

Subservient Policies of Modi Led BJP Government in Ten Years

Any government is a tool to cover up the repressive nature of the state acting as an apparatus to protect the interest of the ruling class or classes. The government is formed by the representatives of the ruling classes organised into parties. India is no exception. But in countries like India, formations of governments are all the more complicated because of the contention amongst imperialist powers to establish control over the government as well as contradictions amongst the ruling comprador big bourgeoisie who while serving the interests of the imperialists in general aligns with certain contending imperialist power to enhance their own interest. Moreover whenever the imperialists face global crisis they try to shift their own burden to the developing third world countries and in that process try to find out the most suitable political leaders in the governance. While examining the near ten years rule of the Modi government this should be kept in the mind. Capitalist world has been facing a deep crisis from the middle of sixties of the last century. They have tried many ways to overcome it. Except certain period of temporary relief they failed to get out of it. After some attempts of reforms imperialists found that forcing the developing countries by the IMF-World Bank combine through reforms like structural adjustment and export-led growth was not enough to surmount the global crisis. They needed a drastic change from the Keynesian policy which could help them to get out of the Great Depression as well as the danger posed by the socialist USSR. So neo-liberal policy was brought as the only alternative.

The change of colour in China and disintegration of the USSR helped the imperialists led by the US to successfully force the Washington Consensus upon the globe. The basics of the neo-liberal policy were to open up industries and services to foreign capital, to remove all trade barriers and for that matter to build up a new institution, WTO to replace GATT, the trident – IMF-World Bank-WTO were to oversee that in the developing third world countries neo liberalism with its battle cry for globalisation, privatisation of all public sector industries as well as institutions for catering public utilities like health, education, transport, communication etc were adhered to. All these were done by propagating a false notion that the more the investments of big capitalists, foreign or their cohorts in India, the more the country would develop. So Globalisation was the only way to develop, there is no alternative (TINA). In India all the parliamentary parties started propagating for globalisation. Some so called Lefts supported it with a fig leaf “globalisation with human face”. But what the then Narasimha Rao government failed to envisage was the massive discontent among the toiling people from all walks of life. The BJP was preparing to snatch power and the imperialists were also not satisfied with the half-hearted approach of the

Narasimha government. BJP successfully divided the people on Babri Masjid controversy and ultimately demolished the mosque. Actually even the Atal Behari Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh governments could not be ruthless enough to implement the neo-liberal policy with all its economic, political and cultural aspects. Narendra Damodar Modi and his close associate Amit Shah proved themselves to be most ferocious rulers who can carry pogrom against minorities in Gujarat and implementing LPG (Liberalisation-Privatisation-Globalisation) policies during their period of governance in that state. And the imperialists and their cohorts in India wanted such an aggressive government to carry forward their policies. It was not the people, but the Imperialists needed such a leader who can invoke the most heinous form of communalism and worst form of theatrics and populism to enforce the policies dictated by imperialists and big bourgeois hucksters. This is the background under which the almost ten years of Modi government is to be examined.