



BHAGAT SINGH JAN ADHIKAR YATRA

PHASE II

10th December, 2023 — 3rd March, 2024

JOIN US!

Education and Employment —
Our Birthright!

Hindu-Muslim-Sikh or Christian,
Our enemy is inflation!

Leave the caste and
religion squabble,
join hands for the
true struggle!

Friends,

We have come amongst you with the second phase of the 'Bhagat Singh Jan Adhikar Yatra'. This Yatra aims to take forward the struggle for the basic rights of the common masses and to awaken, unite and organize the people for this purpose. **The yatra will begin on 10th December 2023 from Bengaluru in Karnataka and after covering a distance of 8500 kilometers and passing through 13 states and more than 80 districts of the country, it will reach Delhi on 3rd March 2024.** We appeal to you all to become a part of this yatra!

The living conditions of the common toiling masses of our country are not hidden from anyone! Corruption, unemployment and inflation have made life a living hell for the people of our country. People are unable to provide nutritious food, quality healthcare and education to their children. It is precisely to prevent us from thinking about these real and genuine issues that the rulers of our country keep us embroiled in ever newer slogans of Mandir-Masjid, new types of reservations and jingoist fervor to make us fight in the name of religion and caste.

Like all the plunderer-rulers, the rulers of our country too want us to believe that we ourselves are responsible for our poverty, unemployment, homelessness and socio-economic insecurity! That we are at fault because we are not ready to work 18 hours a day or because we have too many children! The rulers of our country tell us that unemployment and inflation are sky rocketting in India because there is a recession in the international economy! We are made to believe that the government can not be blamed for unemployment, inflation and so on, as if these are natural calamities like earthquakes and tsunamis over which the government has no control! **But is there any truth in what the ruling class is spewing? Not at all! No, we are being taught all this so that we accept the increasing inflation, unemployment and socio-economic insecurities as fate or destiny and resign ourselves to this fate. And this is precisely what all the ruling plunderers of our country want.**

The truth is that, especially in the last 10 years, the living-standards and the working conditions of the Indian working masses have declined unprecedentedly, and this has been caused by the anti-people policies of the current government. All governments hitherto have also always served the interests of the owners, contractors, brokers and middlemen. But the Modi Government, from 2014, has broken all records in serving these money-grubbing animals and looting the common people of our country. It is crucial to understand this truth today.

Why is inflation breaking all the records?

Why is everything becoming more and more expensive? The structural reason for inflation, because of which the prices of different goods and services increase from time to time, is the system in which the entire process of production, exchange and distribution is carried out, not in a planned manner to fulfill the needs of the people, but is instead carried out anarchically to fill the coffers of a handful of moneybags. In such an anarchic system, the prices of different commodities keep increasing or decreasing at different times. **But there is a concrete reason today behind the record breaking inflation in our country: on the one hand, the Modi government is serving the rich by granting them tax cuts and all kinds of concessions, and on the other hand, it is constantly increasing the burden of taxes on the common people.** In the last 10 years, the Modi government has reduced the tax for the big owners, companies, etc and has granted them big concessions even in loans, land, water and electricity, and at the same time, has increased the burden of indirect taxes on the common people monstrously.

Before 2017, 32 percent of the total government tax revenue came from corporate tax collected from the wealthy. By 2023, it has been reduced to less than 24 percent, meanwhile the profits of these moneybags have skyrocketed. On the other hand, the tax burden on the common people has been increased through GST and other taxes. These constitute more than half of the total tax revenue! Taxes alone constitute about 60 percent of the prices of petroleum products. In 2021-22, the central government collected Rs 3.73 lakh crore and all the state governments together collected Rs 2.02

lakh crore in taxes on petrol and diesel. When there is such a huge increase in the prices of petrol and diesel, it affects the price of every commodity. Similarly, the Central Government has also increased the prices of LPG by more than double in the last 10 years, which has impacted the common man's economy both directly and terribly.

60%
tax on
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The Modi government is increasing the burden of taxes on the people because it has to somehow compensate for the huge tax concessions it has made for the moneybags. Government income has been decreasing due to the concessions gifted to the capitalists. But, in such a situation, to make sure that big politicians-ministers, MPs, MLAs and the big bureaucrats are not inconvenienced and that their comforts and facilities do not see the slightest reduction, the tax burden on the common people has been continuously increased. **This is the real and concrete cause of the unprecedented increase in inflation in our country in the last 10 years. This is no natural calamity. The policies of the present government are entirely responsible for it, and the aim of these policies is: to worship the capitalists and make them flourish, to loot the people and bring them ruin.**

Why is unemployment increasing everyday?

We are always told that population rise causes unemployment. This is utter nonsense. No one is born with only a stomach, rather everyone is also born with hands and feet. The labour of everyone, when met with nature, can create prosperity. It is obvious enough: more population means more needs, more needs mean the need for more production, the need for more production means more employment. Food production in our country has increased by 18.30 percent in the last 10 years, while the population increased by 10.7 percent. Why, then, has there been an increase in starvation and malnutrition? If population was the cause of these problems, then surely starvation and malnutrition should have decreased. **It is clear: the issue of population is a mere excuse, the real aim is to blame people.** Certainly, people do not give birth to too many children in an educated society and the choice to take this decision is the democratic right of the women. However, the present system is responsible also for the illiteracy and under developed culture in our society. But it is clear that the populace in itself is not responsible for hunger, unemployment and poverty. Facts and figures can testify this.

The first basic structural reason for the increase in unemployment is the economic system based on profiteering. When the objective of production is not the betterment of the lives of the common people, fulfillment of their needs and provision of humane working conditions for those who work, then unemployment will necessarily rise!

Unemployment has broken all records in the last 10 years because of the dire economic mismanagement by the Modi government, all this to ensure that no harm comes to the profiteering by the likes of Ambani and Adani. The storm of privatization which has swept across our country in the last 10 years has also led to massive layoffs. To take only the government data, while 41.2 crore people were employed in 2016, only 40.4 crore had employment in 2021. And this too when the government categorizes you as employed even if you worked on a single day in the week before! On top of all this, the Modi government has now stopped collecting employment statistics altogether, so that the truth never comes out. The reality is that in October 2023 itself, the unemployment rate again set a new record and went above 10.1 percent (Source: Center for Monitoring Indian Economy). By 2021 itself, the employment rate amongst the youth was 10.4 percent, which means that out of every 100, 90 are unemployed. **In only ten years of rule by the Modi government, the number of jobs lost have been 3 every minute, 180 every hour and 4400 every day. Specially, the first demonetization and then the mismanaged lockdown imposed during Covid** devastated the livelihood of the people. And yet, instead of taking any steps to tackle unemployment, the Modi government has instead continued to fan the storm of privatization that has taken railways, airports, banks, insurance institutions and other government undertakings in its embrace, the Modi government has paralyzed the labour department and its machinery which is supposed to implement the labor laws and is in the preparation of abolishing labor laws altogether.

Rate of Unemployment reaches an unprecedented high

10.1%
(CMIE, October 2023)

The contractual system, that has existed for long but, has been given a special impetus by the Modi government, is also responsible for unemployment in our country. A contractual, casual or a daily wage worker usually works for at least 10 to 12 years, and in some places works for even 14 to 16 hours! 94 percent of India's total workers today are in the informal sector and work as temporary contract or casual laborers. If 94 percent of the more than 60 crore working people are working for as many as 12 hours every day, then implementing labor laws for them alone would mean about 20 to 25 crore new jobs. But the government and its capitalist friends like Narayan Murthy ask us to work for 12 hours every day because apparently they do it too. We

Central Government gave jobs to only
7,22,311
people from
2014-22!

say: the factory is yours, so you go ahead and work for 12 hours! When the factories, the mines and the farms will be ours, we too will work at our own will for 12 hours when necessary. For now, give us an eight hour work day because this is our right as workers! **The Modi government's policies of privatization, liberalization, contractualization, casualization and mismanagement of the economy for the sake of the capitalists are also responsible for unemployment. This too is no earthquake, flood, tsunami or wildfire.**

Why is corruption crossing all the limits?

When the governments allow a free hand to the moneybags to loot the people, why should their own leaders and ministers remain behind? And under the rule of the Modi government, the slogan of 'plunder is on in the name of Ram, loot if you can and loot as much as you can' reigns. The very same BJP government which does not tire of talking about the real 'work, character and face' ('chal-charitra-chehra') has engaged in corruption so nakedly and consummately

**Capitalists have
enjoyed loan
waiver of
Rs. 14.56
lakh crore
since 2014!**

that even the professionally corrupt are stupefied. Vyapam scam of Rs 10,000 crore, Rafale scam worth thousands of crores, Adani scam, Demonetisation scam, Demat scam, DDCA scam, NPA scam, PM Cares scam...and the list goes on and on, and is long enough to fill the pages of an entire book. **The millions and billions that have vanished in these scams belonged to the people.** While on the one hand, all the moneybags and capitalists filled their coffers, on the other hand the ministers, leaders, MPs, MLAs, the great officials, brokers and middleman too left no stones unturned in filling their pockets with commissions. But the government has successfully smothered all noise around these scams by silencing everything from the bureaucracy and the judiciary to the media. Godi media has played a special role in it. **Indeed, the people should now make and follow a rule in relation to the Godi Media: the opposite of what it says is**

always the truth. The fraudster friends of the government, the fraud marauders, have absconded with Rs 2.67 lakh crore of the public's hard-earned money through the NPA (Non-Performing Asset) scam alone. Is any of this possible without the government's connivance? Not at all.

Why are we being fed the opium of communalism, casteism and jingoism?

To stop us from thinking about the aforementioned real issues, the Sangh Parivar, the BJP and the Godi Media that remains subserviently at their feet, entangle us in three bogus issues: communalism, casteism and jingoism. At times by enacting a faux drama about cow protection, temple-mosque, 'Love Jihad', 'Land Jihad' and so on they seek to fan our religious sentiments to serve their own political interests, at other times the politics of reservation is used to make fools out of us, and at yet other times, the bogus specter of China or Pakistan is raised to unleash the poison of jingoism. All three are used to dupe the people.

If China is endangering India, then why has the Modi government increased the imports from China by 30 percent in the last 5 years? How has India's trade deficit with China become more than 1 trillion dollars? Similarly, if the BJP is so anxious about cow protection, why then has it been making promises of increasing the supply of beef in Kerala, the North-East and Goa? Why was BJP's Sangeet Som a member of the Board of Directors of a slaughterhouse which exports beef? How did India become the world's fourth largest exporter of beef under the Modi government? If the BJP is sincere about 'Love Jihad' then why have the Sanghi goons not attacked the houses of BJP leaders like Shahnawaz Hussain, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Sikander Bakht because they have married Hindu women? Why have they not stormed the house of BJP leader Subramaniam Swamy's daughter who has married a Muslim man? Have you ever thought about these questions?

We must understand...

It is clear: **the Sangh parivar and the current government raises these bogus issues so that they can fill us, for their own political benefit, with irrational communal sentiments and ideas, and therefore divert our attention away from increasing inflation, unemployment, poverty, illiteracy and hunger. Many of us, in our innocence, are also caught up in this fraudulent web. But from now on, if anyone so much as even mentions the name of these bogus issues in front of you, show them the door without the slightest hesitation, after doing proper 'hospitality'.**

If we want a better future, then we must take the oath of only talking about the concrete real issues of our lives. We should firmly decide to talk only of our right to education, employment, healthcare, housing, of our right to be liberated from inflation and corruption, and of our right to be free from the poison of communalism and casteism. We, the common toiling people, should take the resolve of building powerful movements of our own on these issues. Some of the main demands of the movements will be:

Our Major Demands:

- ▶ Declare Education-employment-healthcare-housing as fundamental rights. Completely stop privatization. Pass the **Bhagat Singh National Employment Guarantee Act (BSNEGA)** wherein an unemployment allowance of Rs. 10,000 should be given if employment cannot be provided. Fill all the vacancies in Union and state government offices. Cancel the Agniveer scheme immediately and restore permanent recruitment in the military.
- ▶ Implement all labor laws strictly, repeal the proposed four 'labor codes'. Bring the Rural workers under the jurisdiction of labor laws. Restore the 'Old Pension Scheme'. **Put an end to contractualisation and provide permanent employment.**
- ▶ **Abolish all indirect taxes** to stop the increasing inflation and implement the system of **progressive direct taxation** resolutely. Abolish the tax on petrol and diesel.
- ▶ **Implement the MNREGA scheme** strictly, provide for round-the-year employment under it and pay at least the minimum wage.
- ▶ **Impose special taxes** on the rich classes for the proper provision of subsidies on seeds, fertilizers, electricity, etc. for the **poor and middle peasants**. Make appropriate arrangements for providing irrigation facilities and **institutionalized loans**.
- ▶ Enact a law to ensure a **truly secular state** instead of the false secularism of 'Sarvadharm Sambhav' (equal treatment of all religions). Make the public use or mention of religion, community or of faith in any form by any politician or party should into a punishable offense.
- ▶ Make every kind of caste discrimination, and not only untouchability, a punishable offense, by amending the constitution.
- ▶ To stop the corruption by electoral parties and governments, make provisions for their **public audit and investigation**.
- ▶ **Completely end social, economic and cultural discrimination against women in every form. Enact strict laws for this purpose.**
- ▶ **Immediately ban and label as terrorists all organizations and groups which fan the flames of communal or caste based animosity and are involved in mob lynchings and communal violence**, and take immediate strict action against their leaders and minions.

Friends! All the demands listed above are basic demands related to our lives. These are practical demands. These can be fulfilled. In some countries, the people have already achieved many of these rights, because they fought for them. This is an initial step in the long struggle for the revolutionary transformation of our society. No electoralist party will fight for these demands. Why? Because Congress, AAP, SP, BSP, Shivsena, NCP, RJD, JD(U), JD(S), CPI, CPI(M), CPI(ML) Liberation, YSR Congress, Akali Dal etc. and all the other electoralist parties run on the funding provided by the moneybags and capitalists, and in this way or that make policies which serve them. At the moment, however, the rulers of our country need the fascist BJP more, which can openly impose anti-people policies on us in a dictatorial manner and can make us fight amongst ourselves in the name of religion.

Therefore, today the working masses of the country will have to build their own powerful mass movements on these demands, teach a lesson to the present anti-people government and with a powerful movement ensure that no government which comes to power in 2024 can ignore our demands. Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh said, "If a government deprives the people of their fundamental rights, then it becomes not only a right but also an essential duty of the people to replace or abolish such a government." It is the need of the hour today to put this message of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh into practice. Come join us in this movement and become a part of the struggle for a better future!

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