sacrificed their lives with a spirit of do or die. Their death is a heroic death.

Such is the history of glorious Telangana Peasants' Armed Struggle for liberation. It had shown a path for the Indian revolution to end the semi feudal and semi colonial rule and system in India. But for the last few decades the ruling class parties have been falsely claiming the credit of liberating Telangana from Nizam.

BJP leadership repeatedly claims that Vallabhai Patel was responsible for the liberation. They claim Patel spiritually as one of their own thinking. On the other hand Congress boasts that Nehru was the liberator of Telangana because he sent the union army during Telangana armed struggle of peasants.

With such false claims and propaganda both these ruling class parties intend not only to steal the fame, credit and honour for 'liberating' Telangana but also to gain electoral advantages by deceiving people with such propaganda.

The then Congress government guaranteed protection to the princely rights and entitlements to the erstwhile rulers of the princely states. Thus they compromised with the rulers of the princely states and betrayed the aspirations of people of the then Telangana. By suppressing the armed struggle of the peasants for land and food, the state of Telangana was merged in to Indian Union.

Such was the treachery of Nehru and Patel. BJP now owns Patel. Now by distorting and falsifying historical facts both Congress and BJP are vying to steal the credit for the so called liberation of Telangana.

If the Telangana Armed Struggle was not stifled and trampled with force and political cunningness the people of Telangana could have enjoyed a real liberation from semi feudal and semi colonial system which is continuing now in the guise of parliamentary democracy.

Claiming undue credit and fame for the so called liberation of Telangana will and can in no way erase the actual and true history of heroic Telangana Armed Struggle of peasants during 1946 and 1950

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