

PRESS COMMUNIQUE
14th July 2009, Kolkata

The Central Committee of the All India Forward Bloc met at Kolkata on 11, 12 and 13th July 2009. Com. N. Velappan Nair, Chairman of the Party presided over the meeting.

The meeting elaborately analysed the result of 15th Lok Sabha elections and reviewed the current socio political situations of the country.

15TH LOK SABHA ELECTIONS.

While accepting the mandate of the people with all modesty, the All India Forward Bloc is of the opinion that the confusion about the stability, credibility, viability and the programme of the non-Congress(I) and non-BJP helped the Congress(I) to retain the power. The left parties have failed to make the Indo-US Nuclear deal an election agenda. The All India Forward Bloc still believes that the Indo-US Nuclear deal is detrimental to the interests of our motherland and it compromises our sovereignty with the USA. But the left parties have done a tactical mistake by allowing the UPA government scope for negotiations with the IAEA for India Specific Safeguards. It was a gambit of the Congress(I) to drag the whole discussion to develop an opposite political atmosphere to break the pact with the left. The AIFB realized it as a trap plan of the Congress(I) to drag the whole discussion to develop an opposite political atmosphere to break the pact with the left. The AIFB realized it as a trap and timely clued-up to the other left parties. But they did not realize the game plan of the Congress(I) and kept faith on Congress (I) and their promise of 'honourable exit' from the whole deal.

In Kerala, the inner fight within the CPI(M) and the intra fight among the LDF partners are the main reasons for the defeat of LDF.

In West Bengal, the confusion about industrialization, forceful acquisition of land, over dependency on bureaucracy of the left leaders, unforfunate happenings in Nandigram and Singur, government's negligence on minorities, adivasis and dalits, lack of left unity at the grass root level, anti-left culture and behaviour of a section of the left leaders and elected representatives, alienation of one section of the intelligentsia from the left, and the failure of the 32 years old LF government to emerge as a model government are the main reasons for the unprecedented defeat of the LF in West Bengal.

The AIFB is of the opinion that this defeat is a temporary set back. It gives

an opportunity to all left parties for introspection and self introspection. But mere introspection will not help the left parties to regain its lost ground. A sincere, broad minded and transparent action from the left parties particularly from the CPI(M), which is the leading party of the left front is very much necessary to bring back the legacy of the left.

ON INCREASING LEFT ADVENTURISM

It is true that due to liberalized economic policies of the successive governments after independence, the gap between the haves and the have nots are increasing day by day. The poor people have been marginalized and deprived of all democratic rights. This disparity encourages the restless people to revolt against the system and to resort the path of violence. Out of 604 districts of the country, it is been reported that about 165 districts have been indentified as Naxal/Maoist/left extremist prone areas. The Lalgarh incident is the latest in this series.

The failure of Paschimanchal Unnayan Parishad (PUP) in implementing the welfare schemes for the adivasis, the failure of the state government to monitor its adivasi welfare schemes and ignoring the people's movements for basic amenities aggravated the people's resentment against the establishments. It could have been avoided.

The AIFB is deadly against the modus operandi of the Maoist to find solutions of the people's grievances. No democracy can allow the Maoist model violence and 'liberalisations' of administered zones. The democracy allows lot of avenues to redress the grievances of the public. The AIFB is of the view that the Maoist, Naxalite and other extreme left movements are not merely a law serve any tangible purpose. It should dealt as a socio-economic issue. The governments concerned should address these issues with welfare missions and administrative assistance.

GENERAL BUDGET 2009-10

The General Budget for the year 2009-10 aims large scale disinvestment of profit making Public Sector Undertakings to meet the fiscal deficit. It is not a prudent economic science to sell off national assets to meet government's expenditures. The Budget suggests no programme to stimulate the economy, which is dwindling due to global economic meltdown.

RAILWAY BUDGET

The Railway Budget 2009-10, placed by Ms. Mamata Banerjee, the railway

Minister is a strong prelude for large scale privatization of Indian Railways. AIFB welcomes the announcement of the Railway Minister to bring a white paper on the economic condition of Indian Railways. It is alarming that the Indian Railways is seeking financial assistance from the government of India despite of its tall claims of making huge profit during 2004-08.

16TH PARTY CONGRESS OF AIFB

The 16th Party Congress of the All India Forward Bloc will be held at Kolkata from 17th to 21st December 2009. Apart from party delegates from 22 states, international fraternal delegates and leaders of other Indian left parties will also attend the Congress. The party will publish a complete history of All India Forward Bloc on the occasion of the Party Congress.

ACTION PROGRAMME

1. The AIFB will organize a week-long mass action against the price rise of essential commodities from 25th to 31st July 2009.
2. The AIFB will organize a convention on education reforms suggested by the Union government on 12th August 2009 at New Delhi. Similar Conventions will be organized by the party state units in different states.
3. The AIFB will launch a nation-wide movement to pressurize the government to table the Liberhan Commission Report in the Parliament.
4. The AIFB will organize nation-wide Kisan-Workers rallies, conventions etc. for more budget allocation for the unorganised sector workers and farmers.
5. The AIFB will organize a rally in Delhi with the demand of filling the vacancies in Indian Railways and other PSUs immediately.



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