

Fight and Defeat Communalism and Casteism Enforced by BJP Government

From time immemorial, the ruling classes in our country have perpetuated the much hated Manu Shastra to justify their domination and exploitation of the toiling masses. This Hindu-Brahmanical varna system had under the garb of religion tried to "legalise" the segregation of the people in a multitude of caste, sub-caste and outcaste by confining each one of them to a seclusive and endogamic form of society and at the same time it had been practicing the worse form of social discrimination which had its parallel only in racism and its apartheid. The inherent oppressive nature of this very system brought from within its womb itself apostles such as Mahavir, Gautam Buddha, Kabir, Guru Nanak and many from the Bhakti Movement who raised the banner of revolt in search for an equalitarian society. But Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism have all succumbed to the all pervading effects of the Hindu caste system. Though the notion of social discrimination is alien to Christianity and Islam, they too fell victim to it. Later, social reformers such as Phule, Ambedkar and Periyar imbued with bourgeois notion of Equality have attempted to rouse the oppressed masses to break the shackles of the much pervasive notions of Fatality-Karma and of sub-human caste discrimination i.e., Untouchability for attaining Self-respect and Equality. But what they failed to realise is that the history of mankind is the history of class struggle, the caste system being the worse and the crudest form of class oppression and that its eradication and annihilation could be carried only through a relentless class war against this oppressive and repressive class system.

Today, when the world capitalist system is caught in a cobweb of multiple contradictions and is tottering, it is certain that it will crumble under the monumental problems of its own making. With the rising tide of revolt all around the world, it can no more continue its plunder of the oppressed nations and exploitation of its people. In semi-colonial and semi-feudal countries like ours, the indigenous lackeys have realised that with the deepening economic crisis their days too are counted. The much trumpeted economic reforms have opened wide the gates of our country to imperialist plunder and have allowed the rich get richer but at the same time it has pushed the vast majority of people of our beloved country deep into the abyss of poverty, famine and unemployment. To hoodwink the people, the ruling classes have decided to arouse blind faith and religious sentiments so as people are trapped in communal, casteist and parochial frenzy. To achieve their criminal designs, they have rallied around them all the bigots and fundamentalists who are one with their political mentors in spitting venom and fueling hatred among the people so as they stay divided

and fight each other thus rendering them unable to address themselves to the real problems facing them.

Since the 80's, the ruling classes in their contention for power and their greed to build their vote bank have resorted to nakedly taking recourse to the obscurantists and fanatic religious forces. In this, the "secular" Congress and the "self-proclaimed saviour of Hindutva" BJP have left no stone unturned in their game for power. In 1984, Indira Gandhi was killed for her Blue Star Operation. In retaliation to this the Hindu fanatics rallied behind the Congress and carried pogroms and mass killings of innocent Sikhs. In 1989, when the long-awaited Mandal recommendations for reservation were to be implemented, the BJP called "all the Hindus" to rally behind it for liberating the imaginary Ram Janmabhoomi at Ayodhya. In this, even the victims of this caste system were carried away in the communal frenzy that was unleashed throughout the country with the Rath Yatra.

On the 6th Dec'92, the BJP-Siv Sena combine and its saffron brigade of RSS/VHP/Bajrang Dal mounted an assault on the domes of the 4th century old Babri Masjid existing there and demolished them one by one with the tacit and mute support of the Congress at the Centre. Riots erupted every where. The Hindu fanatics went berserk. Bombay and Surat saw the worse with hundreds killed and thousands rendered homeless by the Siv sainiks assisted by the state police. "To avenge" these killing, in the consecutive Bombay riots of Dec'92 and Jan'93, the Muslim fanatics resorted to the Bombay bomb blasts killing innocent citizens. While the Government was prompt in arresting hundreds of Muslim youth who are in jail under TADA for the bomb blasts, it allowed the offenders for the demolition of the Babri Masjid and the killers in the Bombay and Surat riots to go scot free.

Almost 20 years after those incidents, BJP came to power in 2014. It was re-elected in 2019 with a huge majority. It is reciting the Hindu state and Sanatana dharma Raksha mantra and those who condemn or question are target of attacks by fascist elements. They made the Supreme Court to deliver the verdict in the case that had been pending for many years.

The Supreme Court's verdict in 2019 on the Babri Masjid dispute, which had been going on for thousands of years, has been a bone of contention. Since the time of judgment till date, the BJP-RSS have made desperate efforts to divert people towards Hindutva and engage in temple construction activities. The BJP, Congress, and other ruling parties have used the dispute to divide people on communal lines. At the same time, throughout the period of temple construction, the process of religious conflicts, caste discrimination, and the demolition of houses and shops of people in the vicinity of the temple in Ayodhya continued unabated. Modi laid the foundation stone for the temple with a 40 kg silver brick.

Today, the Ram Lalla's Pran Pratishtha ceremony in Ayodhya was held grandly. "Rama has come...Our Rama has come... The dream of Indians for 5 centuries has come true...", — Newspapers, with headlines and continuous broadcasts on TV channels, drew the attention of the people of the country to focus on the event with the hustle and bustle. The government, which did not spend minimum expenditure on the welfare of the people and for their development, has spent thousands of crores of rupees of public money on the

construction of Ram Mandir and for Ayodhya Urban Development programs. Addressing a gathering after the Pranapratishta ceremony, PM Modi said, "The construction of the Bhavya mandir has been completed and the focus should now be on nation building and we take a pledge to build a strong, efficient, divine and prosperous India from this moment". In addition to this, they are raising issues like Varanasi's Gyanvapi and Krishna birthplace in Madhura and are inciting religious contentions. Pushing the thousand-year-old disputes on to people about which is the truth and which is correct, they sit back and enjoy the people's plight.

As a result of the implementation of the imperialist comprador economic policies pursued by the previous Congress and the present Modi-led BJP governments, people have been pushed into a deep crisis; the ruling classes are using religion as opium and a weapon to keep people from thinking about the numerous problems that are disrupting their lives. Similarly, while claiming to be a democratic and secular state, they are promoting feudal religious traditions and religious supremacy and strengthening the caste system. The BJP is trying to conduct the elections in advance, before the people forget the event, to win the elections, claiming that they have a great role to play in the construction of this Ram Mandir. So, people should not fall into this delusion. They must be prepared to fight against the fascist religious fanaticism of the ruling classes and their subservience to imperialist comprador economic policies.