

# BJP-Modi Government in the Services of Imperialists and Big Bourgeois like Adani, Ambani, Tata, Jindal, Vedanta and Etc.

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## Modi's Ascent to Power and his Falsehood

Modi came to power in 2014 basing on the worst form of falsehood and never-to-be-fulfilled promises to hoodwink the people. The so-called inclusive growth propagated by the trident, IMF-World Bank-WTO combine was popularised by Modi as Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas. Modi promised to bring back black money from foreign banks and to deposit Rs. 15 lakhs to every citizen's bank account and was laid a large section of the youth in the country by the false promise of creating two crores of jobs each year. He assured doubling the income of the peasantry by the year 2022. But instead of bringing back black money big capitalists and businessmen close to Modi fled away from the country without paying crores and crores of rupees of bank loan. Modi did not stop here. Without any prior notice Modi announced demonetisation, again with the false promise of unearthing black money causing immense hardships, even death, for ordinary people and ruining vast section of small businessmen and informal sector enterprises, and forcing large scale unemployment.

During the COVID pandemic Modi announced "total lockdown" without any prior notice at the behest of big capital and imperialists. The 4-hour notice for imposition of complete lockdown on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 resulted in loss of livelihoods for millions. Jobless and impoverished millions of toiling people were forced to walk thousands of kilometres and face death, hunger, squalor and brutal police actions. While people were only offered 5 kgs of additional grains per month to meet the distress the big capital including foreign capitalists were offered privatisation, monetisation, relaxation in credit and tax concessions on a platter as 'incentives' for survival. During COVID pandemic 84% of Indians suffered from loss of income, but wealth of billionaires zoomed even during COVID and immediately after it. In 2022 number of billionaires in the country increased to 166 from 102 in 2020. This is the crux of Modi's *sabka saath sabka Vikas*. Modi's tall claims of development are not only a hoax but also a cruel joke at the cost of people.

Modi government goes on harping that it has turned India into the fifth largest economy in the world, after USA, China, Japan and Germany. All these claims are based on the calculations of GDP growth. The notion of GDP and measurement of development according to how it is growing was the invention of the imperialist economists to cover up the inequalities in distribution of wealth among the people of the country. The measure which reflect a better understanding is the per capita GDP. In 2023 India ranks 139<sup>th</sup> out of 197 countries. Another measure is hunger index. Let us see how the Modi government fair during its rule. During 2013 and 2014 India's ranks were 63 and 55 respectively out of 120 countries. And after nearly ten years of Modi government's rule during 2022 and 2023 India ranked 107 and 111 respectively out of 125 countries. It is true that during the Modi rule India has 'developed' keeping people hungry.

However Modi's claim to turn the country to a 5 trillion economy by 2025 is an illusion which no serious economist like Raghuram Rajan, Kaushik Basu believes.

### **Modi Government's Development Hoax:**

Modi government in its enchantment to implement the diktats of the neoliberal policy accelerated the opening up of the economy to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investment (FII). Earlier there were restrictions on FDI and foreign financing other than FDI used to be in the form of aids and assistances. With globalisation restrictions on FDI and FII were removed, Modi government enhanced the process. Through the share market, finance capital strengthened its stranglehold on enterprises believed to be Indian. Privatisation of banks and insurances and foreign operations in them increased many fold during Modi rule. And almost in all spheres of industries and services foreign direct investment was rampant. Due to the changes in rules governing foreign investment, foreign investments flowed in various sectors from mining to space exploration, from defence production to communication, from stationaries to cosmetics and what not. But the most dangerous is the opening up of the buying of government bonds by foreign investors allowing foreign direct control over the economy. As a part of easing the process of acquisition of smaller enterprises by big and foreign investors the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code has been enacted by Modi government in such a way that the big hucksters can easily grab the smaller ones at throw away prices. While big houses gained banks other creditors lost huge amounts. Not only false promises but also the propensity of farcical statements has become the trade mark of Prime Minister Modi. His claim of advising the airforce officers to send bombers while there was cloud to avoid Pakistani radar has become a joke of high order. His slogans for Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India has turned out to be a farce. How much Atmanirbhar has India become under Modi? Modi has opened up defence production for foreign capital. According to government statistics there are 120 crores of mobile sets and 60 crores smart phones in India but all of them are imported or produced in India by foreign companies like Samsung, Nokia, Vivo, Motorola etc. Indian telecommunication was earlier totally under control of two public sector enterprises BSNL and MTNL but while privatisation started earlier during Modi rule three big companies have cornered the market : Reliance-Jio -38.6%, Airtel -32.74% and VI -19.92% which means more than 90% has gone to foreign and big capital. Now the gap between export and import is expanding because of easing of imports.

So far only how the economy has been opened up for foreign capital to plunder and how the big capital benefitted in the process have been discussed in general. But there are some big beneficiaries. The symbiotic relationship between Adani and Modi is well known from the days when Modi was Gujarat CM. During Modi's near ten years of Prime Ministership certain particular big corporates like Adani, Ambanis, Mittal, Anil Agarwal of Vedanta, Jindals are greatest beneficiaries. From ports, airports to steel, mining even FMCs, not to point out defence production, are controlled by these few big houses. They have thrived in leaps and bounds during Modi rule. For example, in 2022 Gautam Adani's wealth increased by 46%.

### **Why Modi Government Attacks Toiling Masses?**

To implement the neo liberal policy at the interests of the big foreign and Indian capital Modi government has snatched away whatever rights the working class achieved through struggles. Using brute majority in the Parliament it has enacted the Four labour codes doing away with all earlier labour laws. By these four labour codes not only trade union rights were snatched but also these codes enshrine hire and fire right for employers, allow increased working hours, contractual employment, reduced overtime payments, deteriorating working conditions and increased workloads. Same was the case with Farm Laws and an amendment in the Electricity

Act. Modi government through these laws wanted to open up the control of marketing of agricultural produce for the foreign and big capital in India. So government procurement system was to be dismantled, Minimum Support Price mechanism was to be done away with and private big players were allowed to build up warehouses. To allow foreign capital to get control over agricultural production large scale contract farming was to be introduced. After more than a year long agitation by farmers Modi government promised to withdraw the farm laws but till date has gone back on its promises about introducing Swaminathan Commission recommendations on MSP and allowing Mandis to work properly. Contract farming is going on. Farmers distress is continuing unaddressed.

Gigantic scale of unemployment has turned a large section of youth as gig workers. Of them majority are delivery persons who have no job security, no working hours, no fixed wages. There are many other types of gig workers working in the big malls, as security guards even drivers in Ola/Uber etc. These youths are forced to sacrifice the best part of their life for profit maximisation for foreign and Indian big capital. Modi govt has done this successfully.

### **Modi Government on Social Sector:**

Modi govt has successfully turned education to a high priced commodity meant for the rich people and a big sector to earn high profit for Indian and foreign corporate houses. At the same time rabid brahminical regressive value system is being introduced from primary to higher education. Total education system is being distorted to suit the communal design of the BJP govt. This is also a part of Fascisation of Indian polity. Even government run higher education and research institutes are becoming centres for ostracising minorities, dalits and tribal students. Being humiliated they are resorting to tragic suicides. Modi government has downgraded the public health care system to serve the interests of big corporates in health care business. Government expenditure on health care sector is continuously reduced under Modi government to help the private business sector. Central government's share of public health expenditure is only 12 percent. People of the country have to spend up to 52 percent of their income on health. The much hyped Ayushmann Bharat scheme which the Prime Minister is boosting as saviour for the poor is nothing but a scheme to enhance and ensure the profit of the private health business sector at the cost of public fund.

GST has become a tool to impose high taxation on people. Moreover it has turned out to be a bane to the small business sector. During Modi rule prices of petrol, diesel and cooking gas has increased manifold. Even when prices of crude considerably dipped down in the international markets, prices of petrol and diesel did not come down.

The Modi government's permission for unrestricted mining will cause early exhaustion of our rich mineral resources. These steps for the interests of big corporates in the name of development are playing havoc with the lives and livelihood of the people and of the environment. Lakhs of people, mostly tribals are forcibly thrown out from habitats for various projects. Even the amendments to Forest Conservation Act and other Environmental laws will bring death blow not only to tribals and forest dwellers but devastate the ecology and environment. Modi's dream project for connecting the CHAR DHAM in eco-sensitive Himalayan Ranges paying no heed to the protests of environmental activists, Himalayan experts, geologists and local people. It is meant to develop infrastructure for big capital. The same thing is going on in the Western Ghats.

### **Modi Invoking Communalism and Ultra Nationalism**

The BJP invigorated by RSS ideology is prone to succumb to the imperialists from the days of Savarkar. Moreover the Hindutva policy suited Modi government to divide the people of India's two main communities opposing each other. For the last four decades BJP utilised Ram

Janmabhoomi - Babri Masjid controversy to foment communalism. They succeeded in demolishing the Mosque and carried on communal carnage at many places in the country. They succeeded in diverting the people's discontent over globalisation policies. In this situation Modi started whipping up communalism again through building Ram Mandir, raking of controversies in Kasi and Mathura. At the same time Modi and BJP-RSS govt. are utilising border disputes with Pakistan and China to develop national chauvinism or ultra nationalism in India and related it with communalism. We should look at the abrogation of article 370 and dissolution of Jammu and Kashmir into separate union territories such as J&K and Ladakh as an extension of that policy. This tramples upon the Instrument of Accession of Kashmir and the accords that followed. These two heinous acts of demolition of Babri Masjid and abrogation of article 370 have been upheld by the highest judicial authority of India, the Supreme Court. Both these judgments came during Modi's rule. These verdicts bring the notion of committed judiciary once again into the fore. In Manipur the "the double engine" govt worked hard to drive a wedge between two sections of people Meiteis and Kuki-Zomo. This costs lives of more than two hundred people. The govt did it with total awareness to allow entry of Corporates to plunder the minerals and land of the hilly areas under the jackboots of armed forces. The BJP government is invoking CAA and NRC to keep Muslims and refugees terrorised. BJP government under Modi has been suppressing brutally any discontent of people. The toiling masses have been facing inhuman tortures even being murdered by Modi's forces. Even those democrats and intellectuals who support the cause of the working people and oppose the suppression are put into the bars. It has used some draconian laws like AFSPA and UAPA to detain people for years together without any trial. Democratic and civil rights have been trampled upon by Modi Govt and unbridled terror is being unleashed in many areas of India.

### **Modi Isolating India from World Community:**

Modi has already linked India with the global strategy of USA. As a partner of QUAD India has become a part and parcel of US policy of containment of China. It is dancing to the tune of US policies on Asia-Pacific region. As a result it has isolated itself from all the neighbours including the Maldives. And this isolation expanded to world at large by its position at the UN voting on Palestine issue. It actually supported the Israel's war on Palestine indirectly.

### **Modi Leading the Country Towards Danger of Fascism:**

All the above are the symptoms of a disease that India has been infected during the ten years of BJP rule led by Modi. Whatsoever federal structure in India was there is at stake now. Modi's clamour for 'double engine' government means that the government at the Centre wishes to establish homogeneity as opposed to heterogeneity in governance. Restrictions of power of the states using financial, legislative and other means against the states has become order of the day. Modi government has been using central agencies to terrorise opposition. All these are to establish unbridled control over the states. These connected with the ideology of fascism of the RSS is leading the country not only as servitors of imperialism but also pushing the country to the danger of fascism. Communalism and ultra nationalism are tools in hand of the BJP to establish fascism over the state and society. This can not be fought by using soft Hindutva and false notion of patriotism. The wholesale suspension of opposition MPs is definitely a bad omen for parliamentary democracy. In essence the ten years of Modi rule is forcing the country towards fascism. But people of India has a penchant for democracy which Modi is finding difficult to overcome even with all the backings of the imperialists.

Onslaught of repression measures on democratic, independent and true patriotic forces; the rising suppression of all ideas, opinions, views opposed to the views and ideology of RSS and BJP; blatant suppression and oppression of criticism of the BJP government, the near total

elimination of free media, total control of TV News and near control of newspapers are the despotic methods that are being adopted by the Modi government. Hindi newspapers have been forced to suppress the news critical to the govt. and become mouth pieces of Hindutva agenda of BJP-RSS. Critics are being sent to jail on frivolous charges. Newsclick is an example. Student youth leaders critical of the govt. are being branded as terrorists and extremists. Intellectuals sympathetic of the poor are being branded as urban naxals and sent to jail. There is hardly freedom of speech. Courts are under pressure to toe the govt views. Election Commission, CAG, ED and CBI have been reduced into subservience. All the democratic rights and civil liberties have been severely suppressed. Parliamentary opposition parties are being sent to jail. But if they join BJP they become clean and honest and are made ministers and even chief minister. The case of Ajit Pawar is an example. So whatever parliamentary democracy was existing is under the threat of destruction. Let the democratic aspirations of the people be organised in whatever way it can be done to thwart the danger of fascism.