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AIKSCC

No alternative to repeal 3 Farm Acts possible-

Farmers cannot compromise on land, MSP with guaranteed procurement, food security, energy security and self reliance of India

The Union Government has no right to enact law on agriculture; a state subject

Why the Prime Minister keeps away from discussion with farmers?

Mahapadav starts at Culcutta, thousands attending day and night struggle, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Thriuvanathapuram, Bhuvanesar and Bhopal will have Mahapadav in the coming days

The All India Strike of Electricity Workers on 3rd February 2021

Joint meeting of AIKSCC and Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions on 22nd January

The basic issue that unites all the farmers' organisations and the platforms is the demand of repeal the 3 farm acts and the EB 2020 that protect the corporate interests against the farmers interests. The Modi Government wants to divide this unity and that is why it is insisting on alternative to repeal demand.

These farm acts are based on neo-liberal policies that devastate the interests of the farmers and the people at large thus endangering the national interests. These acts allow the corporate forces/MNC's to garner agriculture land through contract farming leading to widespread indebtedness among the peasantry and annihilation of peasant agriculture. The corporate houses/MNC's can procure agro produces from across the country without the burden of providing MSP to farmers and thus undertake value addition and amass rapacious profits out of the sale of consumer products. Almost 4 lakh farmers have committed suicide due to these policies and farmers under indebtedness are giving up cultivation and becoming migrant workers. As per the 2011 census the number of migrant workers have crossed 23 crore. These Acts allow deregulation of the procurement; stockpile and trading of food stuff thus facilitate access for MNCs to domestic food market. This will lead to unbridled privatisation and deregulation of public sector and destroy the self reliance of the domestic economy, endanger the food security and end energy security. Farmers cannot compromise on these anti-people policies to facilitate the corporate interests. Hence farmers are not willing to dilute the demand of repeal the 3 farm acts.

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi so far has failed to intervene and resolve the farmers struggle. In the context of massive farmers protest the Supreme Court has stayed the 3 farm Acts. Since 9 rounds of talks failed, the PM must intervene and repeal the farm acts to end the stalemate. Lakhs of farmers participating in the struggle in the Delhi borders and across the country are facing hardships -130 farmers have died during this struggle- and are determined to continue to bear hardships and repression and will fight till the laws are withdrawn.

The workers will join the farmers in thousands in the Mahapadav struggle before the Raj Bhawans across the country. The farmers' Mahapadav has been started today at Calcutta and will continue on 21, 22 January. The Mahapadav will take place on 24, 25, 26 Jan at Mumbai, 23,24,25 at Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Thiruvannathapuram. CTU's have declared that on 26th January 2021, workers will participate with farmers in all the districts across the country to make The Kisan Parade, a Worker-Kisan Parade.

The electricity workers across the country will observe strike on 3rd February 2021 with the demand of withdraw the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2020 and repeal the 3 farm acts and 4 labour codes. There will be more and more struggles in the coming days till the Government agrees to the genuine demands of the farmers. The Joint Platform of the Central Trade Unions has proposed for a meeting with the Working Group of AIKSCC on 22nd January at 4 pm at New Delhi.

The farmer's struggle is based on policy issues related with economic and social aspects of agrarian life and demands for livelihood. These are basically political in character. The farmers' struggle is independent of the political parties and not led by any political party or group of political parties. However, the various political parties have actively supported the struggle. The 8th December 2020 All India Band call was supported by 25 political parties across the country and their activists were in the street to ensure success of the struggle and the leadership of the Delhi Chhlo - Samyukta Kisan Morcha co-ordination committee and the umbrella platform of AIKSCC had greeted those political parties supported the struggle. In these 25 parties the entire opposition parties are included and some parties they were part of the ruling NDA also have extended support. Earlier the two Bills proposed by on legalising MSP and loan waiver for farmers were also supported by 23 political parties.

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