

# Elections to Five State Assemblies

All are anxiously waiting for the results of elections in five states- Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Mizoram. Some forums are persistent in defeating BJP and gave a call accordingly. These forums are operating with an eye to get success to the opposition parties in the constituencies where BJP has a strong hold. The allied parties in these forums are working unitedly with this understanding. These forums are working with great alacrity by giving a call to all political parties to work unitedly to dethrone BJP which is working against parliamentary democracy and against our constitution.

All the parties that accepted the slogans of the forum in Telangana gave a call to defeat BRS and BJP. We welcome such a call. Yet communist parties and some revolutionary parties which have been working with their ideals, in order to keep their presence had their own candidates in a few constituencies. CPI and CPI(M) directly made seat adjustments with the main opposition party i.e. Congress. The elders of Congress came to an agreement with the central leadership of CPI, to give a seat in one assembly constituency and one council member if it comes into power. In the deliberations CPI(M) did not get the expected results. So it announced its candidates. All these parties had the aim of defeating BJP. According to the agreement these revolutionary parties and communist parties had to fight against BRS, BJP and Congress in their constituencies. CPI and CPI (M) are dealing with a broad perspective. These two parties are definitely hoping to come to power in future by following this method. But revolutionary parties differ from this perspective and are alert in their activities.

In Rajasthan there is competition between two anti progressive parties. On both sides there are royal families. We find ex-zamindars, landlords, big capitalists in both the parties. The progressive forces are trying to break the fascist trends of BJP.

Same is the situation in Madhya Pradesh. BJP which is in power bought the Congress MLAs and ruled for four and a half years. Congress here is struggling for new chances.

In Chhattisgarh the power is changing from one party to other party. This type of alternative governments may give some scope for the activities of progressives and revolutionaries. Here there is strong competition and fight between BJP and Congress.

In Mizoram, a situation of raising contradictions among the tribes and annihilating one another is created. The Mizo National Front is trying to use this situation in its favour.

Nobody is talking about the solution to the aspirations of the common man. The immediate task is to defeat Hindutva Fascist demon BJP. This may appear as correct for the present. But the common man has to fight for democratic and socialist system.

At the most what we can advise the common voter is to vote for those who would increase their income and who would provide better living conditions; to vote for those who would create an atmosphere devoid atrocities and violence against women and children; to vote for those who would fight against oppression, tyranny and killing; to vote for those who guarantee freedom of expression to speak, to write and criticize; to vote for those who follow religious tolerance; to vote for those who do not dominate others by their majority in language, religion, region; to vote for those who stand against Brahminical upper caste authority and oppression; to vote for those who allow people to mingle with their friends and relatives in other states with different political affiliations; to vote for those who would allow us to be friendly with the people of the neighboring countries and who would not instigate hatred towards them and finally to vote for those who would not torture or kill some people branding them as communists, Naxalites, terrorists or left extremists. The voters are to be advised to ponder over these things and decide for themselves a few days before the election and vote to such a candidate. This is all that we can do.