

Defeat the BJP, which is Responsible for the Plight of Andhra Pradesh today, and the Ruling Parties that are Directly and Indirectly Supporting the BJP!

The Call of the CPI(ML) Andhra Pradesh State Committee The Call of the CPI(ML) Andhra Pradesh State Committee

As part of the general elections, along with Andhra Pradesh parliamentary constituencies the state assembly elections also will be held on May 13th 2024.

The BJP-led NDA government, which has been in power at the Centre for the last ten years, has been the main reason for further deterioration of Andhra Pradesh since the bifurcation of the state. It is attacking religious minorities in the country, inciting Hindu fanaticism and running all anti-people political and economic policies by using communal hatred. The NDA regime is a credible representative of the exploited classes as a champion of accelerating the imperialist globalisation policies initiated and implemented by the two term Congress-led UPA government.

However, only a section of the ruling classes, mainly the Gujarati capitalist classes such as the Ambanis and Adanis, were given the lion's share of opportunities for exploitation. This manifests in the form of a tussle for shares between them and the ruling parties which are fighting a fierce battle in the elections.

The three farm laws that were brought in by the BJP were slapped on the peasants and later withdrawn as a result of the protracted farmers' agitation. It imposed the four labour codes that violated the minimum rights of the workers. In the name of 'Monetisation Pipeline', the BJP is selling the public sector industries in the country, including those running on profits. Demonetisation is a farce in which the government has promised to bring out black money stashed away in foreign banks and deposit Rs.15 lakhs in the account of every Indian citizen. While no amount was deposited in the accounts of citizens, it was revealed that it helped the big affluent sections to convert all their black money into white money through banks. The 'Goods and Services Tax' (GST), which was brought forward in the name of 'One Nation, One Tax', has caused irreparable damage to the lower and middle class business communities. It has helped their businesses and industries to be taken over by the corporate forces. In the name of corona, it has cancelled even the smallest railway concessions given to the elderly and the disabled and has not restored them in the subsequent period. It has cancelled all passenger services commuted by the common man and curtailed the travel facilities of the common man and the middle class by introducing 'Vande Bharat' trains. From industries, mines, space research, defence

products, news broadcasting departments to cosmetics, retail business, all are inundated with imperialist and -companies. Unemployment is worse than before. The fact that young people are scrambling for work in the war zones of Israel and Ukraine without any training highlights the severity of unemployment in the country. The prices of petrol, diesel, cooking gas and essential commodities have sky rocketed making the life of the common man even more miserable.

In the name of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' and 'PM CARES', the central government has handed over the budgetary funds and donations of lakhs of crores of rupees accumulated with the government during the Covid period to the corporate forces. On the other hand, with the announcement of 'lockdown', crores of workers were suddenly pushed on to the roads without even providing travel facilities. Tax concessions worth thousands of crores of rupees have been provided to big industrial classes. They were not ready to recover the loans of the big bourgeois who looted public money from the banks, defaulted on debts and were roaming abroad. On the other hand, the farmers, who had cultivated crops and fed the country even during the difficult times of Corona, were suffering from hardships and debt burdens. They were refused even a single waiver of loan. It rejects to legalise the minimum support price. But on the other hand every year thousands of crores of rupees are being written off by the Centre in the name of NPAs (Non-Performing Assets) of big industrialists, exposing their exploitative class nature day by day.

The central government is suppressing the democratic aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir by abrogating Articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution undemocratically. In the north-eastern states, especially in the hills of Manipur, in order to hand over valuable mineral deposits to the imperialist and big corporates, the Meitei community, who had been instilled with fanaticism against the adivasis of the region, the Nagas and the Kukis, under the direct supervision of the police and military forces, and the local BJP, with the patronage of the state's rulers, has been carrying out human slaughter, rapes and anarchy endlessly.

The Ram mandir built at the site where the Babri Masjid was demolished, at a cost of thousands of crores of rupees was inaugurated in a grand manner, raising the emotions of the people and creating further controversies in Mathura-Kashi-Gyanvapi. Pakistan-China border disputes are inciting national chauvinistic tensions. All the intelligence and investigating agencies like the CBI and the ED have been used as instruments of their political interests. It is moving rapidly towards fascist rule, suppressing not only rival political parties but also anti-government democratic voices, media and democrats.

Even after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, which took place as part of the political interests of the imperialists, the central government deliberately further degraded the divided state of Andhra Pradesh.

While none of the bifurcation promises like special category status, Kadapa steel factory, Visakhapatnam railway zone, funds for special development of backward areas, construction of Polavaram project- rehabilitation of displaced people, the construction of

a capital , etc., have not been fulfilled. The central government is preparing to privatise the Visakhapatnam Steel Factory which was achieved with the sacrifices of the people.

In such a situation, whether it is the YSRCP, which has been in power in the state for the last five years, or the TDP and Jana Sena, which are now coming together as an alliance with the BJP, are just making derogatory statements against each other for the non implementation of the promises and for not getting the funds from the central government after the bifurcation. Except for the fake hoaxes... it is regrettable that there is not a single specific programme undertaken in practice for the development of the state. It is a matter of shame that the ruling YSRCP and the opposition TDP-Jana Sena are trying to give a place to the BJP in this state, which is destroying the self-respect of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

The TDP, Jana Sena bowed down under BJP. They did not raise voice against the three anti-people and anti-peasant black laws. They did not express solidarity with the peasants' movement across the country which continued for more than a year. They were not against the implementation of demonetisation and GST and did not protest the four labour codes that undermine the minimum rights of workers. They did not find fault with the central government which has been undermining the rights of the states and did not condemn the Centre which is taking away of all the financial resources of the states. They did not demand the centre to withdraw the decision to privatise the Visakhapatnam steel plant, which is the only largest industry in the state. The centre is politicising the issue of the construction of a capital city by playing with the sentiments of the people. The TDP and Jana Sena parties are not protesting against the central government which is flatly rejecting the demand for special status to the state. They are not demanding the centre for the grant of funds for the displaced people of Polavaram project. Whether it is the Forest Conservation (Amendment) Act and the amendments to the Biodiversity and Environment Laws, which have been brought forward by the central government to permanently throw adivasis out of the forests and hand over the forests and the mineral wealth of the forests to big corporates or in the case of attacks on democrats, or against the media houses, nor against the most heinous attacks, atrocities committed against the adivasi women of Manipur in particular they did not express their disapproval. They uttered not a word against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which was implemented just before the elections by discriminating against the Muslim minorities among the people of the country and giving citizenship to non-Muslims only who came from neighbouring countries. YSRCP, TDP and Jana Sena, who could not utter a word in the interest of people, proclaim that all these things are being done today for the benefit of the state. This is nothing but deceiving the people. Apart from bragging talk about the self-respect and self-respect of the Andhras, all these parties have supported the BJP. They have further degraded the divided Andhra Pradesh in the last ten years, seeking only their mutual interests and their opportunistic political policies. Those who have mortgaged the state and its interests are further trying to deceive the people, proclaiming populist schemes and trying to subjugate the people by throwing away money and liquor to garner votes.

The last five years rule of the YSRCP government has made the state more debt-ridden. It is at the forefront of implementing the BJP directives. It is eager in implementing the World Bank's directive to install meters on farm motors, to collect the minimum fee for electricity provided to the farmers. The government announced that it will move towards prohibition in the state but increased the revenue from the sale of liquor through the government and belt shops more than ever before. By showing the income from liquor as a guarantee, it is taking loans on it and deceiving the people by saying that it is necessary for the implementation of welfare programmes. The exploitation of natural resources such as sand, minerals and granite are carried out arbitrarily and without fear of law, by their affiliated political mafia gangs. The education sector, especially the primary education sector, has been hit by chaotic policies. The knife has been hurled at teachers by not filling up crucial teacher vacancies in the education sector. Without addressing the demand for implementation of the old pension system as promised by the YSRCP, the agitations over it have been suppressed with police detention. The promise of regularising contract outsourcing workers has been put on hold. Without even the slightest opportunity to protest, democratic rights were taken away with 'GO No.1'. They did not bother to hold talks with the farmers who were agitating for months nor with the workers of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. The promise of creating lakhs of jobs with a 'job calendar' every year has been trampled upon and the agitations of the unemployed have been slashed with lathis. It has been in forefront in handing over the ports and industries in the state to the imperialist big corporate forces and in distributing thousands of acres of land to them. In rural areas attacks on Dalits and women by feudal lords have increased considerably.

The rule of TDP, BJP and Jana Sena alliance in future would not be different in essence from the rule of TDP led by Chandrababu, as the first chief minister of bifurcated Andhra Pradesh.

In this context, the CPI(ML) state committee is appealing to the people to reject the BJP, the ruling YSRCP, which is indirectly supporting the BJP in the ongoing state assembly elections, and the TDP and Jana Sena, which are directly aligned with the BJP. It calls upon the people to reject and expose the anti-people policies of the ruling classes serving the imperialists and to intensify their struggle against the economic, political and cultural policies of the government to solve the fundamental problems of Andhra Pradesh. For a permanent solution to the problems of the people it calls for a movement towards a new democratic system.

[CPI (ML) AP State Committee decided not to contest in this present election. It would campaign to expose the true nature of the bourgeoisie parties in the upcoming elections.]