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17th Lok Sabha Elections reflected the conspiratorial politics of Ruling classes, particularly those of BJP!

The results of general elections to 17th Parliament are in accordance with the assessment of CC, CPI (ML). The election 'war' in all states reflected the prevailing political and economic crisis. The competition is between the bourgeois parties that are competing to serve the interests of imperialist and feudal exploitation and suppression. The worldwide economic and political crisis of capitalism and imperialism has further deepened. The Indian political arena cannot stay aloof from this crisis. In these elections also, the contradictions among the big bourgeois, feudal and bureaucratic capital has sharpened. Though one may not say clearly which section of big bourgeoisie and big business acted in whose favour, the competition among them had reflected in the political arena.

In 2014, the Congress led UPA was defeated and the BJP led NDA came to power in 16th Parliament. Its rule followed the footsteps of earlier regimes. It threw the peoples' lives into turmoil by imposing demonetization, GST and other measures. The unemployment has further increased. The agrarian crisis has further deepened. The lives of the rent farmers and agricultural labour have deteriorated. It mouthed slogans like make in India, Achhe Din etc.. But it continued to squander all the resources to big bourgeoisie.

It is a well known that the ideology of BJP is based on communalism. The BJP in power utilized the pseudo secularist and empty democratic nature of the Constitution to rouse religious intolerance and communal hatreds. It propagated fundamentalism. It tried to throw the democratic, secular and progressive forces into a state of fear and stupor. It instigated murders. It tried to unleash terror in areas that resisted religious chauvinism. It tried to fish in the uncertain political situation in Tamil Nadu. The DMK and other parties had defeated BJP's game as a result of the seeds of materialism sown by Periar Ramasamy. It created unhealthy atmosphere in Kerala by interfering in the local customs and practices. It adopted tactics to destroy communism and its ideology, dialectical materialism. To contain the intellectuals of this creed, it conspiratorially foisted false cases and arrested them branding them as 'urban naxalites'. The Naxalbari peasants rose in uprising for land and freedom. But, for the last 40 years, the ruling classes had been distorting this historical struggle by using the term Naxalite as synonymous with individual killings. Some of the ruling class parties, CPI and CPM had joined this chorus, and the bad effects of this are now being felt by them. As a result of this, the materialist world outlook had disappeared from the minds of its cadre and no vehicles remained to imbibe materialist world outlook to their new cadres.

The BJP sought to utilize its position in power for five years to spread its ideas of Hinduraj, Akhandbaharat and communalism. But its attempts were not fruitful where there is influence of genuine secularism and materialism. In such places it resorted to the methods of arson and violence. It conspiratorially sought to sell its Hindu card and rouse anti-Muslim ideas by calling Pakistan as Muslim raj and as a base for terrorism. BJP tried on a large scale to rouse national sentiments among the people by creating incidents through the imperialist instigated terrorists. By this it tried to influence the upper and lower strata of middle classes. (Phulwama, Balakot, attacks on terrorist centers across the border etc). The Prime Minister toured many countries in the name of discussing the issues like border problems, economic relations, technological cooperation, danger of terrorism, buying of weapons etc. In the guise of Indian nationalism he propagated Hindu communalism. He prostrated before the US imperialism and prepared to put the burden of its crisis upon the backs of Indian people. He willingly became a pawn in the hegemonic strategy of US imperialism.

Every political party conducted election campaign without the mention of land distribution and problems of agriculture and rural poor. The poor peasants who are alienated from land and rent

farmers who take lands on lease from the absentee landlords are facing severe hardships. No party had announced any plan to relieve them from debt burden. Both the BJP and non-BJP parties competed in announcing schemes that provide some succors. Many palliative schemes for handloom weavers, unemployed youth, old age people and others were grandiosely announced without any permanent solution to their problems. The direct benefit transfer system was utilized as though it was an auction of votes. The consequences of this are going to be very serious. The people are going to lose their independent life style. They cause loss of their personality and cultivate anarchy and inaction among them. These schemes are throwing the youth – the future of the country- and rural toilers –the creators of wealth- into a pathetic condition in which they are being alienated from the process of production. After some time these schemes would be closed down. There are numerous examples of this.

Any party, particularly which came to power at the centre for a second term had been attempting through the Ministry of Home to suppress the aspirations and actions of people to protect their language, culture and local practices. In the name of stopping the illegal immigration, it is throwing the people belonging to minorities and tribes into disorder and insecurity in the bordering states.

As a whole, the BJP used every nefarious method to regain power.

The neo-feudal class, old zamindars, and some of those supporting Congress and socialist parties have tilted towards the BJP. A large number of retired employees belonging to the upper and middle classes are acting as leaders and cadre of BJP. Those who command respect in the society because of their financial and educational status have most shamelessly taken upon themselves to perform the ‘sacred’ task of confusing, diverting and deceiving the people. RSS and its sangh parivar organizations posed themselves a paramilitary force of Hindu raj. In the northern states they aggressively and/or in disguise depending upon the situation and context, utilized caste, religion, language, nationality etc to rake up sentiments and cornered some temporary benefits.

The BJP acted in such a conspiratorial and dubious manner so that the secular political forces, materialists and supporters of socialism deceived each other. BJP showed its ‘activeness’ in using the carrot and stick through IT raids, illegal transactions etc to cajole them. Floor-crossing was made a morally correct thing by creating a fear complex. The economic and political theories embodied in the Kautilya’s works and in Hindu religious thinking were presented as acceptable for all and put into practice shamelessly. They made use of slave and feudalism as well as modern capitalist and imperialist economic and cultural forces. In this manner they gained the confidence of the exploiting ruling classes that they alone have the capacity to sustain semi-feudal and semi-colonial nature of Indian society. But this game cannot continue for long. The people have already begun to see through the smoke screen and started detesting them.

In a nut shell, the people’ life-economic, the political, social and cultural systems are going to turn more anarchic and crisis ridden. It could be seen during the previous regimes. The NDA came to power in 2014 elections by criticizing that the UPA regime had thrown agriculture into turmoil, impeded the manufacturing sector and thus increased unemployment, and by promising to double the income of farmers, to revive the manufacturing sector and to create one crore jobs every year. But every measure it had taken – Make in India, GST, and demonetization etc- had delivered a unrecoverable hard blow to the peasants and small and medium industries. After regaining power in 2019, it raised the curtain to enact the same drama.

While the BJP placated the Hindu religion as the life style of the country and Hindu religion as nationalism and patriotism, the Congress not only failed to counter it but also distorted the very concept of secularism. It promoted all the religious customs and practices in the name of equanimity of all religions to gain votes. All the ruling class parties have trampled the understanding that secularism means that religion must not interfere in politics and state affairs in a democratic state. Any how the people had thwarted the attempt of BJP to gain hold in southern states by raking up issue of women’s entry into Sabarimala temple. Under the influence of anti-caste, democratic and progressive movements led by the communist party as well as progressive thinkers, the people have defeated the attempts of BJP. It is again proved that to defeat communalism it is imperative to link

the democratic movements with class struggles of the down-trodden people. The common people are realizing this fact. The masses of middle and upper middle classes have to recognize this fact.

The CPI (ML) is putting forward the following tasks before the people:

1. Intensify class struggles against feudal, comprador bourgeois and imperialist exploitation!
2. Expose the ideology and politics of BJP that are dividing the people and raking up national chauvinism and intensify political struggles against it!
3. Expose and oppose communalism, caste division in the society; in concrete form – people must liberate themselves from the traditional thinking influenced by religion; the poor peasants of so-called upper castes and toilers of so-called lower castes must forge class unity and must unite through class struggles!
4. Prepare for organized struggles against the fascist trends which are growing at present in the Indian society under the guise of Hindu communalism which are aimed at diverting the people from the real problems of their life and against the policies that serve the interests of big bourgeoisie, big landlords and Imperialist finance capital.
5. Build a powerful cultural movement against feudal and imperialist cultures that are promoting communalism, casteism and all regressive ideas and customs!
6. Consistently strive to unite with all the forces that can be united in the struggles taking the Communist Revolutionaries and its nucleus.

With revolutionary greetings,

**Central Committee
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