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Death of Rizwan-ur Rahaman in Calcutta The killing shows again the abysmal depth CPI(M) has stooped down to

Inter-caste, inter-community or inter-religion marriages hardly face any hindrance in any civil, democratic society, for instance, in those of the western world. But attempts to undertake such marriages appear to be meeting insurmountable stumbling block of disapproval in our country. Even after sixty years of independence, the country is not freed of this curse of condemning such marriages. Rather, under the spell of rising spate of communal, obscurantist, superstitious ideas, gained momentum, courtesy arch-communal *Hindutwavad*i forces like BJP-RSS combine and similar communal forces of other religious communities, these shameful social maladies are spreading their roots further into the society, even not excluding that of states like West Bengal, which remain under the 'leftist rule' of CPI(M) for decades. The reason, we will have to seek in the historical course of modern nation-building processes, for it is there that people of different caste, religion or language etc. are united in one single whole of nation. Whereas, in western countries, modern nations emerged during the days of Renaissance and development of bourgeois civilization, fighting uncompromisingly against these social differences and maladies based thereupon, our fight for nationhood took place at a time when the bourgeoisie had become moribund, unable to undertake any uncompromising struggle towards social and cultural revolution uniting people of different castes,

languages, religions etc. The force like Congress, that represented the Indian bourgeoisie in the leadership of our independence struggle, threw aside the tasks of social and cultural revolution, in the haste of their greed to assume political power. Post-independence days, too, could see only the natural aftermaths, as the different political parties of the same capitalist class, Congress, BJP or their different alliances rose to power, but did never take up the task from their fear-complex of revolution. Only people had to pay for it, as their disunity on different terms, often bursting out into internecine strife, went on increasing, vitiating the social atmosphere. The fall-out is seen in the rise of such maladies as among others, social, and even administrative disapproval of inter-caste, inter-community or inter-religion marriages. A number of the latest of such fall-outs, come from West Bengal where the pseudo communist CPI(M) boasts of ruling for a record span of three decades. The most glaring of them is the very recent case of Rizwan-ur Rahman.

In Calcutta of West Bengal, Rizwan-ur Rahman and Priyanka Todi, both of right age, fell in love and married themselves, duly and legally on August 18. Rizwan came of an ordinary middle-class Muslim family, and Priyanka of fabulously rich and Hindu, Todis. Reportedly, Asok Todi, bride's father, once an ordinary trader, had connection with unlawful betting syndicate dealing with cricket match-fixing, but eventually built up his multi-hundred crore

SUCI hails the courageous fight of Myanmar people for restoration of Democracy

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, in course of a statement issued on 29 September, 2007 warmly hailed the brave people of Myanmar who braving all odds and disdaining all brutal repressive measures have come out to the streets in millions demanding immediate end to the autocratic Military Junta regime and restoration of democracy. Shri Mukherjee also vehemently condemned the savagery with which the Junta-rulers are trying to suppress the legitimate people's movement. Way back in 1962, recalled Comrade Mukherjee, this despotic rule was clamped on the people of Myanmar following a military coup d'etat and when the people unleashed a massive protest movement in 1988 compelling the rulers to hold general elections in which National League for Democracy led by Ms Aung San Suu Kyi scored a landslide victory, the tyrannical authorities refused to budge, overruled the popular mandate, placed Ms Suu Kyi under house arrest, foisted a more oppressive fascistic rule, robbed people of all their basic democratic rights and banned all political activities. Comrade Mukherjee also denounced the nasty connivance of the bourgeois governments of both India and China with the fascist Junta-rulers with a view to creating their respective spheres of economic interest and deplored the vile attempt of US imperialism to cunningly meddle into the internal affairs of Myanmar in pursuance of its hegemonistic aspirations.

Exhorting the brave Myanmar people to intensify under genuine secular democratic patriotic leadership their just struggle for bringing about the downfall of the tyrannical regime and thus take it to its logical culmination, Comrade Mukherjee also urged upon them to remain ever vigilant against all sinister machinations of the aggressive maniac US imperialism taking a foothold on their motherland. Comrade Mukherjee also called upon all the democratic minded people of the world to solidly stand by the fighting Myanmar people.

corporate empire, by developing and nurturing a closely-built up network of connections with the police- local or of the Calcutta Police headquarters at Lalbazar-administration-business world and high-ups of the society. On August 31, Priyanka moved out to live with his husband and his family without carrying any valuables from her paternal source, lest her father filed any case of theft against Rizwan and her. Also, there had been earlier cases in the same Todi family, in which inter-caste marriages were intercepted and broken, of course not in lawful ways. So on the same date, apprehending interception and

interference from Priyanka's father, the couple sent copies of their marriage certificate to the Police Commissioner and DC (Calcutta South), both in the police headquarters at Lalbazar and to different concerned officers of the local police stations, where Rizwan and Priyanka lived. Priyanka then talked with her father on mobile phone, stating her decision to stay with her husband. Same evening, Asok Todi came to Rizwan's house along with a few other members of his family, of which one was some Anil Saraogi, an uncle of Priyanka, at whom she reacted vehemently as

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'criminal' and 'murderer'. In presence of a number of members of Rizwan's family, they first tried to persuade Priyanka to return to her paternal family. Finding Priyanka firm on her stand, Asok Todi, stayed for the whole night and threatened Rizwan's inmates with dire consequences, to the extent of wiping out the whole family. He then filed a case of abduction of his daughter by Rizwan, not with the local police station, but with the Lalbazar itself, with which, as mentioned, Todis were well connected. On the other hand, between September 1 and 8, deputy commissioners Gyanwant Singh (headquarters) and Ajoy Kumar (detective department), assistant commissioner of anti-rowdy section Sukanti Chakraborty and a sub-inspector of the same section Krishnendu Das, either sending instructions or working under such from their superiors as the case may be, summoned the couple and even the witnesses of the marriage-registration repeatedly to Lalbazar and threatened them in presence of Todis in their office. They forced Rizwan, under threat of imminent arrest, ultimately making the couple sign over a plain-paper, agreeing to send Priyanka back for seven days to her father's house. On September 8, Priyanka went back to be seen for the last time. Rather, in a mysterious situation, Rizwan-ur was found dead beside a railway-track on September 21 morning. Apprehensive and sensing a foul play, Rizwan and his family members and friends, had also approached the Human Rights Commission or other NGOs. Before there was any post-mortem report and before he saw the body of Rizwan, the police commissioner (CP) held a press conference on September 23, where he termed Rizwan's death a suicide framing up the possible modes and motives and arrogantly justified such naked interference by the police into the exclusively private matters of two adult citizens, terming it as a social act of relieving tension of parents whose ward might have married against the parents' wills. To add here, he has been a police commissioner enjoying unstinted favour of none other than the Chief Minister, who, apart from other favours, had referred to the CP, as "my candidate" in an election for

the lucrative post of the president of Cricket Association of Bengal. The privilege, thus acquired, seems to have enthused the CP to make such haughty, uncivil, undemocratic statements. People's opinion, including that of his family members, was however otherwise; they suspected long and foul hand of forces in power. On 21st night, Rizwan's brother complained to the Kareya Police station, under which they lived, in writing about the threats from Asok Todi and suspected a hand of him behind his brother's death. The police station cared the least to take any action. The whole array of circumstantial evidences, as they came out from different sources, however, stood against the suicide mode of Rizwan's death and pointed palpably to a murder. A few minutes before he met his death, he had talked on cell-phone to fix up a vital appointment with legal personnel at 2-30 pm, showing no sign of any depression to lead him to suicide immediately afterwards. Secondly, no driver of any of the trains that must have passed by that track around the time of his death reported anybody to be hit by their vehicle. Rizwan's skull bore the whole injury; there was nothing else to be found on the body, a case unthinkable for a run-over victim of a speedy train. There were also allegations of a fat sum of money changing hands and use of hired professional killers in the process, a method with which Todis were not totally unacquainted, as was known from their past records. In this case too, some unidentified goons threatened Rizwan's family members on September 3 at their own house. However, with their blue-eyed CP under fire, the West Bengal State Secretary of the ruling party CPI(M), held brief for the Police as a part of a cover-up operation stating that they did not know the couple to be rightfully married, a blatant false statement as it was. It has already been mentioned that apprehending interception from the Todis, the couple informed the concerned local police stations and the Lalbazar of their civil marriage immediately after they had gone into it. Soon the CPI(M) top leader of the state had to eat back his words to add that he did not know that the police had been aware of the marriage. The incident and the

shameless act of the CPI(M) leaders and the police not only brought rude shock to people they created deep anger and strong indignation among all sections of the masses. Under pressure of such rapidly growing adverse opinion, the government announced a CID enquiry, meaning a branch of the police force was given the charge of investigating the case, in which high officials of another branch of the same force were already involved. Under fire of criticism and opposition, the Chief Minister apparently made another backtrack and announced setting up of an one-man judicial enquiry commission under a retired judge. CBI enquiry, though also not generally fruitful, was demanded by the inmates of Rizwan's family. At first, it was summarily rejected; later as the bereaved family moved the court, it was tagged up conveniently with a long-drawn legal procedure to be dismissed ultimately.

Such being the essence of the series of relevant events, the first point to note is that, particularly, in a country like India where people are miserably divided into different castes, creeds, religions etc., and repeatedly fall victims to internecine strife, such acts of inter-caste or inter-religion marriages, as undertaken by Rizwan-ur and Priyanka, would have provided, all the more, courageous examples to the younger generation to make amends with the prevailing disunity and hostility among people, at least in their personal life. Further, even the Supreme Court ordered encouragement of these. But, as mentioned, people are shocked with horrid tales of such couples being ostracized, tortured, chased by the Police, even lynched brutally, as mark of 'honour-killing', at the instance of some influential moneyed person or group. It is not much different in states ruled by the arch-communal BJP-RSS combine on one extreme, and in states like West Bengal ruled by a party, like CPI(M) which clamours of Marxism and its pro-people attitude; neither there is any difference between areas dominated by the Muslims or by different other religions. Hardly, if ever, the victims find any protection or support from the administration and even the much-trumpeted CPI(M) party machinery. In fact, the local party bosses and the local administration,

generally either wash their hands off or even directly join the bandwagon itself.

Right from the moment the news of this Rizwan- Priyanka incident had come out in public, it stirred up strong indignation and hatred among people, irrespective of religion or other differences, against the police, which had apparently acted well beyond their legal and constitutional jurisdiction of non-interference into personal matters of adult citizens, in this case a valid civil marriage. People were in no mood to meekly accept this criminal audacity of the Police and the party. Only a few months back, the villagers of Singur and Nandigram had stood up against the pro-capitalist, anti-people move of the CPI(M). Particularly in Nandigram, the organized, sustained movement of people, united cutting across the prevailing political identities and irrespective of religion or other differences, forced the government to abandon its project of setting up chemical hub and SEZ in that area at the cost of life and livelihood of lakhs of people. In fact, Nandigram incident did not remain confined to that village. It stirred up the long-dormant conscience of people of the entire state, from workers, peasants, students, youth and common middle class section of the population, to even the fore-ranking intellectuals of all shades of opinion. They stood rock-solid in defence of the Nandigram people's right to live and against the utterly anti-people policies of the CPI(M) that reflected their total subservience to the ruling class, the moneyed people. When, on this backdrop of rising surge of democratic movement, that even sent its impact beyond the state and over the whole of the country, as well as outside it, Rizwan had to pay with his life for his love, it did not fail to create its impact also in the people at large. Suicide or homicide, there was no doubt that it was the threat and intimidation from the highest levels of the police and the Todis with their ramified connections with the administration and even government, which lay at the root of this tragic end of a young innocent life. And what was the role of the master of the police, the government itself? Did the police act on its own? No, they could not; at least, they did not have to worry about the expressed or silent approval of their master. Any civilized government would not

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Why is Inhuman Practice of Child Labour Assuming Alarming Proportions

On and from 10th of October 2006, the Central Government has effected the recently amended Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation Act 1986). The Act has banned the children under 14 from being employed as domestic help or labour at roadside "dhabas" and tea shops, restaurants, hotels, motels or resorts and recreational centres. These are the two more sectors, domestic and unorganized, that have been added to the list of those 13 sectors and 57 processes defined as hazardous sectors already prohibited under the same Act of 1986. Any person or organization violating this Act of prohibition would be punished with three months to one year jail or Rs.20,000 penalty, or both. This appears, as though, the government has suddenly woken up to the distress of the working children! It is a cruel irony that the children who, forced to shun education and game, have been in the drudgery since end of their infancy well before the nose of the government armed with variform anti-child labour laws have been the object of concern, of late, for their working in these two sectors. Is it not true that the under-privileged children are, over the ages, being pushed to work in yet more hazardous work in slaughter house, printing, cashew nut peeling and processing, electronic industry, acid factory, carpet industry, construction, transport, and so on? Is it not fact that in these work places the lives of these children are threatened to perish any time or are sapped gradually due to over-work? In agriculture, or agriculturally related jobs where 84.29% of rural child workers are engaged, most of them are bonded labourers working in condition of servitude in order to pay of debt. And all this is going on from time immemorial conspicuously within the knowledge of, or in fact, in connivance with, the governments, both central and states ruled by the parties of all hues, left or right. Let alone many previous laws, the Act under discussion was introduced before twenty years. What effect has this Act of 1986 generated to salvage the child labourers from the earlier specified hazardous works? Nothing indeed! What has been the situation presently reached at?

In spite of the governments' "concern", "tears" for the working children, their "effort" to do away with the evil of child labour from the society through occasional dazzling enactments or prohibitory laws or amendments giving teeth of rigors to these laws, the fact is, the number of child workers have kept on growing progressively over the decades. In 1971 Census, the official figure of child labourers was shown as 10.7 million. In 1981 Census the same official figure recorded 13.6 million – an increase by 3.1 million or 26.88 per cent. This Census estimate was again set at naught by another official figure. The National Sample Survey of 1983 sponsored by the Central Government reported that the number of child labourers in India reached at 17.4 million. It is an open secret that the official figures or estimates are always understated. Hence it is revealed from an unofficial study sponsored by the Labour Ministry that the child labour force in India before the 1991 Census stood at 44 million (Weiner 1991). More revealingly, according to UNICEF, the number of child labourers in India under the age of 14 ranges from 75 to 90 million (Human Rights Watch 1996). Yet another account

estimates the number of child labourer in India as 130 million. These figures are besides the number hidden by parents or the organizations employed by them, for fear of persecution under anti-child labour laws. Given the background, is it credible any way that the number of the same child labourers that increased persistently in all the successive previous Censuses could come down to 12.6 million as shown in the 2001 Census Report? Could it happen especially during the decade when as a result of the imperialist designed globalization-liberalization-privatization policy being introduced in the country, the disastrous crisis in people's life came down? Could it have a salt of truth after dreaded squeeze of employment taking place with the massive loss of existing jobs and thus poverty among the toiling millions being intensified unprecedentedly?

Why do the children giving up their study and game, ideal in their ages, go in for drudgery? Is it their fancy? Is it out of their capricious liking? Even an insane would deem it a crime in thinking so! It is simply the poverty, the grinding poverty, that drives them to this childhood killing path. Official

admission on record, 37% of the urban population and 39% of the rural population are living in poverty. But hidden behind such government estimate real picture is altogether different as is evident from account of the child labourer above. Poverty is preying upon more than 70-80 per cent of the population in India most of whom are unable to arrange for a square meal a day – a fact that cannot be wished away by any decibel of propaganda.

In such situation, most poverty-stricken families, in dire need of money for survival, find in their children a source of additional income. These children thus enter the world of work at the expense of their education and childhood. They work in agriculture, in factory, in mines, in tea shops, in hotels and restaurants, in house and where not! Their vivacious labour is squeezed through unlimited burden of work, through unspecified number of hours against a pittance. Nearly 80 per cent child labourers are cheaper in India. Sometimes they work against Rs.3 a day even for 12 to 16 hours. These children are pressed into service since early in the morning till late at night accompanied by physical tortures too. They work even as bonded labour to meet debt of their parents or ancestors without wages. Remarkably, this debt gets never squared up and continues generation after generation forcing interminable bonded labour of the children. Actually poverty combined with lack of social security to be provided by a civil government pushes most of the families to put up their children under such slavery. Is it all? The poverty-stricken girl children coming to work to earn bread are sexually exploited side by side with hard labour they put in. Apart from this sexual atrocity in work place, huge number of these girl children are smuggled into brothel by the flesh traders obviously through ruling parties-police-administration nexus with the promise of jobs and to meet hunger for themselves and for their families. Around 30% of the country's estimated 9 million prostitute are children many of whom barely cross 10 years of age. They are venal as priceless as Rs.1000 each! Besides, a large number of indigent distressed girls

under 14 are employed as Devadasi (servant of god) in temples in India. This primitive system is nothing but a combination of inhuman labour and worst form of prostitution. Under the pretence of taking service for god the priests and trustees of the temples just rape these children with impunity. Merely serving notices to reinforce the existing laws or Act, or even passing some more stringent rules, will such overwhelming problem be solved? What crueler ridicule can be than this?

This is the problem which is more or less prevalent in almost all the capitalist countries of the world, the worst affected being the countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The Constitutions of all these countries so the Indian too enshrine many lucrative Articles and clauses with embellishment of administrative fiats against such child labour exploitation. Have they been able to eliminate this evil? Or, at least, have they lessened the rigour and intensity of this excruciating system? Not at all. Rather, it has been institutionalized and firmly entrenched with spread of its tentacles all around. No one with sense would deny this.

To eradicate this cruel system of child labour what is essentially needed is to ensure the employment for the parents of the labouring children. For doing this generation of employment in hundreds of thousands throughout the country is the primary condition. But in the acutely crisis-ridden capitalist system as in India, let alone new employments, the existing ones are being axed and squeezed in both public and private sectors and in government offices. Over and above, the millions of already existing unemployed, the owners of industries in tandem with the governments, central and state alike, are systematically throwing the working people out of jobs by applying the imperialist designed globalization-liberalization-privatization policy. During the so-called reform period from 1991 to 2001, with globalization policy in operation, the rate of employment in India dropped below 1 per cent compared to 2.07% in the pre-globalization 1980s. In the organized sector the rate of

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employment growth was more pathetic. Merely 0.60% employment was generated during the same so-called reform period as against 1.73 in the pre-reform period. This is indeed the grim picture throughout the capitalist world effecting globalization policy. The International Labour Organization (ILO) in its latest report has shown that globally employment has increased only by 1.67% over the last year (2005), against gigantic number of unemployment, though economic growth has been shown as 5%! Even the UN General Assembly Committee had to acknowledge that the global trade and foreign direct investment, the much hyped two planks of globalization policy, have failed to generate the growth needed to reduce unemployment and poverty (The Financial Express, 14.10.2005). Moreover, in the unorganized sector where most of the working people are engaged (more than 95%), the employment picture is more horrible. The labourers in this sector, mainly on contract, are paid negligible wages, and that too not regularly. In this overall grisly state of unemployment, the poor parents can't help sending their children to work at least to allow them (children) to fend for themselves. The ILO's declaration of World Day Against Child Labour thus turns a misnomer!

The present problem of child labour is thus the fallout of the capitalist system. More precisely, capitalism is the breeder of this present situation. Even since its flourishing age when capitalism fall into intense crisis as of now, and had wider welfare attitude towards people, it was not free from child labour as we find in the writings of Karl Marx. As far back as in the sixties of the nineteenth century, Marx discussed the problem of child labour, which is valid still and growing in the present age. We know from Marx's note in his Juvenile and Children's Labour (both sexes) that the capitalists at that time too utilized child labour in its production system. He said that "the tendency of the modern industry (was) to make children and juvenile of both sexes cooperate in the great work of social production ... although under capital it was

distorted into an abomination." He also observed that this "is a social system (i.e., capitalism) which degrades the working man into mere instrument for the accumulation of capital, and transform parents by their necessities into slave-holders, sellers of their own children". If this was the observation about capitalism with child labour in its heydays when capitalist crisis did not reach acute stage, in the era of its acutest crisis on being moribund, it is more than quite natural, that the present day capitalism which has reached the highest stage of capitalism, the reactionary imperialism must utilize the children as the cheapest labour to reap fabulous profit by reducing production cost. So to end the curse of child labour, it is imperative to end the rule of capital. In other words, child labour cannot be eradicated until the capitalist system, its rule and exploitation is brought to an end and instead the socialist system, its rule serving the toiling millions instead of a few capitalist owners and their underlings is established. It is in this system alone that the exploitation of man by man is eliminated, hence exploitation of child labour also will cease, as was evident in the erstwhile USSR, China, Vietnam when they were the socialist countries and were not transformed into capitalist system as of now with the evil of child labour abound. North Korea and Cuba, the two still socialist-ruled countries, though are not rich as the Western developed capitalist-imperialist countries, are free from this evil. For, it is in this socialist system alone, the total responsibility of the children – their upbringing, their health, their education and everything till they grow adult, and are employed – is undertaken by the state.

Given the vicious crisis of capitalism, child labour cannot be stopped even as is sought in the latest renewed announcement of anti-child labour Act of 1986 with its present amendment. Moreover, it would also be inhuman to sack the children from their present job. If they are pulled out or driven out of their work, they will not only be more vulnerable to exploitation and abuse adding woes instead of reducing it, they would be pushed

to simply starvation. It should be noted that the issue of prohibition of child labour that rends the world with a regular interval has not found any solution any way. The problem has remained same as it is, rather has got aggravated than earlier. Then why is it raised and by whom? The fact is, this demand for prohibition of child labour is raised by the powerful and industrially developed countries which we call the rich capitalist-imperialist states as US, Britain, France, Germany, Japan etc. These countries led by the US imperialists usually raise this demand. Why? Is it out of sympathy for the children? Hadn't these imperialist countries led by the US blown away hundreds of thousands of children in Vietnam with Nalpam Bomb? Didn't the US-British imperialists combine killed scores of thousands of these children in Iraq with bombs made of nuclear-tipped depleted uranium or applying White Phosphate and have been still doing so there? When these imperialists raise such demand for wellbeing of the children, it cannot be out of some honest desire, there has to be an ulterior motive behind it!

The fact is, labour power being the only variable ingredient in production and hence easily exploitable, the capitalists are in frantic search of cheap labour for super profit. The children are the mines of this cheap labour which is abundantly available in the underdeveloped and developing capitalist countries. Using this cheap child labour the capitalists in these countries are reaping super profit in the competitive market by reducing the cost of production maintaining an edged over the developed countries. The developed capitalist-imperialists have no such advantage to that extent. Hence they are facing tremendous adversity and disadvantage in the competition. It is for this reason they are raising slogan of banning child labour. And in this game they have made the UN instrumental to their convenience getting it endorsed the rules and Acts under the name of international body against this child labour. Undoubtedly, only to get edge or advantage in the competition of the capitalist market, these developed imperialist countries are eager to ban the child labour, which they want to be complied with by all the

countries on the earth, not for any love for the children!

It is clear from the above discussion that the working children in the capitalist systems like India are two-pronged victim. In work they are cruelly exploited, out of work they starve to death. Unless the governments of these countries take full responsibility, these poor children cannot be saved. Not merely passing ban what they would have to do is to ensure that these children are well-fed. But to do this, as we have already noted above, their parents have to be provided with jobs with adequate income. This would not only keep the children out of drudgery but would make way for them to go to school. However, when minimum job with minimum wages has turned a day-dream in such underdeveloped capitalist countries which by introducing the imperialist designed globalization have not only made the jobs scarce but are drastically reducing the existing ones making the countries a sea of unemployment, children must be the worst victim there. This is a vicious cycle, which cannot be escaped from without the doom of capitalist rule.

In India and for that matter in other such countries, the only tangible yet partial solution should lie not in rigorously implementing the anti-child labour Acts or rules. Penury and starvation to these children apart, strict implementation of these laws would provide the dishonest administrative authorities including the police with an opportunity to make these law a source of bribery. In the name of containing the evil of child labour, they would exact money from the offending persons or organizations freely cocking a snook at the law or Act. So, this Act or law should be applied

in such a way with certain conditions that would not throw the children out of job but would allow them, apart from space of enough rest and liesure, the scope of "mental education, bodily education (i.e. physical exercise), and technological training" as Marx prescribed in his note of "Juvenile and Children Labour (both sexes)". At the same time adequate wages for their work would have to be ensured. A ring of genuine

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With due Honour, Dignity and Enthusiasm Country observes Birth Centenary of Shaheed-E-Azam Bhagat Singh

When he had walked to the gallows with dreams of his country and its people liberated, he was just 24. Yet, he remains an inspiration to this day. Bhagat Singh – the martyr of martyrs – Shaheed-E-Azam, is the epitome of patriotism, courage and determination and also of political maturity and wisdom. It is to equip ourselves with his indomitable spirit and a rare-combination of wisdom and zeal that characterised Shaheed-E-Azam Bhagat Singh that attempts were made to recapitulate the life and struggle of this immortal martyr on the occasion of his birth centenary, by our party and mass organisations involving people from all walks of life.

In Delhi, year-long observance since 2006, culminated in the programme on 28th September this year, at the Feroze Shah Kotla ground, it being the historically significant place where Bhagat Singh and his compatriots had started the Hindusthan Socialist Republic Association (HSRA). People from different states and different parts of the capital city converged there to pay homage to the great revolutionary. Comrade Krishna Chakraborti, member, Central Committee of SUCI, a notable mass leader and President of the Bhagat Singh Birth Centenary Celebration Committee followed by Comrades Chhaya Mukherjee, and Pratap Samal, Vice-President and General Secretary of the Committee, respectively and other distinguished personalities placed floral wreath at the statues of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and RajGuru. A well-decorated photo and quotation exhibition at the entrance looked resplendent with the inspiring thoughts of revolutionaries. A message sent by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our

our country and emphasized that great revolutionaries are born out of a revolutionary struggle alone. All the revolutionaries who led down their lives for the freedom of their country were great, in as much as their struggle inspired and will go on inspiring the revolutionaries and fighting people of our country for many more days. But Bhagat Singh, in his distinction from others, understood that by simply removing Britishers and overthrowing the feudal system the exploitation of man by man could not be put an end to. To end exploitation the establishment of socialism is essential and while searching for a correct way to achieve socialism he came close to the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism. Bhagat Singh also realized that a proletarian revolutionary party was indispensable for revolution and establishing socialism. The British feared him most because he tried to develop revolutionary movement guided by Marxism-Leninism and so they took his life. But they failed to understand that great thought that shows the path of progress and revolution, such as the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism, cannot be killed even by canons. Bhagat Singh, on his part, declared the revolutionary movement would not cease rather would go on increasing and intensifying even after his

death, a truth that in its course, found the emergence of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an outstanding Marxist thinker of this era. Assimilating the noble ideology of Marxism and higher proletarian culture and attaining its highest standard in his own life Comrade Shibdas Ghosh emerged as a great leader of the proletariat who elaborated, developed and enriched this thought and built up a genuine

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Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's homage to Bhagat Singh

[Appended is the homage of our beloved General Secretary Comrade Nihar Mukherjee to Shaheed-E-Azam Bhagat Singh on the occasion of observance of the birth centenary of this great son of the soil that was read out at the mammoth public meeting held in New Delhi on September 28, 2007]

I am happy to learn that you are commemorating the birth centenary of the great revolutionary Bhagat Singh. Bhagat Singh was not only a front-ranking representative of the uncompromising revolutionary trend of the fiery days of the Indian freedom struggle, but because of his inimitable firmness, courage, leadership quality and advanced thinking, he had earned the seat of respect in every blazing heart as Shaheed-E-Azam Bhagat Singh. He had realized that exploitation would not end nor would come about people's emancipation just by ending the British rule. For that, exploitative capitalist system of India had to be uprooted. It was from this realization that he became attracted towards Marxism, started studying Marxism with deep attention and was stirred with the thought of forming a Marxist party. But before he could translate this thought into reality, the cruel British rulers snatched his life away.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and myself too, while being within the vortex of the uncompromising revolutionary trend of the freedom movement, were inspired by the thoughts and lives of characters like Bhagat Singh which helped us enrich our understanding in the course of the struggle. Towards the end of the freedom movement, particularly from the time of the August 1942 movement, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh initiated the process of building up a correct Marxist party in continuation of the struggle released by Bhagat Singh and the likes of him, the essence of which was that in order to grasp Marxism, the higher proletarian culture inherent in that ideology would have to be adopted in life uncompromisingly. Just as this realization all on a sudden did not clutch out of the thin air, it should also be borne in mind that emergence of the SUCI had been in true continuation of the laudable efforts Bhagat Singh undertook to build up countrywide movement for all out emancipation of the people and following the process of advanced realization as well as application of Marxism suited to the subsequent national and international situations.

With deep anguish I note, and you too must be feeling this, that the advanced standard of moral character and culture that had been attained by Bhagat Singh and his likes during the freedom movement which spurred the blooming students and youth of the country to stand up fearlessly—the standard incarnate in the then society which the British rulers could not destroy despite all sorts of oppression – stands considerably eroded today, in independent India. The rulers-exploiters have succeeded to a great extent in destroying, skillfully and in a planned manner, that standard of character, wiping out the human qualities from among all sections of the people including the students and the youths to disgorge them of the very spirit of protest. By this, they want to scuttle mass movement as well as the struggle for emancipation from all sorts of exploitation. The evil effect of this is vitiating the society, even family and individual life. We ought to ensure that while observing the birth centenary of Bhagat Singh with due solemnity, the students and youths in finest continuity of the course of mass movement do attain higher ethical and cultural standard suited to the present era which will conduce to the growth and development of people's legitimate movements. Only through this can we take the struggle initiated by Shaheed-E-Azam Bhagat Singh and the likes of him to its logical culmination or in other words, only by putting an end to all sorts of exploitation of man by man can we immortalize their memories and show true respect to them.



Comrade Krishna Chakraborty addressing at Feroze Shah Kotla Ground in Delhi on September 28, 2007

beloved General Secretary and veteran freedom fighter was read out. The meeting also condoled the ultimately death of departed Comrade Pancham Singh, important activist of the celebration committee of Rajasthan.

In his presidential address Comrade Krishna Chakraborti, highlighted those aspects of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh's struggle, relevant and important for today's revolutionary movement in

Despicable dependence on police shows how irretrievably alienated CPI(M) is from people

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have denied the moral responsibility of revealing the truth behind this ghastly crime with which the police was directly involved. It would have taken drastic action against the officers, immediately suspending them. But here the CPI(M) in government acted to the contrary. As immediate reaction, the CPI(M) state secretary, the honourable state secretary, flatly came up in their defence. Unfortunately, his effort was based on sheer falsehood. As stated above, when he backtracked and said that he had been unaware of the fact that the police knew about the marriage, was he again making a false statement or did it betray the sense of responsibility of a leader of his position with which he had made the earlier statement? Everybody knows that in a class-divided society, the police is one of the ugliest organs, the hounding watchdog of the state to defend interest of the ruling class. In our capitalist state, there are ample examples of how the police stand in favour of the moneyed class to deny and deprive the poor even their minimum legitimate rights. In the present case also, the police was acting in favour of the Todis, as against Rizwan and his family-inmates, even his wife. And the CPI(M) leaders are coming up in naked defence of the police, just as they had stood for the police perpetrating carnage on innocent villagers, including women and children in Nandigram or dastardly suppressing movement of peasants at Singur. The course followed in Rizwan case reflected the same trend. The only aim of the government is to hush up the affair, the tragic death, the completely illegal behaviour of the highest officials of the Police overstepping their jurisdiction and absolutely unwarranted unlawful interference into constitutional right of individuals, all at the instance of and to the benefit of the moneyed people, who are hand-in-glove with the administration, the Police and thus the government. As it stands in this country, it is hard to believe that justice can be meted out through any CID investigation, where higher officials of the Police are themselves involved and continue to be in their posts while the investigation is on. Yet the government went for that. So there are questions raised from people of

any and every stratum or section. Even there are murmurs among the ruling party or its allies, since the incident endangered the prospect of cashing upon minority vote-bank in the Panchayat or other elections in the near future. The apprehension is proved correct in the interim report of the CID, which did not mention the name of any of the involved Police officers, even if the CID had summoned at least some of them, questioned them and expressed concern over presence of contradictory statements in their answers. Neither did CID file a FIR, without which the whole investigation boiled down to an eyewash. The judicial enquiry Commission under a retired judge instead of a sitting judge, was another shady move, that too taken under pressure of criticism. When named, the judge was found to be a person who had past record of amity with the ruling party. Besides, as required formally, the setting up of such a Commission and the associated steps were not even reported to the Chief Justice, that really nullified the validity of that move. It was all the more necessary to inform the Union government, because of the involvement of IPS officers in the incident, though the Commission had no power to deal with IPS officers. In addition, people of the state are fully aware of a score of such judicial enquiries ordered on past incidents ending in fiasco without any result whatsoever for years together. There remained the point of CBI enquiry. CPI(M), at least as the past record goes, has never proved at all reluctant to demand CBI enquiries into this or that incident. However, in this case, the demand of a CBI enquiry by the inmates of Rizwan's family and others was summarily rejected; reportedly, leaders of CPI(M) even rushed from Delhi to visit Rizwan's family members and to persuade them not to demand CBI enquiry.

We may reiterate the sum and substance once more. Rizwan will never return. Whether Priyanka will be allowed by her brute family members to cherish even the tragic memory of her beloved husband, is yet to be seen. Already there are indications otherwise. Shutting Priyanka off from the world and the media, Todis allowed only members of the CPI(M)-dominated Women's Commission to interview her.

Incidentally, it was this Commission, which termed the brute rape and palpable murder of Tapasi Malik of Singur a suicide and concluded from their talks with the rape victims of Nandigram, that there had been no rape there. So it appears that Todis-Police-CPI(M) combine is monitoring a script to use the Women's Commission in their cover-up game. In the meanwhile, in face of severely adverse people's opinion, CPI(M), the party in power and thus in charge, is playing the worst kind of hypocritical role. The veteran former chief minister or the present incumbent as well as other leaders of the top echelon of that party, try to assure people that nobody found guilty will be spared, while at the same time, the government takes such measures and avoid such others, as discussed above, as to simply confuse the process of finding the truth and delay meting out of justice, thus in effect and in reality leaving the culprits safe and denying the victims the justice. The more there are criticisms and opposition from people, the more frantic and erratic attempts, the government and the CPI(M) leaders make to shield the criminal police officers and hush up the horrid incident at any cost.

Now, a bunch of questions may disturb right-thinking people who have followed the course of events. The first is: how could the police, in a state governed by a party like CPI(M), claiming to be Communist act so highhanded to perpetrate this abominable crime of interfering into the legally performed civil marriage of two adults. And then: Why is the government so keen on shielding the implicated police officers and cover up the whole issue. To find answers, it must be noted that after assuming power, even the lip-service to democratic movement CPI(M) used to pay at one stage, although it was reformist constitutional in nature, was completely abandoned by that party in its bid to serve the ruling class to continue to remain in power; also it has done away with all shades of morality and ethics. It has simply turned out to be a watchdog to protect the interest of the ruling class and has thus become a part and parcel of the system of exploitation of people. And concomitant to all this, utter selfish attitude and opportunist bent of

mind are spreading fast among people to provoke acts purported to make the most out of the situation. Cumulatively, it is vitiating the social environment and bringing CPI(M) further into bogs of corruption. On the other hand, having been isolated from people as a result of these, CPI(M) is now using the brute force more and more in suppressing the democratic movement. The police and the bureaucracy have thus turned out to be the main planks of their power. They cannot simply afford to live without their support. Naturally it is providing the police and the bureaucracy with added fillip and encouragement to go ahead with more and more highhandedness and arrogance. Unhesitatingly, they are bringing down ruthless attacks not only on democratic movements, also on minimum democratic rights of people to live. This is evident in the present case and not just here. For example, in Nandigram they pounced upon innocent villagers, women and children not spared, fighting for their life and livelihood or in Katwa an ill reputed officer killed a leader of peaceful demonstration from point-blank range and went scot-free. Under such circumstances people must come out with a massive, organized and united struggle unequivocally demanding a neutral enquiry of Rizwan's death by a commission formed of judges, law professionals, intellectuals and journalists, in whom the people have faith. They must demand for immediate suspension, and not just transfer, of police officers implicated in the murder and immediate arrest of Asok Todi and his accomplices, in the interest of neutral enquiry. Only that can make some amends for the gross injustice the society has inflicted upon the young couple, as desired by Rizwan's hapless mother.

The other serious issue that evokes concern in right-thinking minds relates to the cultural aspect. It makes them wonder how in the cultural atmosphere of a state run by a party like CPI(M) boasting of leftism for long three decades, such an incident of harassing and threatening two adult individuals for undertaking a perfectly legal inter-religion marriage and finally bringing death, whether suicide or homicide, to one of them, could take place. To get the right answer, the first point that must be realized is that had there been a genuine leftist party in power in West Bengal, then from its seat of power, it would

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have tried to give people whatever relief it could. At the same time it would have engaged itself in developing massive movements one after another, to help people wrest their legitimate demands from the government and the ruling class, keeping those movements free from the interference of the police and the bureaucracy and building up those movements on the edifice of higher culture, morality and ethics. And in that process, realizing the need of uniting people of the country, irrespective of caste, creed, religion and language, a task that was neglected by the bourgeois leadership of our independence struggle and thus devolved upon the genuine leftists in free India, it would have also made every possible attempt to develop rock-solid unity and amity of the toiling people irrespective of caste- race- religion- language, wiping out the prevailing disunity and distrust among them. It is such an environment given birth to by the intense united mass movement of toiling people, that would have created the concrete reality in which a free exchange, intermixing and interaction of toiling people would have been possible. CPI(M) has, however, never treaded that path. Rather they have chosen the path of clinging to power, shunning the path of democratic movement, playing upon people's disunity to gain premium in vote-bank politics and thus, ultimately playing a totally subservient role to the ruling class. And by these, they are simply helping in unbridled spread of bourgeois culture, thinking and attitude. In their thirty-one year rule, not to speak of developing higher culture-morality and ethics, there has been rapid cultural degeneration spreading its roots throughout the society.

And so West Bengal today finds even minimum democratic acts like inter-religion marriages being condemned; the couples, even their friends and family members, are being hounded by the police, at the instance and instigation of some influential moneyed persons, and, as in the case of Rizwan- Priyanka, the rabid communal BJP terming people's indignation against Rizwan's killing as 'excess', thus lend support to otherwise isolated CPI(M). It is found that with every passing day, rampant corruption,

both material and spiritual, is devouring every walk of life, warped mindset is gaining more and more currency, all divisive and deriding traits and propensities are on a spiral, crude individualism, sickening philosophical intolerance and forcible muzzling of opposing views are becoming dominant features, sex-perversion and such other degraded mentalities are getting firmly entrenched, drug peddling and smuggling are assuming mind-boggling proportions, the state stands second in the country in woman trafficking, first in child trafficking; obscurantist thoughts and religious bigotry are found to be extremely pronounced. Instances of rape, molestation and lynching of women even in public, prostitution, dowry deaths are reported every hour. Witchcraft, sorcery are increasing in rural particularly tribal belts. Liquor shops and gambling dens mushroom throughout the state on liberal license from the government. In many of these criminal or unlawful acts, leaders, cadres and even supporters of CPI(M) are found involved in or abetting the acts, be it in running a sleaze racket in Calcutta proper, or in organizing vulgar stage shows like Hope '86. The very same CPI(M) minister linked with Hope'86 also boasted of his close ties with godmen or frequented temples to flaunt his 'Brahmin' credential. A CPI(M) zonal committee secretary has been implicated in rape and brutal murder of Tapasi Malik, a teenaged activist of Singur resistance movement of peasants. A senior CPI (M) central committee member openly asked the female cadres of the party to 'show their buttock' to Medha Patkar, in protest of her standing by the Nandigram carnage victims. Instances galore are there. Surely all these acts and activities only smack of typical subservience to bourgeois class politics committed to pollute people from within, rob them of human essence and turn them into spineless creatures so that they are unable to stand erect against oppressions and suppressions unleashed on them. It is in this backdrop, that the latest incidents of attacks on inter-religion marriages and CPI(M)'s reactions to them are to be viewed and judged.

Naturally, such limitless cultural degeneration has only encouraged

people or forces like the police or the Todis to commit the crimes they have done in Rizwan's case. So it is precisely the crop of the same seed of degenerated, corrupt cultural atmosphere that the CPI(M) has carefully sown and cultivated through all these thirty one years of its rule. And it is neither really unexpected of CPI(M), nor it came out of the blue. This party has never grown up as a real communist party; all through it has been a social democratic force. It has always borne all traits of bourgeois culture and vices leaving imprints upon the behaviour and activities of its leaders and cadres. Noticing this painful phenomenon in CPI(M) and for that matter also in CPI, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of our party SUCI, pointed out time and again that the banner, the name and the title of a party do not really matter. He maintained : The living soul, the kernel of any lofty ideal is ingrained in its cultural and ethical standard. If the cultural and ethical standard is not high, the frame of even an advanced political ideology becomes a lifeless body. When in a body, even if it is beautiful, there is no life, it becomes a useless corpse. Left to itself, it causes harm to society. In the same way, if anybody speaks of a lofty ideal, but does not reflect high ethics and cultural standard, it also becomes equally harmful for society and putrefied. So, it is not enough if a party engages in loud and tall talks of ideology. Whether the ideology it reflects is really high is proven by whether its leaders,

cadre and supporters reflect high ethical and moral standard in their personal life, daily work and habits and political activities and behaviour. Had CPI(M) been a genuine revolutionary party, increase in its influence within the society would have brought a restraining effect on lowering of cultural standard and degeneration of morality resulting from decadence of capitalism. But it was not that; rather the contrary was true (free translation from a Bengali speech of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh made on 25th Party Foundation Day on 24 April, 1973). These notes of caution and criticism, sounded a few decades back, revealed the reality prevailing then. Thereafter, wattering in power and pelf for years together, parties like CPI(M) have further degenerated; the stench is now coming out terribly in incidents like Nandigram carnage or Rizwan's death in West Bengal, no less from rampant corruptions unveiled in Kerala. People thus face a two-fold task. In addition to their united movement demanding revelation of truth and punishment of the culprits, as mentioned above, they must rid themselves of harbouring any illusion, if they may still have, about the real character of CPI(M) or such forces, and find out and strengthen the force that continues to fight for people on genuine Marxism- Leninism with their leaders and cadres and even the masses involved in movements under their leadership reflecting a higher level of cultural-ethical standard, that is the proletarian culture and ethics. Failure in performing either of these tasks will only lead to such tragic incidents as Rizwan's killing recur.

Recent Developments in Karnataka

After imposition of President's rule in the state on October 10, 2007, following resignation of the incumbent Janata Dal(S) chief minister, Comrade K. Radhakrishna, secretary of the Karnataka state committee of our party, in a statement severely criticized the JD(S) leaders for their political chicanery and insatiable appetite for power that foisted on the people another costly election when hundreds of peasants are committing suicide, workers are losing jobs, education and health are eluding people's reach, dignity of the women is being outraged and the rulers continue to indulge in sky high corruption, illegal land grabbing and crude power mongering thereby making people feel that such governments ought to fall under the weight of their own sins. The state committee was also equally critical of the way the BJP earlier instigated a section of the JD(S) legislators to topple the erstwhile Congress-led government for riding to the power and held that the Congress too is all set to misuse the Governor's office to initiate back door games with an eye on the throne. The State Committee called upon the people to realize the rabid anti-people character of all these power-hungry bourgeois parties and unleash a wave of democratic movement on the burning problems of their life and take part in the elections, as and when declared, as a part of that movement.

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communist party in the soil, the SUCI, to conduct today's revolutionary struggle of the proletariat.

But today's struggle as Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had showed has become much more difficult and more complicated because it is the struggle for overthrowing from state power the Indian national bourgeoisie who, as feared by Bhagat Singh, usurped power through compromise in absence of correct communist leadership in the freedom struggle. In order to accomplish this task of anti-capitalist socialist revolution, we will have to take thinking and culture to still higher stage; we will have to become more organized and conscious than what was required during the time of Bhagat Singh. In replying to a question from the attending press fraternity, Comrade Chakraborti said that the most menacing attack the moribund ruling bourgeoisie desperate to prolong its exploitative rule is in the realm of ethics and culture through indiscriminate promotion of vile imperialist culture of drug-alcohol-sex-perversion so that dispossessed of necessary mental strength, foundation of character, power of rational analysis and scientific bent of mind, toiling people particularly the youth are so emasculated from within as not to be able to carry out the revolutionary task. No party other than the SUCI led by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary, a veteran freedom fighter belonging to the uncompromising trend of our country's liberation struggle as well as a comrade-in-arms of the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh alone is exhorting people particularly the youths to foil this capitalist conspiracy not only by acquiring the cultural standard and being fostered by the feeling of dauntless courage and spirit of sacrifice that the revolutionaries like Bhagat Singh and his comrade in arms reflected in their life but by cultivating yet higher culture to bring about desired revolution.

In **West Bengal**, a meeting was held on 27th September at Bhagat Singh Udyan, Calcutta with students

coming in a procession accompanied by a band to attend the meeting and Sri Kiranjit Singh, President, Sikh Heritage, presiding over. Among the speakers were Sri Geetesh Sharma, the renowned Hindi poet, Sri Harpreet Singh Grewal, President Gurdwara (Elgin Road, Calcutta), Sri Ziad Ali, Urdu poet and Dr Mridul Das, Secretary, All Bengal Shaheed Bhagat Singh Birth Centenary Committee.

On September 28, at the historic Mahajati Sadan Hall, Calcutta, a state level meeting was held by SUCI with Comrade Provash Ghosh, member, Central Committee and State Secretary, SUCI, Sri Hiralal Das Ray, veteran revolutionary and Dhruvdev Misra Pashan, Hindi poet, advisor to the Committee speaking in the most inspiring manner Sri Biswanath Bajpayee, the veteran freedom fighter and Bar-at Law, presiding over.

Delivering the main speech, Comrade Provash Ghosh observed that revolutionary characters like Bhagat Singh can only emerge as product of social struggles. Along with courage, determination, patriotism, sacrifice, etc., pursuit of knowledge, a clear scientific outlook and the attempt to develop revolutionary organization based on them, mingled in the character of the great martyr which distinctly distinguished him from other revolutionaries.. This is why Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, in course of his historic struggle to build up the SUCI as the correct proletarian revolutionary party on the soil emphasized that in order to develop ourselves as genuine communists, we must learn from the life and struggle of the revolutionaries like Bhagat Singh, Netaji Subhas, Kshudiram and others representing the uncompromising trend of struggle, assimilate the essence of their teachings and carry out the fight in continuation of that trend with requisite break due to change in the character of struggle.

Apart from that year-long programme to observe Bhagat Singh Centenary in a befitting manner was undertaken in the states of **Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Orissa** and other places.

SUCI expresses serious concern at the massive pilferage of foodgrains from the Public Distribution System

Expressing deep concern and anguish over the reported pilferage of wheat and rice worth Rs. 31,000 crores from the Public Distribution System and diverted to open market, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, in a statement issued on 13 September, 2007 said that this daylight robbery and palpable crime committed on the poor is not just shocking or an instance of ineptitude on the part of the central and the state governments run by the bourgeois parties or the pseudo-lefts but vividly exposes how the whole administrative machinery of the country in connivance with and under tutelage of such parties has plunged into the morass of rampant corruption inevitable in a crisis-ridden moribund stinking capitalist system. It also reveals why the entire Public Distribution System has practically collapsed in the country forcing the poverty-stricken people to purchase from the open market at exorbitant price whatever little pulses or cereals they need to survive. It is also worth-noting that this episode of siphoning out wheat and rice meant for being distributed to the needy and underprivileged has come to light when the Government of India is under scanner for importing 8,00,000 metric tonnes of wheat at a stratospheric price which smacks of a huge scam waiting to unfold. It is more disquieting to find, observed Comrade Mukherjee, that the CPI(M)-led West Bengal government which waxes eloquent of clean governance ranks second in the list of the six top culprit states proving once again how these pseudo-Marxists in course of their pursuance of pro-capitalist anti-people line for pelf and power has now become identified with the known bourgeois outfits in cheating the impoverished and have-nots and abating rank corruption, thievery and misfeasance even to the extent of trading on the hunger of the millions.

Comrade Mukherjee demanded stringent punishment of all those found to be in anyway linked with this felonious offence. He also called upon the toiling people to remain ever agile, build up militant democratic movement against all-pervading corruption devouring the system and depriving them of their legitimate due and force the government to bring back and ensure full-fledged operation of the Public Distribution System which it has for all practical purpose cunningly given a decent burial.

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safeguards should be built around these conditions. Needless to say, these conditions must prohibit "night work" and "all health injuring trades" not in words but in deed. And above all, to implement these conditions there should be a hearty, sincere, sympathetic, non-corrupt, unbiased body of surveillance. The capitalist rulers and their administration will not do all this out of their good will or pious wishes. Only the sustained and intense movements embracing all the well-meaning people of the country led by the genuine lefts can contain the ills of child labour though would not extirpate it to the hilt. However, we emphasize again, to ensure complete elimination of

this inhuman system from the society, the exploiting capitalist system, the source of all kinds of exploitation, starvation, repression and all evils on the earth, has to be weeded out, as we have already mentioned. To wish to solve this problem by any other means within the category of capitalist system is simply a hoax, an idle myth to befool the people. It is a sheer deception, a motivated campaign as well, engineered by the capitalist class and its underling ideologues. There is no alternative but to replace this exploiting system by the people's one, that is, the socialist system through revolutionary struggle led by the genuine communists.

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