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Farmers and agriculture workers are mobilized and marching towards the capital to demand a Minimum Support Price (MSP) guarantee law, exiting from the World Trade Organisation agreements, pensions for elderly farmers and agriculture workers, the waiver of farmers' loans, and the scrapping of the new electricity law. The state has resorted to using brutal repressive measures, resulting in the injury of many protesters and the death of one farmer, to stop this march. Conventional and drone assisted Tear gas shelling, rubber bullets, pellet guns were hurled at the protestors, along with threats of slapping NSA charges against the union leaders.

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As we have observed, private monopoly capital in agriculture has led to nothing but devastation. Market-based development of agriculture has failed in the long term and the onus heavily falls upon the peasants. As a consequence, agriculture cannot be sustained without state funding or assistance. RSYC calls for proper state assistance to the farmers in agricultural productions as well as distribution of agricultural produce to the general populace through a subsidised Public Distribution System by the Government. A similar scenario can be observed in the fields of education and factory production, where private monopoly capital is advancing rapidly. Privatization has been more detrimental than beneficial for the general working and toiling masses, benefiting only a few capitalists and progressing at the expense of society as a whole. Significant unemployment has left no hope for students and youth. Workers are being exploited more than ever, and the minimum safety net of 'Labour laws' is being eroded by the proposed labour codes. RSYC also demands an immediate halt to this privatization. The state should bear the primary responsibility of education, as well as of the general production and distribution of goods. The government should be the primary provider and guarantor of jobs and education.