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The Central Secretariat of the All India Forward Bloc met at Kolkata on 28th December 2010. Com. Ashok Ghosh, Senior Member of the Secretariat presided over the meeting. The meeting has reviewed the current socio-political situation of the country in general and the political situation of West Bengal in particular. Barbarism in the name of Maoism must be stopped.

Union Home Minister's letter to West Bengal Chief Minister is deplorable in its content, approach, language, mode of dispatch and leakage to media

We know that the Trinamool Congress and the Congress are in alliance in their bid to capture power in West Bengal. But it was not so clear before that the Government of India has also occasion to be directly and officially involved in the alliance's plan of ousting Left Front government of the state. It now becomes clear from the Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram's letter (dt. 21 Dec.'10) written to the state Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharya, wherein it is alleged that the 'harmad armed cadres' are attacking Opposition members and sympathizers. It echoes the same language continuously used by the TMC leader Mamata Banerjee. The letter thus appears to be a joint draft under the signature and seal of the Union Home Minister. This is most deplorable in a federal structure of our constitution, as the party and the government are making such a joint political aggression against the opponent.

We wonder whether the Union Home Minister has also got 'credible reports' about the 'Maoists - Trinamool' joint programmes in their political game against the Left party leaders and workers in the state. Hundreds of documentary evidence, as provided by the state govt. and left leaders must have been available in the Home Ministry, but unfortunately the Home Minister is still silent on the issue. Such biased approach on the part of Home Minister is unacceptable.

Moreover, we feel that the Union Home Minister owes an explanation to the nation as to how and why the content of his letter was leaked to the media before the letter reached the addressee. This appears to be a preplanned and motivated move. As the Trinamool Congress and the Congress can no more rely on the spontaneous support of the people in their bid to oust the Left Front government, they are now trying to utilize the central government machinery and office for the purpose, as is evident from P. Chidambaram's letter under reference. This is opposed to democratic principles in true sense.

The Union Home Minister has unfortunately reproduced in his letter many of the unfounded wild charges very often made by Trinamool leaders against the left front government. All these charges are based on falsehoods, still P. Chidambaram is over enthusiastic to repeat them. We are sorry to note that the Union Home Minister lacks such enthusiasm while dealing with similar cases in Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and other states.

We do not find any difference between the Congress and the Trinamool Congress so far their class character is concerned. We hope, the people of West Bengal will outright reject the heinous motive behind the letter.

All India Forward Bloc urge upon the people of West Bengal, the traditional seat of democratic movement, to unite together to fight against the nexus between the Congress, Trinamool Congress and Maoists and to continue to have their faith and confidence in Leftism and Left Front government. We must keep in mind that this attack on Leftism is not an isolated issue. The Congress and their right reactionary allies, along with the capitalist and imperialist forces, are jointly moving to eliminate not only the leftists, but also leftism as a whole from Indian soil. It is high time that the workers and peasants of the country, the exploited poor and downtrodden people be united together to fight the onslaught against leftism.

On Maoist Menace.

The All India Forward Bloc, the party founded by the great patriot Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose notes with grave concern on the increasing killings of tribals and poor people by the extreme leftist forces on the disguise of Maoism. The recent cold blooded murder of seven AIFB activists including one woman Panchayat Pradhan in Purulia, West Bengal is the latest in this series. While condemning the barbaric incident, the All India Forward Bloc is of the opinion that the 'theory of annihilation' has no place in the modern democracy. Democracy provides ample opportunities to protest, protect and ensure developments. Killings of poor farmers, workers and forest dwellers will not make any change in the social system rather it will strengthen the hands of exploiters.

The so-called Maoists are annihilating the poor workers and targeting the mainstream left forces. They are not protesting against the corporate loot of national assets. They are not even raising their voice against the policies which allows the corporates and the MNCs to exploit the tribals and to plunder the natural resources. It is imperative to remember that only the mainstream left parties and their trade unions are fighting relentlessly against these policies both inside and outside of the Parliament. Whatever the legislative protections now the tribals are enjoying today are due to the struggle and initiatives taken by the left parties.

The All India Forward Bloc had sympathy on the socio-economic issues raised by the Maoists and invited them to join the main stream movement against under development of tribal and rural areas. But gradually the movement has become political one and started to satiate the interests of the right reactionary forces who are trying to destabilize the democratically elected Left Front Government of West Bengal through undemocratic ways and means. It is now clear that the main opposition party of West Bengal, the Trinamool Congress has direct links with the Maoists and the latter is acting as a tool in the hands of TMC. The Congress (I), the ruling party at Centre is extending all sorts of assistance to the TMC due to political compulsion to save the union government by echoing the false voices of TMC against the LF government.

Campaign Against Price Rise and Corruption.

The Central Secretariat of the All India Forward Bloc has decided to streamline its campaign against spiraling price rise of all essential commodities and the increasing corruption at all levels. Economic mismanagement, hoardings, lack of coordination between ministries and policy makers, scuttling of public distribution system, forward trading, unbridled export of food items, neglecting Indian agriculture, more dependence of agro Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), lack of infrastructure facilities for the rural agricultural producers etc are the major reasons for this spiraling rise of prices on all essential commodities. It is now proved that we are at present importing the goods at high prices, which we are producing plenty and exported few weeks ago at lower prices. This callous attitude of the government provided opportunities to the private companies to mint money by exporting food articles by using export incentives and to import the same goods at zero customs duties.

The All India Forward Bloc is of the opinion that the increasing scandals one after another are the bi-product of the liberalization of economy. The crony capitalism is providing ample opportunities for the ruling clique, bureaucrats and the corporate to plunder the public money, natural resources and to make loss to the

national exchequer. The mother of all scandals, the 2G Spectrum of Rs. 1,76,645 crores is the latest scandal during UPA II regime, which exposes the real face of the government. The scandals on 2G Spectrum, Commonwealth Games, Adarsh Flat, etc. are not mere scams but planned loot of public money. The government is trying to block the holes with darkness by raising untenable arguments and bypassing the democratic ways and means to enquire about the issues properly.

The All India Forward Bloc will launch a week-long campaign against price rise and corruption from 15th to 21st January 2011 throughout the country. The party urges upon the people of all walks of life to come forward and join the mass action against unjustifiable price rise and cancerous corruption.

Desh Prem Divas

To press the long-standing demand for 'Desh Prem Divas' on 23rd January __ Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Birthday, All India Forward Bloc will observe Dharna-Rally-mass signature campaign throughout the country on 12th & 13th January 2011.



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