

## **Corporate Communal nexus on its desperate designs Working Class on Resistance & Defiance with Combativeness**

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The resistance of the toiling masses and class with defiance and combativeness forced the present dispensation at the center to repeal 3 draconian farm laws and restrained it from implementing 4 labour codes it enacted. The 21 points charter adopted in the Joint National Convention of Samyukt Kisan Morcha and Joint central Trade Unions on August 24<sup>th</sup> calling for November Mahapadav not only encompass the demands of workers, peasants and people at large, rather is an alternative to the neo liberal economic framework that's pursued since 1991 and communal divisive politics now at play. The slogan, "Save the Nation - Save the People" reverberate it.

The structural crisis of neo liberal regime with the dominance of international finance capital over productive capital is marked with the loot and plunder of resources of the Nation by the foreign and domestic Corporates, devastating the lives and livelihood of the masses amidst hate mongering divisiveness. To further the interests of neo liberal forces the present corporate communal nexus in governance is undertaking economical, social and political restructuring through majoritarian authoritarianism.

It is based on the fascistic Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) ideology of Golwalkar written, "We and our Nationhood defined" & "Bunch of Thoughts" and narrative of "Hindu-Hindi-Hindustan". Muslims, Christians and Communists are portrayed as internal enemies of the Nation with their political project of Hindutva harnessing the religious belief of Hindu masses. Hence the attack on Muslims and Christians in one or other name across the nation is unleashed by their outfits. RSS Sarsanghchhalak Mohan Bhagwat has called to fight out cultural Marxists. PM Modi too decried the people fighting for the cause of people's rights sarcastically as AndolanJeevis. RSS Sarkaryavahak Dattatreya Hosabale has claimed India has been Hindu Rastra always and shall remain so. RSS aims at converting secular democratic republic of India based on Indian Constitution into a rabidly communal theocratic Hindu Rastra based on Manuvadi Varnashrama Dharma. Manusmriti propounds oppressive hierarchical caste system with untouchability, inequality along with patriarchal value system of society. It negates the modern concept of constitutionalism based on liberty, equality, & fraternity.

Capitalism while under apparently irreversible systemic crisis tends out to be more and more inimical with progressive, democratic civilization values and align with the regressive forces as that of fascistic RSS and its political arm BJP. International working class leader George Dimitrov during fascist onslaught led by Hitler of Germany and Mussolini of Italy defined Fascism, **"As the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinistic and most imperialist elements of finance capital"**.

The RSS founded in 1925, inspired by Hitler and Mussolini was never part of Indian freedom struggle. It always served the interests of British. RSS accused conspirator of Mahatma Gandhi assassination and thousands of communal violence, always stood with capitalist and feudal classes. The political arm of it was then Hindu Maha Sabha,

later Bharatiya Jana Sangh and now Bharatiya Janata Party in power at center and in several states. With 2 MP's of BJP in Lokasabha at its formation in 1980, the RSS launched it to be a major political party of the Bourgeoisie - land lord ruling class of the Nation harnessing the religious belief of majority Hindus in Ram. Ram Rath Yatra for Ram Temple at Ayodhya led by BJP leaders in 1989 and Karseva on 6 December 1992 demolishing 400 plus years old Babri Masjid, leading to communal carnage across the nation and thousands of deaths, was successful in floating a political slogan of *Jai Sriram* to replace mutual greetings of *ramram* among common Hindu masses.

Neo liberal policies initiated in 1991 and demolition of Babri Masjid in 1992 on December 6<sup>th</sup> cannot be seen as a mere coincidence. It led to Vajpayee led BJP - NDA Govt (1998-2004) which furthered the neo liberal policies vigorously. It initiated Ministry for Disinvestment, FDI in retail trade, New Pension Scheme, setting up of 2<sup>nd</sup> Labour Commission which recommended present 4 labour codes, allowing of foreign banks and Insurance companies, privatization of Public sectors and soon, along with furthering of communal polarization.

The Gujarat model of blend of serving the interests of foreign and domestic Corporates along with infamous post Godhra communal carnage and divisiveness engineered effectively, consolidating Hindu majority votes, politically enabled Modi's elevation to Prime Minister Ship. The top position of Gujarat been among the top five industrial states branded as Gujarat Model of development reveals the fact that the share of wages in the Net Value Addition (NVA) in the manufacturing sector is the lowest in Gujarat in the Nation with 14.89% and with the highest share of profit 45.28%, against the national average of 18.87% and 38.71% respectively.

Bhoomi Pooja for Ram Temple at Ayodhya on 5 Aug 2020, inauguration of Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, new Parliament Bhawan inauguration with chants of hymns and Yagna and the latest to be Pranpratistapan of Idol Ram at Ayodhya Ram Temple on 22 Jan 2024 by Prime Minister along with Akshata (turmeric rice) collection from 5 crores houses by RSS are all attempts to harness religious sentiments of Hindu majority. It is a calculated attempt to divert the attention of the masses from the issues of lives and livelihood affected by the neo liberal policies ahead of Lokasabha elections.

The issue of Gyanvapi Masjid at Kashi, now under ASI survey as per judicial order contrary to Religious Places of Worship (Protection) Act 1992 for so claimed temple, Krishna Janam Bhoomi at Mathura and other Archeological Survey of India (ASI) structures including the Taj Mahal, claimed to be Tejo Mahal are part of this game plan. Hate mongering unleashed around it with full steam against the Minorities utilizing every opportunity including the barbaric attack and occupation of Palestine by Israel, communalizing it as an attack on Muslims is to that end.

Attempts to blend religion with the nation, nationalism and patriotism are done vehemently but the fixed term soldiers - Agni veers in the name of Agnipath in defence forces and Ayud veers in Ordinance factories are appointed. The loot of Ordinance factories by Corporates in the form of GOCO model (Government Owned Contract Operated) is allowed. .

Rs.15.32 lakhs crores of corporate loan are treated as write-off loans and corporate taxes reduced drastically. The recovery of loans from the Corporates by the banks approaching National Company Law Tribunal under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Act 2016 is only 27% as per Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.

Given the fact that FDI in India is a slowing business with the declining rates of return in case of inward flow from 5.2% in 1990 to 4.9% in 2021 and from 8.4% to 5.3%, in case of outward flow, the much touted global investors meet (GIM) in states and Invest India across are not yielding in spite of Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat slogans. The 'China Plus one Policy' to attract the manufacturing sector divesting from China to India 13 Free Trade Agreements (FTA) and 6 Preferential Trade Agreements (PTA) are signed and host of measures, Skill India- National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme -2 (NAPS), Start Up India and labour laws codification to curtail the rights of workers and to provide for fixed term employees (FTE) are undertaken by this Govt. Amendments to Factories Act increasing working hours from 8 to 12 and other farm laws as done in Karnataka by the then BJP Govt along with other neo liberal policies is what double engine sarkars mean in practice. With BJP in local bodies claimed as triple engine sarkars mean furthering corporate communal interests in civic administration.

In spite of total Rs. 4.07 crores worth disinvestment, it is hardly 46% against budget estimated target of Rs.810925 crores during 2014- 2023. Hence the new route of National Monetization Pipeline (NMP) in every sector pursued is nothing but free give away of revenue-earning publicly owned infrastructural assets to the private players. The Mines and Minerals Development & Regulation (Amendment) Act 2023 enacted allows not only mining by private players, but also handing over ready-made functional mines to private Corporates for minting fortune virtually without making any investment. Abrogation of Article 370 and 35A with their communal propaganda of one nation - one constitution targeting Muslim majority in Kashmir is now enabling for mining of rich Lithium deposits by private players.

The aggressively pursued **Blue Economy** is enabling the corporate fishing uprooting traditional fishing and fishermen. The 9<sup>th</sup> round of bidding of Open Acre age Licensing Policy (OALP IX), biggest ever bidding of Oil and Gas blocks will carve out 2.23 lakhs Sq km area for exploration this November 2023, while it is only 2.70 lakhs sq km area which is awarded until now by the Govt of India. 26 blocks up for exploration and production, 15 ultra-deep water, 8 in shallow sea and 3 on land will be awarded to foreign and domestic private players.

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme of Rs.1.97 lakhs crores to the 14 key sectors in manufacturing sector, spread over 5 years starting from 2020-21 is simply incentivizing production cost to the manufacturers. The cost of any manufactured good under capitalist mode of production is inclusive of all the cost of production, in terms of cost to the company (CTC). PLI 2.0 for IT Hardware, Laptops, Tablets, All-in-one PC's for the period of 6 years is announced in 2022-23.

PLI will be 4% to 6% of incremental sales upon the base year and with a stipulation of incremental investment over base year. The incentive shall be for top 5 companies. If all are eligible it shall be equally divided. If only one fulfill all the criteria and others doesn't then whole incentive shall go to one company. In that case PLI for Mobile

Company with sales invoice of Rs.15000 per mobile shall be Rs.3470 crores spread over 5 years with the minimum cumulative incremental investment of Rs.1000 crores by a company. In other words the Govt shall be gifting Rs. 2470 crores against the incremental investment of Rs.1000 crores by that company. In case of 5 companies full the eligibility criteria then each will be getting Rs.647 crores against the incremental investment of Rs.1000 crores cumulatively over 4 years period.

It is claimed that PLI is designed to attract investment, generate jobs, substitute import - increase exports, and to enable manufacturing sector contribution of 25% to the GDP. Three years after its inception, manufacturing remains stagnant and it has dragged Index of industrial Production (IIP) down, imports growth in electronics sector was around 4% which is lower than that in exports and more over India is seen as the hub for assembling rather than manufacturing.

The beneficiaries of automobile sector PLI are Ashok Leyland, Eicher Motors, Pinnacle Mobility, and Tata Motors. In electronics sector Foxconn, Samsung, Wistron, Rising Star, LAVA, Padget, Opetimus, micromax, AT&S, Saharsa, Neolync, Ascent and others are beneficiaries. Notably all these are the contract manufacturers of high end mobile brand - Apple.

Jan Vishwas Act 2023 decriminalizing 183 provisions in 42 central Acts administered by 19 ministries and departments to suite the corporate interests is enacted. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarika Suraksha Sanhita, Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam Bills 2023 framed to replace prevailing Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code and Evidence Act prescribe lesser punishment for Mob lynching than for murder but criminalizes protests and strikes bringing them under the ambit of unlawful activities prevention act.

This policy regime a heyday to Corporates, is a menace to the mass of people, as it undoes the industrial growth enabling employment growth through micro, small and medium enterprises and agricultural growth enabling food and economic self reliance achieved since independence, in spite of all its limitations. As a result the destitution of people is on increase as reflected in the 111<sup>th</sup> ranking of India out of 120 in Global Hunger Index, and makes Indian economy more and more dependent on international finance capital. It is for which the entire restructuring is undertaken undermining constitutional mechanisms. To divert the attention of the masses from these vicious policies enabling corporate loot and plunder the communal divisive machinations of RSS and BJP are unleashed disrupting the unity of the people. The success of struggle against pro corporate policies cannot be achieved without success of struggle against communal divisive forces and defeat of the RSS BJP designs.

The Nov 26-28, 2023 Mahapadav with massive participation of workers, peasants and agricultural workers forging unity across religion, region, castes, language echoed **“these policies have to change or else the Govt has to be changed”**. This has to be furthered in the December -January campaign and movement for the wages, unionization, and regularization against anti people -anti national policies and divisive forces as a crusade against corporate communal nexus in Governance.

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