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“...What does happen when a change of government is brought about in this way without a radical change of the state structure? If honest men come into government that creates further complications because common people have faith in them. If they are confused despite being honest and cannot take to the path of revolution, they have no other options but to objectively act as lackeys of the capitalist class. It is the capitalist system which they have to reform and further consolidate, yet the grievances of people subside for some time at least because people trust them. Hence, the bourgeois rule, the capitalist rule only gets the opportunity to further consolidate itself and build up a firm foundation during the regime of such ‘honest’ administrators. Lenin once said that between an honest and a dishonest priest, the dishonest one is better in a sense, not in the sense that he is the better one because of his dishonesty. He is better because people can easily see through him. But if an honest and confused priest goes on preaching to the people that they suffer because such is their fate or destiny, doing it with the object of keeping them away from the path of revolution, that act does more harm....”

— Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

[Independence on 15th August and Problems of Emancipation of People; SW Vol. III ; pp. 46-7.]

Mercenary army protecting rotten capitalism is plunged in the dungeon of corruption

The ferocity with which the scandals are exploding strikes everyone with the question — how many other skeletons will soon fall out of the cupboards? IPL, Commonwealth games, 2G spectrum, ‘Coalgate’—the cans of worms continue to open up and a messy melange of bluster and blunders and political subterfuge is leaving behind lengthening shadows of suspicion. An unholy nexus of corrupt politicians-ministers-industrial houses-bureaucracy has turned the country into a cesspool of corruption. Of late has been unlocked another secret chest. This time, it has unfolded once more how India’s defence sector reeks of rampant corruption and has become hunting ground for slush funds to operate freely. General V K Singh, the Army Chief, revealed in a TV interview that he was offered a bribe of Rs 14 crore by Lt-Gen Tejinder Singh, a retired Defence Intelligence Agency chief for pushing the deal for purchase of 600 sub-standard Tatra trucks.

Within days, it was flashed in the media that the Army Chief had informed the Union Defence Minister A K Antony about this, a claim corroborated by the minister later in Parliament. The contents of a letter written by the Army Chief to the Union Defence Minister on 12 March pointing at the chinks in the armour have also been leaked to the media. In the said letter, the Army Chief alleged “critical hollowness” in the 1.13-million strong Army’s operational capabilities ranging from obsolete air defence weapons and critical shortages of tank ammunition to woeful inadequacy of equipment with the infantry and special forces. The Army Chief also squarely blamed the arms procurement process for the “alarming” situation. It has also come to light that there has been a spate of irregularities in the \$20-billion MMRCA project (medium multi-role combat aircraft) project, under which final commercial negotiations are now being held to acquire 126 French

Rafale fighters after elimination of other contenders. Two of the 15 members in the defence ministry’s Contract Negotiation Committee (CNC) have questioned the methods adopted to conclude that Rafale was cheaper than Eurofighter Typhoon in life cycle costs. With murky wheeling and dealing in arms deals again resurfacing after the Army Chief’s allegations as well as charges of irregularities in the MMRCA project, the Congress-led UPA government is visibly in a harried state, indulging in a damage control exercise by talking of probing into the matters. But, the stains of disgrace and malpractices have tarred the Army and raised several questions about its ‘larger than life’ image.

Bofors and Coffin scams

Not that instances of corruption and malpractices within the Army have come to the fore for the first time. Siphoning out of considerable commission in defence deals, purchase of sub-standard military

hardware and such other practices were reported earlier also. But the Bofors kick-off scandal and the German submarine trade in the 1980s had unravelled the magnitude of monetary gains the ‘middlemen’ make on account of this. It may be recalled that a \$15 billion contract between the Indian government and Swedish arms company AB Bofors was signed for supply of over 400 155mm Howitzer field guns. Swedish Radio claims Bofors paid kickbacks to top Indian politicians and key defence officials to secure the deal. It was reported that immediately after Indian government paid 20% of contract value to Bofors, the latter, in turn, remitted a sizeable amount to the bank account of one AE Services Ltd at Nordfinanz Bank, Zurich, opened just a fortnight ago. Subsequently, the money changed several hands in various global destinations to finally land into the accounts of two companies controlled by Ottavio Quattrocchi,

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Both government and opposition trying to hush up the main issue through diversionary tactics

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an Italian businessman and his wife Maria alleged to have connection with the then Prime minister Rajiv Gandhi. The detailed account given above would show how the shady deals are operated by a well-knit chain and the kickback money changes hands and travels round the world to evade detection. But the entire matter was virtually hushed up after assassination of Rajiv Gandhi.

Close on the heels of the Kargil armed conflict in 1999, a major scam had occurred in the purchase of coffins by the then BJP-led NDA government. The aluminium caskets were purchased from Buitron and Baiza, a company based in USA rendering funeral services supposedly for transporting the mortal remains of soldiers from battlegrounds. The government had purchased 500 caskets worth 2500 dollars each. During scrutiny, Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) had found several frauds in the said purchase as the price was presumed to be thirteen times the original amount. It was also found that the USA firm was not a manufacturer and the first lot of 150 caskets supplied were fabricated by welding prone to develop leakages and heavier than required by the contract. Procurement was done though of a general nature, from a single vendor without paying heed to the cost break-up. While the quantity of stores was increased after the Kargil conflict, the arrival of the first lot was scheduled to a much later date as per agreement entered into by the suspect officials and the U.S. vendor. The suspect dealing officials also tried to modify the specifications to get the supply of sub-standard stores approved and also tried to make the Army utilize the defective caskets. The government had incurred a heavy loss of US\$ 1,87,000 (approximately Rs. 89.76 lakh) in the entire transaction. In its customary investigations for public consumption, CBI gave clean chit to both Rajiv Gandhi and George Fernandes, Defence Minister in the NDA government in those shady deals. But the controversy over the biggest Indian arms deals in history did not go away. Indeed, it has continued as an almost daily feature in the news, with a widening cast of characters including shadowy arms merchants, actors, politicians and army officials. India, it is relevant to mention in this connection, is the world's biggest importer of defence

equipment and as the hearsay doing the corner, broking defence deals is one of the roaring trades which involve many big shots and kingpins in the corridors of power and governance.

Other revelations of army scandals

Bofors deal apart, many other allegations of graft and conspicuous flaws were levelled against the Army. A couple of years back, the CAG has rapped the Indian Army for squandering huge sums of public money. The CAG reports say the Indian Army misused medical funds. In fact money meant for patient care was used to buy golf equipment. The defence ministry came in for severe indictment from the CAG for purchasing "defective quality ammunition" which "adversely impacts operational preparedness of the army". In its report tabled in Parliament, the CAG stated that 40 indigenously-built advanced light helicopters (ALHs) bought by the Army for Rs 1,747 crore had a technical flaw that prevents them from flying to heights of 6,500 metres. The Indian Army bought the ALHs despite other shortcomings like unacceptably high vibration levels, it said. It pulled up the army for flouting norms by placing a repeat order for artillery shells which had been found defective a decade ago. "Krasnopol ammunition costing Rs 375 crore was accepted without necessary trial evaluation. The ammunition proved unsuccessful subsequently." It noted that the same ammunition procured earlier in 1999 at the cost of Rs 151 crore was also found unfit for use after seven years against the shelf life of 15 years. The manufacturer was asked to rectify the defects but this was yet to be done as of September 2008. But a repeat order for the ammunition was placed in 2002 without any trial evaluation, the CAG noted.

The buck does not stop here. Two senior defence ministry officials, including an additional secretary, have come under the scanner over a secret file of the Indian Air Force pertaining to the multi-million dollar MMRCA being found on the roadside in the Capital. The IAF file related to the offsets clause in the MMRCA deal worth over US\$ 11 billion had gone missing from the defence ministry and was recovered from the roadside in Khelgaon locality in South Delhi. Adarsh Housing Cooperative Society building,

meant for families of soldiers killed in the 1999 Kargil War, were allotted to politicians, bureaucrats and military officers. Among the defence brass who appropriated flats in the Adarsh Society building at throwaway prices are former Chiefs of Army and Naval forces as well as other high ranking defence personnel including Lt-Gen Tejinder Singh. Another top level military officer was accused of being the kingpin in a major conspiracy to aid transfer of a 71-acre tea estate adjacent to Sukhna military station in the Darjeeling area of West Bengal to a real estate developer. But what has unfolded so far is just the tip of the iceberg. The fact is that the rot runs deeper in the army than the singular cases mentioned above might suggest. Corruption has made decisive inroad into every layer of the defence sector.

Myth about the Army is busted

But the question is whether the unspooling scenario is attributed to just a handful of unscrupulous lot or black sheep in the rank or there is something fundamentally wrong in the system. A myth has been created by the ruling Indian capitalist class that the Indian Army is soaked in unquestioned patriotism and shouldering the noble responsibility of protecting mother India. The Army is emblematic of strict discipline, tortuous life, bravery and gallantry. When civil administration fails or any unforeseen ordeal is faced, it is the Army which comes to the rescue and sets things right. Moreover, our country is under constant threat of being attacked by foreign powers and to protect the motherland from such invasions, sophistication of armoury is a must. There can be no compromise with the security of the country. So, boosting defence capabilities and guaranteeing all kinds of comfort and benefits to the defence personnel are imperative.

By advancing all such arguments, the rulers try to arouse a sense of patriotism, obviously misplaced and misconstrued, among the masses to elicit from them a sanction in favour of a huge military built-up as well as galloping raise in the defence budget every year by drastically curtailing public welfare expenditures. This year, budgetary allocation to defence sector has been increased compared to previous year by 17% to Rs 1,

97,000 crore (US\$ 41 billion) which is around 14% of the total budget expenditure. It is obvious that this whopping spurt in defence budget is as per the diktats of the Armed forces. Poor countrymen, who do not have a pittance to earn daily bread, remain deprived of the bare necessities of subsistence and are told to bear 'more hardships' in the form of escalated price rise, withdrawal of subsidies and abolition of social security to salvage the sagging economy of the country, look amazingly at the astounding figures and wonder if the country's security is in such peril that defence preparedness dwarfs their very right to live. But with more and more skeletons coming out of the cupboard, it is becoming increasingly clear that the scarecrow of foreign aggression and threat to country's defence is purported to hoodwink the people and all the while military personnel squandering public finance for self-aggrandizement. Moreover, from the admission of the Army Chief, it has also remained no secret that despite allocation of such mind-boggling sum of money, let alone claimed modernization of defence hardware, even the existing weaponry is gathering dust and becoming useless. In other words, virtually the entire allocation is usurped by the corrupt defence personnel through mutual understanding and such can never happen without the knowledge or connivance of the echelons in the governmental hierarchy. It is reported that since 1992, the total scam money involving the Army including para-military forces is a whopping Rs 73 lakh crore (approximately).

Is one to believe that such a tainted armed force is reared to protect the country being spurred on by any patriotic feeling and safeguard people's interest? What could then be the fighting capability of such a tainted armed force in case it needs to face a formidable military challenge? Would it be able to combat or run away from the scene to save its skin as was seen in 1962 during India's China war which, however, was an unjust act of aggression by the Indian bourgeois government spurred by active pursuit of militarization of economy? History would bear out that it is only firm solidarity of the patriotic and ideologically imbued people that can safeguard the freedom and sovereignty of the motherland. Boasting of military

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Movements must have before them the correct base political line

(On the eve of 65 Party Foundation Day on 24 April next, we publish a select portion from the works of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, Founder General Secretary of SUCI(C) and our leader, teacher and guide.)

Much confusion prevails over the fundamental political question in our country. We are moving in a vicious circle, we are trying to find the way out. If we are to come out of the impasse to find the correct path then ... We have to understand that if the base political line before the movement is not correctly determined, then, like the innumerable struggles in the past, in the future, too, the struggles for emancipation of the exploited people will inevitably end in a fiasco time and again. Those who say that there is no revolutionary force in our country, nor there is revolutionary will and fervour among the people, the youth lack fighting spirit, lack the spirit to sacrifice their lives, the workers-peasants lag behind in fighting zeal and in the spirit to give away everything for the struggle, deny history, in fact, I say, this is not true. The peasants and workers, the toilers, countless students and youth of middle-class families have plunged themselves in movements time and again. "Fight the oppressors, bring about revolution" — whenever anybody at an opportune moment raised this slogan, having some organizational strength to bring on this type of activities, in that case we saw how waves of movement swept the country. "We want revolution" — simply this passion, this dream alone spurred the youth to get involved in struggles and lay down their lives, again and again. What kind of revolution, where and how will it come about, under whose leadership, what will be its correct line — they didn't give any thought at all to such questions.

So, that our youth don't want to fight, that the workers and peasants of our country don't want to fight, that they do not have the fighting mettle and death-defying spirit for revolution ... that our youth, peasants and workers want revolution only if somebody can bring it about for them by proxy, otherwise, by nature, they are unduly attached to peacefulness and want to avoid trouble and fighting — all these are not true. The real problem lies elsewhere. They did not have before them the correct path, the correct base political line — here lies the real problem. And if the strategic line is not correct when it comes to determining the tactics of the movement and its object,

determining the stage of revolution — if the realization is wrong, in other words, if the base political line and the very object of movement is wrong, then however much struggling zeal and self-sacrificing spirit the people may have, all their sacrifice and martyrdom will go to waste. But does it go to waste for that moment alone? Is it not also true that this failure envelops the minds of those taking part in the struggle with despair and frustration? Doubts about movement and struggle creep in their mind. "We fought so hard, so many people gave their lives, we suffered so much but what did we achieve" — this is what haunts their mind. They start questioning ... "We supported the movement. So many gave their lives but what is the result? In our country we have no hope. Oh, we have seen much of you, the political parties. You are all the same. None of you, none of these parties can do anything good." These feelings of despair cloud the minds of the people as an aftermath of the failure of a movement.

What is of more concern is that with this way of thinking they confuse even a simple general truth — a trend which very much prevails now. I would like to elaborate a bit on this point. Let us assume, as they say, that none of us can do anything good. Even if their presumption is correct, then what will they do? Even if they think we are of no worth, still can they go on living life in this way? Can they continue that way? Can it satisfy hunger? Prices are going up, there is no job security, land is going out of hand, unemployment problem is increasing, families are disintegrating, there is no peace in the families; love, affection, compassion are all drying up, sons and daughters are developing inhuman traits before your own eyes, you yourselves are also threatened with degradation and about that, too, you are fully aware — will you allow all this to go on? No, this cannot continue for long. So, what happens? At times, humanity, or quintessence of a noble human life in them breaks its slumber. Even if they do not have concern for humanity, they can ill-afford to ignore the dire necessities of their bare existence. Because, hunger is a stern reality. Without consciousness, without a high ethical-moral tone, one may not

respond to the call of humanity. But unconcerned certainly one cannot be to one's hunger. So, even after failure, they have to stand up again. But when they rise, they again react in frenzy or like a child — full of impatience and incoherence. For where is the necessary network of organization for the movements? Where is the correct political leadership? In this way, at intervals of five or seven, eight or ten years come waves of movement in the country. And after suffering defeat in each struggle people succumb to despair. To them there appears to be no hope. Yet these defeated people, after some time, become restive again and start to cry for a change, for doing something. So, struggle is needed and they cannot but come into the arena of struggle. Today or two years after, if not after two years, then five years hence, they are to join. When they will join in struggle, they will again show the same infantile reaction, they will pick any path and plunge into fight, chanting some slogan or other, believing that they are treading the path of revolution and they will lay down their lives. They will meet with defeat again. Again they will be misled. So, we are to bring to the fore of every movement this fundamental teaching

The Communist Party of China at their Tenth Congress has again upheld this lesson that if the ideology and the base political line are incorrect then even if somebody is in possession of enormous power and influence at one time, ultimately he will lose them all. The term 'ideology' covers a wide range. The morals and principles, ethics and culture — all these questions of a movement are covered by the term 'ideology'. There is a trend in the movements of our country that we will fight, we will raise slogans but we feel no need for restraint in our utterances, we feel no need to have any sense of ethics and culture, no business with politeness, no concern for sobriety and decent behaviour with others — this is causing immense harm. Those who reflect this trend within the movement think they have the right to talk in any manner they choose, they have the right to insult the elderly people with abusive words and that there is nothing wrong in obscene gesticulation and body language while raising slogans in the streets — revolution is sure to come simply because the slogans they are raising are for revolution. But they would do well to remember that this does not happen. This can never happen.

Because people are starving they may be attracted to movement by slogans but they get scared on seeing the obscene gesticulations and on hearing the vulgar remarks by cadres. People shy away at their utter selfishness. As a result, they become sceptical and suspicious about the very object of movement.

One more essential point we are to bear in mind in this connection, that is, revolution cannot be achieved merely on the basis of organizational strength. For the success of revolution, not only a steel-strong organization of millions and millions of people is needed but what is more, an overwhelming section of the population remaining outside the orbit of organization must become passive supporters of the revolution. If not passive supporters, they should at least be benevolently neutral to revolution and should not go against the revolution in any case. This condition is essential for the success of a revolution. Say, from a liberal estimate, if we accept that half-a-million of people is the combined strength of all the parties standing for revolution, even then it is an insignificant minority compared with the total population of India. If, therefore, we do not care for and are totally unconcerned about the ideas of morality and ethics, of decency and civility, of character of this vast multitude of our people, then we will simply be rootless.

By ideology we do not mean, therefore, some high-sounding words borrowed from outside. Norms and principles of movement, sobriety and ethics, taste and culture — ideology encompasses all these. Those who take part in the movement, those who lead the movement, they all move among the masses. Hence, if word gets out about something, say, in Calcutta, then by word of mouth it spreads to the remotest village of Bankura just like a rumour without the aid of newspapers, so also the impressions that grow from the mode of life of the leaders and their conduct and behaviour reach the millions. Hence, if some think that people are not going to bother about their personal lives and therefore they are free to lead their lives in whatever way they like and that revolution will come only from pulpit speeches about revolution, they would do well to remember that it is not that simple. Nowhere did revolution come in this way. ... if the ideology is wrong, if the base political line is wrong, then even if someone has

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How soon will come the revolution, depends on how much time you will require to develop people's alternative political power

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strength at one time, it will not last ultimately. One cannot bring about revolution by strength alone but would only cause harm. ...falsehood cannot reign for long. Exploiting the low level of consciousness of the masses, destroying their logical bent of mind, it may rule for some time but never for all the time. From all these concrete instances we are to take lesson.

Those who, from their own selfish ends, foster blindness in the party ranks — even if our party did the same, if it tells its workers not to study, not to engage in debates and discussions with others, not try to know others' viewpoints — in that case, despite all the lofty principles that our party advocates, it will mean in reality that under whatever pretext we want to kill the logical bent of mind of the society. The political workers are called the 'General Staff' of the revolutionary masses, their most advanced and vanguard detachment. At least they are supposed to possess a higher standard of theoretical understanding than that of the masses. Then what happens if even these political workers lose their rational temper? It is one thing if they discard others' viewpoints after giving them patient hearing and making a careful examination. But what happens if they develop a

temper of not studying, of not getting to know others' viewpoints? It generates blindness, narrow-mindedness in all strata of society. Then all the obscure ideas get an easy access to the society. And once the logical bent of mind dies out in the society, taking advantage of this the social high-ups having the power of capital and state-backing at their disposal purchase the youth. They promote unethical means of livelihood among the youth and the people at large and pave the ground for fascism in the country. So if any party indulges in this type of activity, be it on the pretext of party discipline or any other pretext, even if it is our party — it should be charged with committing a heinous crime. What to speak of giving leadership to mass movement or revolution, it should stand accused of criminal charge at the bar of mass movement. That is why it is a common experience that the true revolutionaries, the Marxists in any country, did never discourage polemical discussions and ideological struggles. On the contrary, they have given strong encouragement to it within the united mass movement. What was their sole concern was to see that these debates and ideological struggles were not conducted in such a way as to disrupt their unity, that is, caused no obstacle to united struggle against the main or

common enemy and were not reduced to the level of physical assaults to suppress others. These and these alone are to be taken care of and guarded against while conducting ideological struggles. But encouragement to ideological struggle within the united mass movement is an imperative necessity. But this is exactly what is being obstructed in our country.

...you are to remember is that a change in the present situation is bound to come. Because the bourgeoisie are powerful, because they have in their hands the mighty state power, they will remain like a millstone round our necks and reign for ever — had it been so, it would have been no doubt good for the bourgeoisie and such a thought might give them pleasure — but this never happens. But how soon will come the change — it all depends upon you. How soon will come the revolution, depends on how much time you will require to develop people's alternative political power in the concrete form of revolutionary councils and people's committees like the Soviets through unitedly conducting movements organized on the correct base political line and ideology and under the leadership of the real revolutionary party of the proletariat. But remember, you can never achieve revolution by shirking the real task, just by shouting

slogans, or through tricks in the ballot boxes. You can achieve revolution only when you have been able to give birth to people's own political power on the basis of correct revolutionary base political line and ideology and under the leadership of a genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat. Electoral battles that you fight, the democratic movements on economic demands that you build up — if you can view and build up all these struggles as conducive to your main revolutionary struggles, then and then only, these will be purposive. Other than this, all these are meaningless. If you can grasp this, then along with this you also have to understand that the mass movements which you develop have their ups and downs, advances and retreats, successes as also defeats and setbacks — because there are twists and turns along its path. But what is of decisive importance while developing these democratic movements is whether you have been able, on the basis of correct ideology and principles, to correctly determine the base political line and the stage of revolution, i.e., whether you have correctly realized that the main task of this revolution is to overthrow the bourgeoisie that is now in state power....

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Indian army protects capitalist state, not people

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supremacy, keeping the people plunged in appalling poverty and abject misery is hypocrisy par excellence. Bogey of national security is in no national interest but to serve the heinous motive of the exploiting Indian bourgeoisie to further its expansionist urge at the cost of public money, keeping the myriads of countrymen semi-clad, semi-fed and doomed to sub-human life condition. The fact is that this huge armed contingent in capitalist India is nurtured by the ruling class not on any patriotic consideration but to buttress its own heinous class motive of repressing and scaring the exploited millions and crushing legitimate democratic mass movements as well as scuttling any possibility of rebellious upsurge against its ruthlessly oppressive rule. With that objective, the Army including para-military forces is reared in such a way that it is sunk in corruption, plunged in all kinds of illicit, improper, if not savage, activities without any

accountability, conferred untrammelled power to maraud and thereby be dispossessed of any moral backbone to harbour any kind of softness or tender feeling about the people at large. Already the so called 'human face' and 'civilized conduct' of the Army have been laid bare in the kind of barbarity the trigger-happy military men boosted by untrammelled powers derived from various draconian acts and other protectoral provisions are resorting to in the name of containing militant anti-national activities, terrorism and insurgency. The savagery perpetrated, the brazen violation of human rights, wanton killing of innocent civilians in the name of flushing out 'terrorists', inhuman torture, rape, looting, arbitrary detention, fake encounter killing by the security personnel in various North Eastern states and Kashmir. Now, the 'clean', 'unavaricious' and 'disciplined' character of the Army is blatantly exposed. People have come to know from experience that

the Army is no saviour of theirs, no crusader against injustice or no contingent ideologically imbued or patriotically stirred into the job. It is a carefully nurtured mercenary who are initiated into the service mostly by the lure of lucre and host of other perks and facilities. This mercenary troop is committed to subserve the aggregate class interest of the ruling capitalist class and wedded to the task of safeguarding the oppressive capitalist state machine. The military for all intent and purpose act as bodyguard of the ruling capitalist class. In fact, as every student of political science knows, military is an inseparable organ of the ruthlessly exploitative bourgeois state machine and the most powerful one armed to the teeth. Its services are requisitioned only when there is either any threat posed to the capitalist state or the ruling class needs to flex its muscle to implement any of its sinister class designs. The Army of a capitalist-imperialist state is, therefore, no friend but dreaded foe

of the toiling masses yearning for emancipation from the exploitative capitalist rule. The ruling Indian capitalist class, it is pertinent to mention in this connection, has also developed imperialist features and is in aggressive pursuit of fulfilling its aspiration of establishing itself as a regional superpower. So, the capitalist rulers are out to strengthen all the three wings of the armed forces to consolidate the military might of the capitalist-imperialist state and work out their stratagem for materializing their expansionist design. In its final battle for overthrowing capitalism, people would find the Army offering the ultimate resistance with all brutality and barbarity.

Army afflicted by decadence of capitalism

Widespread corruption that has pervaded the Army also is no isolated a phenomenon but has a definite social root. Following the inexorable course of history,

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Comrade General Secretary and Polit Bureau and Central Committee members paying tribute to Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury, departed Central Committee member and Secretary, Assam State Committee at the memorial meeting held at the University Institute Hall, Kolkata, on 4 April, 2012. Meeting was presided over by Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Polit Bureau Member and was addressed by Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary as the main speaker. Speeches of Comrade Provash Ghosh and Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya will be published in the next issue.

Central Committee pays revolutionary tribute to the brilliant struggling life of Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury, departed Member of the Central Committee and an ardent student of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the Proletariat

The Central Committee of the Party expresses its profound grief at the demise of Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury, Member, Central Committee and Secretary, Assam State Committee of the Party. Comrade Chowdhury was suffering from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease with severe bronchial allergy since 1988 which took a critical turn with the passage of time forcing him to be practically bed ridden for 14 long years. Finally, the end came on the 30th March 2012 at 1-05 PM at the Calcutta Heart Clinic and Hospital, Kolkata. Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury came in contact with Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought in 1969 when he was a young lecturer of Mathematics in Shillong College at Shillong, then capital of undivided state of Assam. He joined the Party in the same year and engaged himself in building Party organization in Shillong and its adjoining areas mostly inhabited by the tribal people predominantly belonging to Khasi and Jaintia communities. During that time only, Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury was unanimously chosen as the Secretary of the Shillong District Organizing Committee of the Party. After Meghalaya was carved out of Assam as a new state, he being the Secretary of the Shillong District Committee was assigned the charge of building up Party organization in the new Meghalaya state. When the revolutionary ideology of the Party was fast making impact on the students, youths, teachers, professors and government employees, a worst form of parochial, extremely chauvinist and communal conflagration broke out in 1979 both in Assam and Meghalaya states which claimed hundreds of innocent lives and unleashed a semi-fascist terror. Under that compelling circumstance, Party activities had to be temporarily suspended there. During that time Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury was called upon to associate himself with various Party activities then conducted from the head quarter of Assam State Committee at Guwahati. The crucial role that he needed to play there in the then condition

ultimately necessitated his permanent association with Assam State Committee of the Party. In course of this struggle, he became a whole timer of the Party. But, in the larger interest of meeting the growing financial need of the Party in the state of Assam, he had to retain his job of lecturer at Shillong College. The manner in which he shouldered the extremely difficult task of shuttling between Shillong and Guwahati, separated by a distance of 100 km, almost daily ignoring his ill health and with an ever-smiling face, was not just something exemplary and worth-emulating but also bore out his grasp of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought, need of revolution and revolutionary party even at the very initial stage of his association with the Party. In a Party life spanning over 43 years, he was drawn into performing every activity with equal enthusiasm, whether it was cult of revolutionary theory or even a household work like cooking. Nothing could ever deter him from shouldering any responsibility of the Party and that too with fullest concentration of mind and thorough involvement. Shortly after being brought to Guwahati, he was sent to Barak Valley of Assam with organizational work. The very dedication, the undaunted and relentless spirit that he displayed left a deep impression in the minds of all who came in touch with him. Having seen and being associated with such a dedicated revolutionary character, everyone who came in his contact was found to be developing a profound sense of trust in and affection towards him. Spurred on by his revolutionary purposiveness and utmost commitment to the Party, he had developed in him the unique quality of unification and identification with all of them. Later, he was assigned the responsibility of developing the Party in undivided Goalpara district at a very difficult time when the minority community people living there were under brutal attacks from the extreme chauvinist and communal forces belonging to the arch communal Sangh Parivar. In fact a kind of

genocide was orchestrated by the communal forces. There too he showed exemplary perseverance, composure and revolutionary tuning in advancing Party organization braving all odds, even risking life. Such was his love and concern for the poor, downtrodden and persecuted people and in the process he not only earned their heartfelt respect, but became their own man. It was a relationship of an endearing friend, of a revered teacher and guide. He was a voracious reader, prolific writer, good orator and had also acquired through struggle the standard and competence of conducting schools and study circles on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought. His command over Mathematics helped him in quickly grasping the science of dialectics, the quintessence of the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and once he was dawned upon by the ideology, he spared no time in wholeheartedly engaging himself in the arduous struggle to apply the same in every sphere of his life in an unwavering manner and with iron determination.

It can be firmly stated that in so far as grasp of the concepts of revolutionary loyalty and revolutionary sense of authority, which manifest every day through work and thinking, is concerned, he attained a remarkably high standard. As a result of that, he could decisively inspire others in acquiring the basic communist qualities. He also acquired a very strong ability to approach any problem or issue from correct revolutionary angle of vision, on correct theoretical premise and with a correct revolutionary bent of mind. As he was a man of very soft nature, his revolutionary consciousness could easily transform him into a revolutionary leader displaying high level of revolutionary humility as exhorted by Lenin. In paying revolutionary tribute to his memory the Central Committee cannot but note the unique revolutionary struggle he released in enduring the unthinkable pain and suffering owing to the

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Last Journey of Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury

Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury, Member, Central Committee and Secretary, Assam State Committee, a life-long revolutionary, breathed his last on 30 March, at 13.05 hours after prolonged suffering from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. He was 69.

All possible medical assistance was provided to him. Though there were short-lived periodic improvements in his condition, he could not be cured of his serious ailment. Of late, the condition of his lungs deteriorated so much that he had to be given oxygen 18 hours a day. A month back, when his general condition took a serious turn, he was brought from Guwahati to Kolkata and then sent to Vellore for necessary treatment. On return from Vellore, he was again admitted at Calcutta Heart Clinic and Hospital where only he passed away proving all efforts of the attending doctors abortive. Hearing the news of his death, Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of the Party, Comrades

State Secretariat of the Party, left for Guwahati in plane on 1 April morning alongwith his body preserved in coffin.

Before they set out for Guwahati, the mortal remains of Comrade Chowdhury draped in red flag was brought to Party's Central Office at 48, Lenin Sarani, in Kolkata where floral tributes were offered by the Party's central leaders, state leaders, on behalf of class and mass organizations of the Party as well as by hundreds of grief-stricken Party workers. Even during the wee hours of 1 April, well before 6am, there were comrades all around the Central Office and the streets in front. Party leaders, activists, supporters and sympathizers had already reached there to pay their tribute to the departed Comrade Chowdhury. There were also present the leaders and workers of the frontal organizations of the Party. Wrapped in red flags, Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury, lay in the hall of the Central Office. Those offering



Comrade General Secretary and Polit Bureau members paying tribute at the Party Central Office at Kolkata on 1 April, 2012

Bhattacharyya and Comrade Chandralekha Das carried the remains by air to Guwahati of Assam.

To receive the mortal remains of Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury, Assam State Committee members, including Comrades Bimal Nandi, Kantimoy Deb, Jainal Abedin, Azahar Hussain, Ina Hussain, Suratjaman Mandal along with many Party activists and volunteers waited at the Guwahati airport. At Guwahati city, party leaders-workers- supporters-sympathizers kept on reaching the Party Office since 5 am in the morning; many of them coming from remote districts of the state had travelled throughout the night in trains and buses. With daybreak, grief stricken people poured into the Party Office in larger and larger numbers. With heavy heart and tearful eyes, hundreds and hundreds of Party workers, supporters as well as eminent personalities of the state

who were admirers of Comrade Chowdhury, waited at the Party Office. Leaders of different left parties also came down to pay their tributes. At about 1-30 in the afternoon, leaders reached the Guwahati Office with the coffin carrying the body of Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury. The entire premise was momentarily struck numb with grief. Soon slogans roared up in voices choked with emotion and love: Red Salute Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury, the life-long revolutionary! Red Salute Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!

Comrade Chowdhury's body was placed in the Hall at the first floor of Guwahati Party Office. Dr. Kulendu Pathak, eminent scientist and erstwhile Vice-Chancellor of Dibrugarh University, Professor H Sreekanth of NEHU University, legal practitioner Leena Barua, social activist Saradindu Biswas, Professor Waheeda Begum, law

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Last journey of Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury at Guwahati on 1 April, 2012

Ranjit Dhar and Asit Bhattacharyya, both Polit Bureau members, and other leaders rushed to the hospital to pay their revolutionary tribute to departed leader. Then his body was sent to 'Peace Haven' in Kolkata, for preservation till the day of funeral.

At the demise of Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury, the Central Committee decided to observe mourning for 3 days when at all Party offices and centres, red flag was kept half-mast and the Party workers wore black badge. Since Comrade Chowdhury's main centre of activity has been the state of Assam, the Central Committee decided to send his body to Guwahati so that innumerable Party workers, supporters and sympathizers as well as his admirers there, could have the last glimpse of their beloved leader and bid adieu to him. Accordingly Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, member, Polit Bureau and Comrade Chandralekha Das, Member, Assam

tribute included Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, Comrades Manik Mukherjee, Ranjit Dhar and Asit Bhattacharyya, Polit Bureau Members, Debaprasad Sarkar, Sankar Saha and Chhaya Mukherjee, Central Committee Members, Comrade Chandralekha Das, Member, Assam State Secretariat and Comrades Tapan Roy Chowdhury, Swapan Ghosh, Ratan Mukherjee, Swapan Ghosal, Manab Bera, Sanjit Biswas, Chiraranjan Chakraborty, Chandidas Bhattacharyya and Amitava Chatterjee on behalf of West Bengal State Committee. Comrades in a long queue placed their floral tributes to Comrade Chowdhury. Wreaths were also placed on behalf of different mass organizations. The proceedings at the Central Office were ended with rendering of the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and the *Internationale*.

It was from there that a few hours later, Comrade Asit

Central Committee's tribute to Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury

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serious life-threatening disease he was afflicted with and also the rarest of rare example of efficiently discharging his Party responsibilities for 14 long years mostly remaining confined to bed.

It is quite obvious that in the loss of such a valuable dedicated life-long revolutionary leader of his rank and stature has left a void. Had his revolutionary life been prolonged, he could make more powerful contributions to growth and development of revolutionary movement in the country. However the Central Committee is confident that the trend-setting struggle he unleashed, the lasting impression and legacy he has left behind will itself act as a healer and inspire Party comrades whom he reared and steered so warmly and dearly, from

whose eyes tears are rolling down, who are gripped by a kind feeling of helplessness momentarily at this hour of great loss very, to rise up again, uphold the banner of Marxism- Leninism -Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought which Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury carried with him throughout his revolutionary life.

The Central Committee offers its heartfelt revolutionary homage to this valiant life-long revolutionary leader and an ardent, sincere student of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers and philosophers of the era.

Long live Revolution
Long live SUCI (Communist)
Red salute to
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh
Red salute to
Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury

Exploding corruption can be restrained only in the ambience of surging democratic movement

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capitalism has now reached its decadent, moribund stage, gasping in its death throes. Throwing aside even rudiments of ideology, it has now become rotten, utterly corrupt and out and out despotic. Festering sores are visible all over the capitalist order. In order to prolong its worn-out life, ruling capitalism has no option but to indulge in all kinds of malpractices and wrongdoings. Not just capitalism is breeding corruption; corruption has become the mainstay of its putrid existence. So, anybody trying to serve or defend capitalism today, cannot escape the bite of corruption. There is rampant corruption everywhere, be it land, housing, mining, allotment of telecom licence or coal permit, arena of sports, implementation of social schemes, government procurement or purchase of arms. That is why, right from the Prime Minister down the line, there can be found none who is either not neck-deep in corruption or is not an indulgent onlooker to the stream of corrupt activities the system is mired in. Defrauding people, depriving them from every legitimate dues, squeezing out even the last drop of their blood and dooming them to sub-human livelihood for self-aggrandizement of a handful of privileged group belonging to the unholy nexus of utterly corrupt corporate sector-monopoly houses-bourgeois politicians-ministers- bureaucracy-military officers constitute the face of the country today. At the same time, in general the system judiciously shields the scamsters and fraudsters who are found among all levels of governance and administration. This has become the feature of capitalism-imperialism throughout the world. Since the Army is an inseparable part of the capitalist-imperialist state machine and wedded to the task of serving and protecting the exploiting autocratic ruling bourgeoisie, it cannot but be afflicted by the degeneration and vices of decadent moribund capitalism gasping in its death throes. Guilty defence personnel are aware that blessed by the system, they can get away with any kind of malpractices be it swindling of public money, sharing cut money in arms procurement, securing unlawful advantage, mopping up illicit gains or entering into underhand deals. So they are merrily indulging in all such self-serving acts. When downside,

degeneration and rot mark the bourgeois system, it is only those who represent the anti-thesis of the capitalist order, that is, the genuine proletarian revolutionaries imbued with the lofty ideal of Marxism-Leninism and engaged in the struggle for bringing about a revolutionary transformation of this obsolete system, who can remain out of the vicious net of corruption and fight the menace to finish.

Despicable role of government and opposition bench

Viewed in this backdrop, the unfolding story of heightened corruption in the Army is nothing startling but only revelation of the inevitable and natural. But when the closely guarded secrets of limitless loot and plunder surface for whatsoever reason, it does cause a kind of embarrassment for the bourgeois government and the faithful servitors of the bourgeois system corrupt to the backbone. So, attempts are on to divert people's attention from the main issue. The Defence Minister wearing a badge of personal integrity and flaunting a credential of sainthood wistfully lamenting declining ethical standards. Though he is now talking of a CBI probe into the dubious deals and the incident of bribe offer by CBI, it is known to everyone that this is nothing but mere eyewash. Who does not know that official procrastination in tackling corruption is the norm so that everything dies down with the passage of time, the real culprits or kingpins escape unscathed and the sordid state of affairs continues unabated. If the Defence Minister showed alacrity in ordering a CBI probe into explosive graft allegations made by the Army Chief, why did he act only after General V K Singh told scribes about being offered a Rs 14 crore bribe? Why did he not move to institute a formal investigation as soon as he was apprised of it, following a preliminary CBI inquiry? The shady defence deals should have been immediately looked into, so that prompt and exemplary action could have been taken against anyone found guilty of malpractice. Nor should have the decisions be kept pending on several recommendations to do more to eliminate kickbacks in defence deals. That none of this was done only goes to confirm aversion of the government and its Defence Minister to stir the hornet's nest. Personal probity is no excuse for inaction, rather inaction smacks

of complicity in the crime and a shrewd attempt to insulate forces of reaction.

On the other hand, to deflect people's attention from the real issue, an impression is sought to be created that the functioning and conduct of the defence personnel is a closely guarded secret and any act to make them public even if hefty sum of public money is splurged on booking personal gains is anti-national, unpatriotic and akin to treason. All of those having smooth sailing in the power-vessel and invariably plagued by the scourge of concomitant evil are vociferous not for booking the culprits of graft, bribing and other illegitimate activities but for punishing those who 'leaked' such 'sensitive truths' having, according to them, bearing on country's security. The Defence Minister, assured the Rajya Sabha, where members cutting across party lines demanded action against the leak of the Army Chief's letter to Prime Minister, that defence preparedness was strong. "Successive governments have attached the highest priority to the defence preparedness of the nation. Our defence preparedness has always been strong and I can assure this House and the nation that it is our intention to keep it strong. Government has spared no effort, and will do everything necessary to ensure that our defence forces are provided, equipped and trained to be amongst the bet fighting forces in the world." Almost echoing the same view, Arun Jaitley, the BJP leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha asked the government to adopt a "judicious balance in its policy on military procurement so that defence preparedness does not suffer and India is not left insecure by the government's over-obsessiveness with any other issue." No different has been the stand of the CPI (M) leader Sitaram Yechury when he observed that the Army chief's letter to the PM about sensitive national security matters getting leaked to the public domain was a matter of "utmost concern" which would require an inquiry and action against the guilty regardless of their position. Incredible indeed! Even if the revelation by the Army Chief has emanated from his personal tiff with the government or the internal rivalries within the Army, it is a glaring exposure which needs to be seriously probed into and the guilty meted out stringent punishment for playing ducks and drakes with the public exchequer. True patriotism lies in

identifying and prosecuting the culprits of such an act of treachery to the people. But, the patriotism of the power-mad bourgeois politicians as well as their pseudo-Marxist social-democratic friends has begun boiling at 100 degrees at the 'exposure of the crime' and all have joined the chorus to prove what a tremendous harm would be caused to the interest of the country if these foreign-chains and treasure islands were uncovered. So the gun is pointed against the Army Chief for making 'military secrets public' and demand is for bringing to book all others who dared to divulge that defence procurement by world's largest arms importing country is a saga of squandering public fund with alacrity. It is also worth noting that while airing a suspicion about the leak of the Army Chief's letter to the Prime Minister having come from the Chief's own camp, it is preferred by the class and its servitors not to rub the Chief on the wrong side lest he decides in favour of more of such startling revelations.

Perdidy of the sham Marxists

One can understand the bourgeois opposition seeing eye to eye with the bourgeois government in protecting the aggregate class interest of the ruling capitalist class which warrants putting a lid on the can of worms. But one finds, perhaps in amused disbelief, that the parties claiming themselves to be leftists-Marxists have also joined the bandwagon! Of late, it has been seen that the CPI (M), CPI alongwith their friends in the bourgeois opposition stalled the proceedings of the parliament on this or that pretext solely for playing to the gallery and securing publicity in the bourgeois media. However, on such a crucial issue, they have virtually observed the code of an eerie silence and shamelessly endorsed the stand of the government perhaps after entering into a clandestine understanding with it. Apart from making a commotion inside both houses of the parliament, they could have developed intense extra-parliamentary movement in demand for adequate step to cleanse the Army of corruption. But they did not traverse that way, rather preferred to allow the ruling class to hush up the whole issue by adopting diversionary tactics. This once again showed that these pseudo-Marxists have completely surrendered to the ruling capitalism

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professional Jiten Das, Mukul Saha and relatives of Comrade Chowdhury as well as political figures, including Comrades Naren Bora from CPI(ML), Dambaru Bora from CPI and others paid floral tributes to the departed Comrade Chowdhury. Stooped with age, Shri Amulya Bhattacharyya, an ardent well-wisher of Comrade Chowdhury had already rushed in. Comrade NazmulNaque, another veteran Comrade, former Assam State Committee member and erstwhile MLA had also come with his failing health.

Following them, members of Assam State Committee, different district committees and district units then paid tributes to the departed leader Comrade Chowdhury. Floral tributes were also placed from the mass organizations and Party organs, AIUTUC, AIMSS, AIDYO, AIDS, KKMS, KOMSOMOL, the Young Communist League, Medical Service Centre, the Assam State Committee organ *Ganamukti*, *Ganamukti* Printers and others. At the end Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Member, Polit Bureau of the Party paid his tribute placing floral wreaths on the mortal remains of Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury.

The Last Journey, the silent procession with the remains of the departed leader commenced for the Nabagraha Crematorium at around 4-30 in the evening. The procession

had at the front 69 KOMSOMOL volunteers with 69 half-mast Red Flags representing 69 years of Comrade Chowdhury's eventful revolutionary life. It proceeded along B Barua Road via Ulubari Chariali crossing. Countless onlookers on the streets stood speechless to witness this silent passage of a huge mass of humanity. Guwahati had never witnessed such a procession, grief-stricken, yet disciplined and resolute with firm conviction. At the crematorium too, there were people waiting to see their beloved leader for the last time. Professor Sushil Barthakur paid his floral tribute. Renowned expert on Medicine Dr. Sadhan Das also paid his respects.

As clock ticked, as hours passed, as dusk crept down with receding sun rays still leaving a red tinge on the horizon, a chapter of the history of the revolutionary movement in Assam was drawing to a close. The mortal remains of Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury was placed in front of the hearth. The State Committee leaders stood around in guard. The end was in sight. The silence was broken with wails; and then the ambience was filled with slogans :

Red Salute

Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury!

You remain in our heart !

We will never forget you!

Long Live Marxism-Leninism-

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought!

Inauguration of new office premise of *Ganadabi*

New premise for the editorial office of *Ganadabi*, the weekly Bengali organ of our Party, at 8A Creek Lane was inaugurated on 27 March by Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Polit Bureau member and Editor-in-Chief of *Ganadabi*, in presence of Comrade Provash Ghosh, the General Secretary, Polit Bureau members Comrade Manik Mukherjee and Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Central Committee members Comrades Debaprasad Sarkar, Chhaya Mukherjee and Soumen Bose and many other comrades. In his brief inaugural address to help the writing staff of all the organs of the Party understand their role, responsibility and nature of life struggle, Comrade Ranjit Dhar recollected the arduous struggle for *Ganadabi* publication of the Party conducted since the days of Party foundation in 1948, as it

always laid immense importance on publication of the organ, as an organizer that carries the Party thoughts to the masses.

Highlighting the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of Proletariat, Comrade Dhar emphasized regularity of publication, without compromising standard as well. He said, to make articles comprehensible for the masses, the writers must have grasp on language and correct political understanding. At the same time, they must be in the vortex of the mass movements as active participants. They must also conduct relentless struggle for acquiring revolutionary character, revolutionary culture. Tall talks, volumes of write-ups would fail to work, if those who are writing or addressing, do not attain higher revolutionary standards.

SUCI (C) opposes West Bengal government's move to downgrade Karl Marx in the name of revamping history syllabus of school education

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), had issued the following statement on 07-04-12 :

We strongly deplore the move of the Trinamool Congress-led West Bengal government to downgrade Karl Marx by dropping Marx, Engels and Bolshevik Revolution from the history syllabus of school education under the garb of revamping school curricula. Karl Marx occupies a unique place in history for his epoch-making discovery of the philosophy of Dialectical Materialism by scientifically correlating, integrating and generalizing the particular truths about the material world unravelled by the different branches of science as well as those culled by the social sciences. Dialectical Materialism is thus no subjective idealist formulation but the science of all sciences. By developing the comprehensive scientific world outlook based on experimentally verified truths, he applied Dialectical Materialism to the study of history and gave birth to Historical Materialism — another astounding contribution to humanity and showed, for the first time, the historically determined course of changing the world and based on that, laid down the roadmap for emancipation from exploitation of man by man.

We, therefore, are of the firm opinion that the proposed step on the part of the West Bengal government to jettison Marx and Marxism from the school syllabus is an attack on the very pursuit of knowledge and true education and is also undoubtedly a heinous act of distorting history. Obviously, it is a move mulled in the interest of the ruling capitalist class which is sure to open the floodgate of reactionary thinking in the society. This design of Trinamool Congress-led government is totally unacceptable and needs to be resisted with all might. We call upon all sections of the thinking people particularly the intelligentsia, teachers, scholars, educationists and students to raise their voice of protest against this ill-motivated move and defeat the sinister design of the Trinamool Congress-led West Bengal government.

Rise up against raging corruption against army

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for pelf and power and even reflecting bourgeois outlook and temperament on vital questions.

People's organized protest—only deterrent

The spate of incidents show how the capitalist system and its servitors have been brimming in crisis and how the complex web of check and balance that makes for a working democracy has turned into a disintegrated circuit in moribund decadent capitalism. Once again we iterate that corruption is not devouring the capitalist order. It is the obsolete stinking capitalist order which is the root of widespread corruption in every sphere of life and remedy lies only in extrication of the root. But till the time capitalism is not overthrown by revolution after fulfilment of all necessary conditions, such murky acts should not continue unabated and the suffering countrymen must not remain mute tolerant spectators without striving for stemming the rot. That is unbecoming of any human being worth the name.

Alongside aggravation of ruthless capitalist oppression, corruption will also multiply by leaps and bounds. So, in order to protect human essence, values and morality, suffering people will have to take up cudgel in their hands against reactionary capitalist order, fight it at every point, every walk of life. Countrywide sustained organized powerful movements must be built up on every burning problem of life including the menace of all-pervading corruption. It is only in the ambience of surging democratic movement that exploding corruption can be restrained. So, SUCI(C), the revolutionary party of the proletariat engaged in the struggle for bringing about anti-capitalist revolution and freeing people from the yoke of ruthless oppression, calls upon the people at large to burst in protest against this raging crime and fraud in the military administration and demand extrication of corruption from all the three wings of the Army as well as para-military forces.

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