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24 April Observed Round the Country

The streak of light cutting through the overcast sky glowed on their faces like the glimmer of a gem. As though livid stones had turned into glistening gems at the touch of the light falling upon. Such is truly what these people are — men, women and children reborn being infused with the flaming spirit of the life and lessons of the great leader, teacher and guide. The legion of the Great Leader of the Proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The ranks of the consolidation he founded to accomplish revolution, the Party, the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist).

The whole country is overcast with deep gloom of all-out massive crisis, problems, poverty, destitution, starvation death, malnutrition, deprivation of healthcare and education, acute unemployment, absence of even a semblance of development, extreme economic exploitation, political perversion, cultural degeneration and what not the worst plights for the toiling millions. On the other hand, resplendent with uphill wealth, overflowing money, amassed out of sheer exploitation by not paying wages, by usurping

provident funds, gratuity of the labourers and employees, through vicious corruption, profiteering, smuggling, and thus enjoying absolute affluence, privileges, opportunities and extravagant living there is a handful of capitalist-monopolists.

That this consequence was inevitable, that this miserable plight, as mentioned, was going to befall the people of India, could be foreseen by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, then a young soldier of the freedom movement, well before the independence was attained. He could see based on his grasp of Marxian science that in absence of a genuine communist party who could play a crucial role in turning the anti-British imperialist freedom movement into an anti-capitalist revolutionary movement to free the fighting countrymen from the yoke of exploitation of man by man, Indian national bourgeoisie was going to capture power through compromise and the Indian people would soon find their glorious fight ending into clamping of another more ruthless oppressive capitalist rule. Realizing the need of Indian revolution marked by the absence

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SUCI (C) demands stringent punishment of all responsible for Rs 20,000 crore Saradha chit fund scam, immediate ban of all chit funds including Saradha group, confiscation of their property and both central and state governments to provide for balance amount of compensation to the common investors

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 26 April, 2013 :

Close on the heels of a spate of mega-scams like 2G spectrum, Coalgate, Indian Premier League, Commonwealth games, purchase of military hardware and such others, the latest unfolding of fair and square swindling of public money to the tune of over Rs 20,000 crore by West Bengal-based Saradha group, one of the 4000 odd spurious financial companies commonly known as chit funds, indicates how corrupt and polluted has become the crisis-ridden decadent moribund capitalist system which is breeding and abetting such horrendous crimes of persons and organizations proffered and protected by it. These chit funds, better called 'cheat funds', have mushroomed over the last thirty odd years round the country and are freely carrying out totally illegal business of mobilizing money from the common people particularly the poorer strata and lower-middle class with the false promise of providing hefty return within shortest possible time. This unlawful operation is going on before the very nose of the governments, both central and state, various regulatory bodies like RBI, SEBI, Company Law Board and most significantly the police-administration as well as watchdog bodies like the CBI, Intelligence Branch, Enforcement Directorate and Economic Offence wings.

Influential MPs who constitute the inner circle of ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC), particularly one journalist-turned politician who headed the multifold media business of the Saradha group as its Executive Chairman, have come under the scanner. Some Congress MPs and close relative of a central minister also feature in the list of the accomplices. Though the CPI (M) leaders are now swatting at TMC and Congress

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A part of the massive gathering at Kolkata Saheed Minar Maidan on 24 April, 2013

Land Acquisition Rehabilitation Resettlement Bill

Dangerous ploy to bring total doom to poor peasantry to fill coffers of the rich

Massive militant peasant movements against forcible grabbing of their land and livelihood that developed a few years back at Singur and Nandigram in West Bengal sent a new message to the struggling peasants all over the country, providing courage to them to stand up against any such acts of grabbing of their land developing strong opinion against the existing Land Acquisition Act of 1894 which the different rulers used to indiscriminately grab lands. They, in their turn, frantically tried to get rid of this situation. It prompted them to look for a fresh initiative. On 7 September 2011 the Congress-led Union government introduced a new Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill, 2011(henceforth referred as LARR 2011 or simply the Bill) in Indian Parliament, which is fraught with controversy and criticism. Despite the National Advisory Council led by none other than Sonia Gandhi, the chief of the ruling Congress party, pushing hard, widespread opposition in people across the country forced the government to send the Bill to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for a review. Later, the Bill was cleared by the Union Cabinet on 13 December, 2012. But with members of Parliament demanding more time to see it through, the Bill had to be scheduled for discussion on 22 April 2013. As claimed by a government spokesman on 19 April, the parliamentary parties subservient to the ruling capitalist class reached a so-called consensus on the Bill that represented fulfilling the design of the ruling class only. But afterwards some of the parties, including the 'lefts' like CPI(M) posed opposition to save their faces sensing people's adverse mood. Now before going further into discussion of this attempt to enact a land bill, it would be worthwhile to see what is there in the Bill.

The Bill leaves out a lot of major issues

The LARR 2011 claims itself as a "Bill to ensure a humane, participatory ... transparent process for land acquisition for industrialisation... and urbanisation with the least disturbance to the owners of the land and other affected families and provide just and fair compensation and make adequate provisions for ...rehabilitation and resettlement, and for ensuring that ... affected persons become partners in development". It seeks to repeal and replace India's Land Acquisition Act, 1894. On one hand, it claims to include all land acquisitions, whether by the central government of India, or any state government and precludes any law by any state government. On the other hand, it would not apply to at least 16 enactments of the Indian Legal Code relating to land acquisition. Enlisted in the Fourth Schedule of the LARR 2011, these include, among others, The Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, The National Highways Act, 1956, The Atomic Energy Act, 1962, The Land Acquisition (Mines) Act, 1885, The Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, The Resettlement of Displaced Persons (Land Acquisition) Act, 1948, The Works of Defence Act, 1903, The Indian Tramways Act, 1886, The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 etc. Quite clearly a major bulk of vital

cases of land acquisition is covered by these Acts, which thus remain beyond the ambit of the LARR2011 and so may leave ways open for the government to find escape routes.

Government needs no consent of landowners and does not define public purpose clearly

The LARR 2011 seeks to enact a law which barring a written objection by the landowner made to the Collector, to be finally decided by the latter, will not require *consent* of the landowner when the *government* acquires land for its *own* use, hold and control. Acquisition will need mandatory consent of *80 per cent* of people when the government acquires land with the *ultimate* purpose to transfer it for *private projects* and *70 per cent* of the people for *Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects*. All these will be done in the name of *public purpose*, which latter will include for the government what-not from national security, armed forces to education, health- related issues, etc. For the PPP and/or private company projects public purpose connotes 'production of public goods or the provision of public services'. First, the definition clearly contains contradictory position and remains too vague and porous to leave much scope open for varied interpretation, inclusion and rejection. Besides, many of these public purposes being covered by the 16 enactments listed in the Fourth Schedule of the Bill, the LARR2011 may not have much for the government to do for itself.

What the government will do in the end is, acquire land for private projects or for PPP, that is *de facto* private projects. There it makes it mandatory to obtain certain amount of consent. On face of powerful private companies bent on grabbing land and the government offering them a cordial helping hand, it will be a child's game for the former to obtain the consent of poor peasants by money-muscle-administrative power. In the ultimate analysis the LARR 2011 will stand out as a strong move towards handing out precious land of the country to private owners, the monopolists of the land and abroad.

Backdrop of Singur and Nandigram movements

With these salient provisions and scores of others, the Bill has evoked widespread and great concern among people. Sensing it, the parliamentary parties subservient to the ruling capitalist class, are taking cautious pro-people stance as not to disturb their vote-bank. The importance and controversy centring round the Bill have particularly heightened on the backdrop of the historic Singur and Nandigram movements of West Bengal. In both the cases, valiant struggle was launched against the then ruling CPI-M-led Front government's forcible grabbing of fertile agricultural lands along with thick traditional habitation, under the provisions of Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and on the plea of setting up Tata's Nano-car project at Singur and a SEZ with the Salem group of Indonesian multinational corporate at Nandigram. In both the cases our Party took a leading role to initiate the movements that spread like wildfire throughout the state with people from all sections of the society, including the civil society coming out in unstinted support. It not only broke the lull in movements quite successfully implanted in the state by the CPI-M government; it also shook the countrywide practice of indiscriminately grabbing agricultural lands robbing peasants and others of their life and livelihood on this or that plea of development. As mentioned, unbending resistance instilled a new spirit and consciousness in the peasants as well as toiling people in general, not just of West Bengal, but of the country as well. So long, suffering peasants had to meekly and silently part with their lands, the

only means of livelihood they used to have. They had to stand helplessly unorganized before the brute force of the government and the state, working openly and unpretentiously in favour of the land sharks and monopolists and MNCs of the country and abroad. They were prompted with a new message and courage to organize themselves and put up a do-or-die resistance to the whims and whips of the government-land sharks-corporate-their pet goons nexus. For the latter, a big jolt derailed their unchallenged onslaught on the peasantry and their land with which they used to throw peasants to the dungeons of oblivion just to make room for their own pelf and pleasure. In such a situation fast changing before their eyes, they wanted to step out with a new move to cover up their real intent and to deceive people including peasants. So there was the hue and cry for a new Bill that governments along with a section of media raised. It really paved way for forcible take-over without giving any scope to protest and resist, even consent. But they were no foolhardy; and were quite aware of people's new-born strong opinion all over the country against their losing land. So there were the phrases of *rehabilitation and resettlement* tagged to the title of the bill, of *compensation* and of acquisition for *public purpose* and so on to the content. All these phrases were words merely to hoodwink people. Yet they could not stage a smooth-sailing of the Bill in the parliament; the pressure of people's opinion that had built up in the meantime since the Singur-Nandigram movements, forced the parliamentary parties to think and re-think and the government to defer and refer and again defer the Bill till to date for fear of losing vote-banks.

Fallacies and hoax pervade arguments for land-grabbing

In course of these, to expose the hidden interest and design of the ruling class and their subservient political parties, we repeatedly dealt elaborately on arguments dished out by the protagonists of forcible grabbing of peasant's land. Those arguments went the following way: For prosperity of industry, agriculture and economy, India needs industrialization. Industrialists build industry to make money, (read profit) and so they

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Call of the historic May Day

Build up powerful militant anti-capitalist working class struggle free from all shades of bourgeois thoughts and revisionist deviations



“A fair day’s wages for a fair day’s work? But what is a fair day’s wages, and what is a fair day’s work? How are they determined by the laws under which modern society exists and develops itself? For an answer to this we must not apply to the science of morals or of law and equity, nor to any sentimental feeling of humanity, justice, or even charity. What is morally fair, what is even fair in law, may be far from being socially fair. Social fairness or unfairness is decided by one science alone —

the science which deals with the material facts of production and exchange, the science of political economy. ... A fair day’s wages, under normal conditions, is the sum required to procure to the labourer the means of existence necessary, according to the standard of life of his station and country, to keep himself in working order and to propagate his race. ... A fair day’s work is that length of working day and that intensity of actual work which expends one day’s full working power of the workman without encroaching upon his capacity for the same amount of work for the next and following days.

The transaction, then, may be thus described — the workman gives to the Capitalist his full day’s working power.... In exchange he receives just as much, and no more, of the necessaries of life as is required to keep up the repetition of the same bargain every day. The workman gives as much, the Capitalist gives as little, as the nature of the bargain will admit. This is a very peculiar sort of fairness.

— Frederick Engels

A Fair Day’s Wages for a Fair Day’s Work, May, 1881



“We work hard; we create unlimited wealth ... we dig iron and coal from the bowels of the earth; we build machines, ships, castles, railways. All the wealth of the world is created by our hands, is obtained by our sweat and blood. And what reward do we receive for our hard labour? In justice we should live in fine houses, wear good clothing, and in any case not want for our daily bread. But we all know very well that our wages scarcely suffice for a bare

existence. Our bosses lower the wage-rates, force us to work over-time, unjustly fine us. In a word, they oppress us in every way, and, in case of dissatisfaction on our part, they promptly discharge us. We time and time again discover that those to whom we turn for protection are friends and lackeys of our bosses. We, the workers are kept in ignorance, education is denied us, that we may not learn to struggle to improve our conditions. They hold us in bondage, discharge us on the slightest pretext, arrest and exile anyone offering resistance to oppression, forbid us to struggle. Ignorance and bondage — these are the means by which the capitalists and the Government, always at their service, keep us in subjection....

Our strength lies in union; our salvation in *united, stubborn, and energetic resistance* to our exploiters.... Comrades! If we will energetically and wholeheartedly strive to unite, the time will not be far distant when we, having joined our forces in solid ranks, will be able openly to unite in this common struggle of the workers of all lands, without distinction of race or creed, against the capitalists of the whole world. And our sinewy arm will be lifted on high and the infamous chains of bondage will fall asunder.”

— V I Lenin

The Workers’ Holiday — May First: April 1896



“The fact of the matter is that capitalism cannot develop without intensifying the exploitation of the working class, without a semi-starvation existence for the majority of the working people, ... without conflicts and clashes between the different imperialist groups of the world bourgeoisie. The path of development of capitalism is the path of impoverishment and a semi-starvation existence for the vast majority of the working people, while a small upper stratum of these working people is bribed and pampered. ...The path of development of the proletarian dictatorship, on the contrary, is the path of continuous improvement in the welfare of the vast majority of the working people.

Precisely for this reason the development of capitalism is bound to create conditions which aggravate the contradictions of capitalism. Precisely for this reason capitalism cannot resolve these contradictions. ... The whole point is that capitalism cannot develop without aggravating all these contradictions, and without thereby developing the conditions which, in the final analysis, facilitate the downfall of capitalism.

The whole point is that the dictatorship of the proletariat, on the contrary, cannot develop further without creating the conditions which raise the revolutionary movement in all countries to a higher stage and prepare for the final victory of the proletariat.”

— J V Stalin

The results of the work of the fourteenth conference of the RCP(B), May 1925

Countrywide observance of Party Foundation Day

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of a genuine revolutionary party, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh took upon himself the historic task of forming such a party after the basic conditions for the same were fulfilled in course of a historic arduous struggle. So was founded the SUCI (Communist) on the historic day of 24th April 1948. Since then, a new beginning was made in the history of revolutionary communist movement in the country.

What he envisioned seven decades back, has now been proved to be, so to say, prophetically true. If life is a cauldron, and cauldron it has been under the grinding oppression of capital, total degeneration of the moral strands of this capitalist order, overt and covert assaults to deny and subvert people's rights in this capitalist system, when talks of democratic norms and values spell mockery of the real state of the people, and the legislative-bureaucratic-judiciary-military pillars of the bourgeois state are rotten to the roots with worms of corruption eating into every organ, this life cannot give the warmth of living. We need that vital regenerative touch of the flaming spirit — the life and lesson of great leader, teacher and guide, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. We need to rally under the banner if his behest — join your forces with the SUCI (C). Victory will be yours. 24th April, the Party Foundation Day returned in 2013 to remind us of this call. The whole country responded to that call with more grit, determination, vibrancy and firm resolve to fulfil the task he bequeathed and history adjures to us.

Kolkata, West Bengal

The central gathering was scheduled to be held on 24th April at Rani Rashmoni Road. But three days before, the authorities wanted the venue to be shifted to Shaheed Minar Maidan. Right from the noon, streams of people marched to the

Maidan braving scorching sun and unbearable humid condition. Within a very short time, Party comrades draped the entire Maidan in red flag the Party has been holding aloft with revolutionary firmness against all adversities including the attempts of the pseudo-Marxists and social-democrats to sully it. It was a red wave sweeping across with a well-decorated dais at the top of which was a huge photograph of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, who is our inspiration, whose thoughts are our strength, whose teachings guide us in tiding over all difficulties, hurdles and obstacles, in making bold stride ahead to fulfil the task of revolution. Dot at 4.30 pm began the meeting with the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh followed by guard of honour by hundreds of Komsomol members. After a couple of introductory sentences by Comrade Debaprasad Sarkar, Member, Central Committee and president of the meeting, Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of the Party delivered a valuable speech covering all points relevant in the given situation and ended up announcing that the Party would release an intensified movement in the days to come on the issues wrecking people's life. Thousands of Party workers, supporters, sympathizers as well as common people present had heard him in rapt attention. Even drizzles followed by shower could not distract them. It was indeed a spectacle of revolutionary discipline which even a couple of journalists covering the proceedings acknowledged with appreciation. The speech of Comrade Provash Ghosh would be published later.

Delhi

The Delhi State Organizing Committee of the SUCI observed the 65th foundation day of the party by holding a public meeting on the 27th April, 2013 at Ramlila Park, Jehangirpuri, Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Pran



Comrade Provash Ghosh, Comrade Manik Mukherjee and Comrade Debaprasad Sarkar (L to R) paying guard-of-honour

Sharma, Member, Delhi State Organizing Committee. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Politburo Member of the Party, was the main speaker on the occasion. The meeting was also addressed by Comrade Pratap Samal, Delhi State Secretary. Organizing Committee. Coming from different areas of Delhi, the party cadres, workers and people from different walks of life listened to the speeches with rapt attention.

Thodupuzha, Kerala

Kerala State level Foundation Day meeting was held in the district township of Thodupuzha in Idukki district on 24th April. The meeting

Bureau, delivered the main speech which was translated into Malayalam by Comrade G. S. Padmakumar, state secretariat member. The largely attended meeting in the municipal stadium of the town ended with the Internationale presented by DYO music squad. A very big procession crossing through thoroughfares of the town preceded the meeting led by the state leaders. Summary of the speeches delivered by Comrade Chakraborty in Delhi and Thodupuzha has been given separately.

Agartala, Tripura

The 66th Party foundation Day



A part of the gathering at Agartala, Tripura

presided over by Comrade C. K. Lukose, Member, Central Committee and Kerala State Secretary of SUCI(C). Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit

was observed through various programme in Tripura. In the morning, programmes of flag hoisting and garlanding the portrait

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A part of the massive gathering at Thodupuzha, Kerala

“Marxism is an exceptionally powerful torch that helps us to see even the hidden laws that govern nature, society and life” — Comrade Krishna Chakraborty at Party Foundation Day meetings

Addressing the gatherings in Delhi and Kerala, Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, member, Politburo, SUCI(C), stated that this year the Party Foundation Day is being observed in a very alarming situation where crises have engulfed all the spheres of life - economic, political, social and, above all, the cultural spheres of life. After the barbaric Delhi gang rape of December 16, 2012, if one counts, around 50 to 60 rapes have taken place in Delhi alone. Even children up to the age group of 8 years are targeted for such attacks. A five year old girl-child was subjected to rape, foreign bodies inserted into her private parts and efforts made to kill her to obliterate the evidence. Even today the newspapers have reported rape of a six year old girl in a public toilet in Badarpur area of Delhi. Not a single day passes without sexual assaults on women and children. This is the condition all over the country. Who will stand against such attacks? Who will save the country from such moral and cultural degeneration? Comrade Ghosh had, in one of his speeches, pointed out that even an ill-clad, poor and starving nation can firmly stand on its feet to fight against injustice and oppression provided it possesses a higher moral, ethical and cultural standard. A people who are bereft of higher morality and ethics are bound to degenerate to unfathomable depths. Our country is passing through such a phase.

No lengthy discussion is required to explain the economic crisis that has pushed the countrymen to the brink of misery and destitution. This crisis is revealing itself daily and hourly. If you switch on your television and watch the leaders in Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha or for that matter any Legislative Assembly in the states, you can't relish it, it is quite repelling. You will see both the BJP and Congress trading charges of scams, scandals and corruption against each other. In Parliament or state Assemblies the elected representatives behave like street urchins. Now-a-days, it is difficult to find a minister who is not corrupt. But what have the people experienced? Their experience is that all these big parties are anti-people. Their continued subservience to the monopoly and corporate houses has totally

patterned their behavior towards the common man which in one word can be summed up as 'anti-people'. People understand this through their instincts. Manmohan Singh speaks about the common man, but in the name of the 'Aam Aadmi' or common man, he actually helps the capitalist class whereas the common man dies of starvation.

The most alarming is the degeneration that is taking place in the realm of morality, ethics and culture which has become rampant. In the elections it is the three M's (money power, muscle power and media power) and not the mandate of the people that matters. Whether it is BJP, Congress party, BSP or SP or for that matter any of the parliamentary parties, all have MPs or MLAs with criminal records. In



Comrade Krishna Chakraborty addressing in Kerala

the elections they resort to rigging in such a way that it is totally incomprehensible to common voters. There are rape and murder charges against some of them. Police themselves are involved in crimes and are hand-in-glove with the criminals. On your TVs you have recently seen an ACP repeatedly slapping a girl protesting against the rape of a 5 year old girl in Delhi, severely injuring her ear. In this case, even the Supreme Court had to pass a stricture and seek explanation from the central government. People cannot depend on administration or police or even those who claim to be their leaders. This is the situation today. What should the people do in such a situation? These are the basic questions that confront us now. Shall we allow it to happen or shall we resist it? And only the people can stop it. Whatever number of movements we build up or whatever sincere efforts we make,

if we do not know the causes, we will reach nowhere. We have examples before us. People want to fight against these evils and want to struggle. The Anna Hazare movement, which brought within its fold lakhs of people from all over the country and forced the central government to pass the 'Sense of the House' Resolution under the pressure of the people's movement, ultimately failed. Jan Lokpal Bill could not be passed. Now what is the fate of that movement? Kejriwal who initially kept politicians away from the movement himself floated a political party with an eye on the forthcoming parliamentary elections. So, not only we have to know the causes but we have to be clear about the character, form, the ethical, cultural and moral base of

if the people get organized in their own localities, the criminals as well as the police can be put under effective check. The demonstrators in thousands at Vijay Chowk and India Gate were only demanding exemplary punishment to the guilty and taking steps so that such incidents do not recur. Instead of treating the protesters sympathetically and agreeing to their demands, the government and police resorted to severe repression. But there was no violence, no arson or even stone throwing by the demonstrators. After being dispersed, the demonstrators repeatedly gathered without any let up in their numbers or spirits. This itself shows that if a party capable of giving right direction to such a force organizes them, they can definitely exercise effective check on such crimes. Not only that, if they are made to understand the real causes behind such happenings, the possibility of developing an entirely new type of movement which strikes at the very roots of this exploitative capitalist system cannot be ruled out. Comrades have to understand these causes and make the people also understand them.

You all know that the capitalist system was not always there. Before this system there used to be the feudal system where monarchs, kings and princes used to rule their own territories in what is now known as Indian capitalist state. In all the countries of the world whether it be England, Germany, France, USA or Italy, everywhere capitalism emerged as a new social system after defeating their decadent feudal systems. Those days capitalism played a progressive role. It liberated education from the clutches of religion and freed it from the church, it created scientific and democratic atmosphere, promoted scientific knowledge, technology and industrialization which gave a tremendous impetus to the society towards progress. Those days capitalism gave birth to a set of higher moral and ethical values which we call 'Bourgeois Humanism'. Feudal thinking was that man is the creation of God and is born equal whereas according to bourgeois humanist philosophers like Rousseau and Voltaire man is born equal but is in fetters, which need to be broken. With these new

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Proves itself contradictory and deceptive in its every respect

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would chose sites for their projects at locations which are most profitable to them and suitable from logistical necessities to meet the market demands, though those may be on fertile agricultural land. Even in latter cases, industrial production generates many times more than the value of the product produced by agriculture. People would thus move out to industry. Industry has to be convenient, has to be absorbing. Nevertheless, for people losing land, compensation is to be paid at higher rates than the prevailing market prices of land; the evicted people may be employed in the growing factories, or else can look for alternative employment.

Hoax of industrialization: hoax of 'humane' shape of the Bill

In our discussions, we also pointed out grossly fallacious and deceptive nature of these arguments. We maintained that situations when great industrial centres like Manchester, Munich, Pittsburgh, Shanghai or others, grew on heavily fertile land, as Amartya Sen a Nobel laureate protagonist of land grabbing would clamour, were not the same as they are now. Those days capitalism was growing breaking apart the shackles of feudalism. These days, on the other hand, are marked by intense economic recession in the entire capitalist world; now stagnation pervades every sector of economy and industry, not excluding the manufacturing industry. Chances of recovery recede like mirages. The entire capitalist economy seems to be surviving now on speculation, nothing but gambling. As in other capitalist countries, in India too, mills and factories, big and small and in thousands are closing down one after another. State-sector enterprises built and run on people's money are being handed over to the private capital. Barring a few stray attempts here and there, neither the government nor the private sector of monopolists is venturing any serious attempt to set up new industries. Obviously generation of employment in industries has become out of question. In this so-called 'jobless growth' whatever meagre number of new industries that may be coming up here and there are essentially high-tech, capital-intensive and do not provide large-scale employment. To farmers largely ill-equipped in technology, assurance of a job in those high-tech industries is basically misleading. The pious wish in the Bill that

'affected persons' will 'become partners in development' is by no means pious; rather it is a cruel joke. Even if a member from each family dispossessed of land, be provided with that favour of a job, other members of generally large families of villages will simply lose their means of livelihood. Advice of finding viable alternative jobs would also fall flat, as millions of youth trying their luck on self-employment are already being chased by the bleak future of uncertainty, even facing legal liability of having failed to pay back their loans.

On the contrary, millions of workers and employees have lost or are losing their jobs during these decades of globalized market economy. They only add to the staggering figures of unemployment, which along with fresh loss of jobs are only adding to the gruelling poverty. Over and above this, unrelenting profit-hunger of the monopolists aided and abetted by shameless pro-monopolist policies of the governments of bourgeois-petty bourgeois- social democratic parties, whatever it be, is causing a spiralling price-hike. This, in turn, further slices down the purchasing power of already impoverished people bent under poverty and exploitation. The vicious cycle is completed as the fast diminishing purchasing power of the vast masses of common people leads to market crisis and from there to industrial slowdown- closure- stagnation. This is the reality, as repeatedly pointed out by us and which continues to be so now when the Bill is going to be enacted. And this is the reality, however otherwise may the protagonists of market economy and capitalism try to claim; however hard they may attempt to bring down the number of poor people on papers and however enthusiastic they may pose themselves in predicting early recovery from recession.

In this reality, in the name of industrialization or development what is mostly coming up is real estate business and associated facilities for the monopolists and their crumb-seeking affluent people. The evicted farmers and their family members, now homeless, landless, jobless, can at most be engaged in some lowly, menial jobs in the household of those affluent and the rich or in some stray jobs in the bright shining real estate grown on the lands the farmers used to love as their kin, used to till to live upon.

The slogan of land-grabbing for industrialization and development is, thus, nothing but a cunning ploy to hoodwink people, to cover up these motives and deeds of theirs. The new Bill proposes to continue the same trend of hoax of 'industrialization' and 'urbanization'. It even arms the government to go ahead virtually without consent of the poor landowners, and empower it to grab land to hand it over to the MNCs, monopolists and the rich as a whole. Consent is made mandatory in the latter cases. But any question of getting consent, be it 80% or 100% is meaningless, rather hypocritical, for with the powerful corporates, multinationals and monopolists of the country and abroad in the play for grabbing land and with the government standing in full favour of them, it would not be difficult for them to obtain consent of the affected poor unorganized families at the point of bayonets of their muscle-money and administrative powers. So the government itself plays the role of robber and pushes the peasants to become foddors of the guns of private land sharks. It is the people to judge how 'humane', 'participatory' and 'transparent' the Bill is!

Industries may be set up on vast amounts of fallow, unused lands

Now, had the government been honest, had the monopolists been at all serious in setting up even the minimum number of industries that could be set up in the present condition, they would have and could have chosen land from the vast areas of non-agricultural, fallow land, including the large areas of land belonging to closed down industries still available in ample quantity in the country. The question of their accessibility and other facilities to be made available there are baseless in these days of highly developed communication and transport systems. It would require only some sincere efforts. But surely such efforts would not have to pay the huge cost of losing rich farmland and uprooting large number of people.

Hoax of compensation

The Bill stipulates to make up for this loss and uprooting with *compensation*. Now, at the outset, it needs to be addressed, in the present days when opportunities and avenues of livelihood are getting squeezed every day, when minimum job security is disappearing, how should the question of land

acquisition, loss of fertile farmland and uprooting of people and making up for those with *compensation*, be approached. Along with the dismal picture of employment generation, fast and exorbitant price hike and consequent rise in cost of living, will eat into any amount of compensation and exhaust the sum sooner or later. The LARR2011, posing favour to the peasants, mandates a cost of land above market prices for the acquired land plus a rehabilitation package. How long will it take for a poor, distraught family to find that sum turn into a pittance? On the other hand, how many times of the present market prices will the MNCs and monopolists fetch as their profit when they will develop this land? Should not the landlosers possess a legitimate claim over that multiplied value once the land is developed for commercial purpose? What is then the propriety of the authorities to deny the same to the landowner while deciding compensation and solatium?

Besides, a major bulk of small landowners of the country, does not possess proper legal papers to establish their ownership they have been enjoying traditionally for years together. They will stand liable to be excluded from receiving any compensation, though legal papers or not, the main question is how far compensation can make up for the loss of land. Moreover, vast number of landless labours, sharecroppers and such others associated with land and agriculture are dumped in the LARR 2011 under the category of 'other affected families' over and above 'the owners of the land'. They remain susceptible to be conveniently left out of compensation schemes. So, land acquisition followed by compensation will leave the compensated landless, jobless, homeless families to stand helpless; and what may happen to their rehabilitation and resettlement is known to anybody conversant with reality. In most cases, if not all, this rehabilitation and resettlement will suffer from bureaucratic and legal labyrinth where the concerned authorities, working in tandem with the land-grabbing forces themselves, will put the evicted poor people to thousand and one hazards and obstacles, ultimately to throw them beneath the bare sky to voice complain to their destiny and cheers for the developing, globally viable India and its rich!

But the prime issue that must be recognized is: It is an undeniable

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Singur-Nandigram movements provided peasants with courage and determination to fight eviction

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fact that for each and every person of a country, land is a permanent asset. It feeds not only a few peasants but also their families and that through their generations. How does the ruling capitalists and their lackeys, their subservient politicians, in power and opposition, acquire the right to deny people from their right to this permanent asset of their life? They pose benevolence; they evict people and then compensate. Whom do the government or the companies compensate? A few individuals of one generation. What will be the fate of their next generations?

There are political parties or circles that raise debate on what percent of people's consent is necessary for land grabbing or what should be the quantum of compensation. But in view of the points raised above do those debates stand to any scrutiny or reason at all?

Question of food security

There is another vital question which the protagonists of the Land Bill, even the section of media trumpeting for the Bill are carefully evading. This is the question of self-sufficiency in food and food security. Why is self-sufficiency in food so important for a country and how is that to be measured? A country should be self-sufficient and self-reliant in all respects, as much as possible to remain financially and politically stable. It is one of the measures of its development. Self-sufficiency and self-reliance in food is definitely having primacy over all others. In India, a vast population is bereft of purchasing power to arrange for even a square meal a day. Hence, self-sufficiency in food should mean here that the country must meet the necessities of food for each and every member of its population, including those who cannot procure food for themselves. As India is a vast land of varied geographic and climatic conditions, rich and potential in all the requisite factors of food production, it is natural for every Indian to expect it to grow into a really self-sufficient and self-reliant country in food. But the facts are cruel.

Number one, as mentioned, self-sufficient or not, a vast majority of the country's population still finds it hard to arrange for even a square meal a day. Starvation and starvation deaths still haunt people's life. So people's necessity

for food is not yet properly met with. Number two, over and above this, from 1990 Indian agricultural growth has slumped frighteningly (as was admitted, for instance, to the Press by the Prime Minister himself in 2009). A few constituent states of India recorded the least possible growth rate, even a negative one. Number three, as factors of this debacle, loss of agricultural land stands at the top. With population inevitably growing and thus demand of land as source of food fast rising, further loss of agricultural land is sure to affect food situation more adversely in future. Without admitting this truth, the union or state governments blame drought and bad monsoon as the main factors. Number four, it is claimed that application of latest scientific techniques, may help augment land-fertility and hence productivity to facilitate multi-crop cultivation on single land. But already there are reports that over-aggressive artificial tampering of land and soil actually tells upon productivity in the long run.

Clearly under such circumstances and with such attitude of governments, food security of people of the country hangs on a thin wire. On the question of safeguarding it the LARR2011 stipulates in its Clause 10 that 'no irrigated multi-cropped land shall be acquired under this Act', except 'under exceptional circumstances, as a demonstrable last resort', in no case exceeding 5% of the total irrigated multi-crop area in the relevant district and making arrangements for developing an equivalent area of cultivable wasteland for agricultural purposes. The Bill, however, does not specify who will develop that wasteland and within what time. These provisions, however, shall not apply in case of projects like railways, highways, major district roads, irrigation canals, power lines and the like. With so many ifs and buts where the provisions of the Bill would apply or not, it may be well conceived what kind of safeguard for food security is provided even in this Bill.

On the other hand, it is necessary that a safe and sound planning with a long-term perspective based on optimum utilization of land must be made to ensure food security in all earnestness. With such a planning, there will be no problem in finding

land in the country for industrialization in the true interest of people. But that warrants genuine patriotic feeling and a concern about people on the part of the power that be. Instead, land is being indiscriminately acquired here, there and everywhere by whatever means possible and being handed over to monopolists to maximize their profit at the cost of the people, evicting them, and without caring for another uncalled for deep crisis that might arise from food scarcity. There has been no departure from this devastating approach in the LARR 2011 too!

Eviction goes on for years, evicted no better than gas chamber victims

Even a cursory look at the long years of distant and recent past would show how forcible land grabbing proves the veracity of these apprehensions. During the colonial days as also in the post-independence time land has been acquired indiscriminately in the name of national reconstruction and industrial development to make room for construction or setting up of government or privately owned projects, like big dams with large reservoirs inundating vast areas, mining, setting up of industrial hubs and among others, but no less significant particularly in the recent times, for rampant urbanization with boom in developers' real estate business. This process of reckless acquisition of land has gobbled large areas of arable land, uprooted thousands, nay millions over the country. Compensation, whether promised or not, did not reach most of them; when reached, it fell far short of promised amount. Homeless, landless, jobless these vast multitudes of hapless evicted population, most of which belonged to the peasantry, reminded no less devastation than diasporas, their plight no less pathetic than that of gas-chamber victims of the Nazis.

LARR 2011 nowhere near touching problems

So despite all claims that the LARR2011 would be a new Bill with a new intent and purpose, it does not make any difference from what it had been so long, it does not come anywhere near solving the problem of land acquisition and resulting plight of affected people, or the problem of food security of the country aggravating from indiscriminate land acquisition.

Rather, it is sure to turn out to be a Bill which is so humane (!) and participatory (!) as to grab lands from poor people even without their consent, uproot them and throw them mercilessly into the dark dungeons of uncertainty, if not total doom. So-called consent of affected people will fizzle out before the power of money, muscle, social status or administrative pull of the private owners. The Bill is so transparent that it successfully conceals this design of bringing total ruin to the common people and smoothening the road for the monopolists and their lackeys, the affluent, for taking hold of the land of the country and use to their full satisfaction. With hardly any prospect of industrialization on face of acute industrial stagnation and recession, this acquired land will serve only for urbanization, that is for promotion of lucrative real estate business for the land sharks and unbound comfort and prosperity for the rich. The Bill's proposition to take up acquisition 'with the least disturbance to the owners of the land and other affected families' is heartless and cunning; if eviction from root, the only means of life and livelihood be the 'least disturbance', one may wonder what could be more disturbing !

Parties subservient to ruling class try consensus to please their master: people need conscious sustained organized movement

To get such a dangerous land Bill through, the main architect the Congress leading the central government is inching towards obtaining a consensus. It has already been successful with the main opposition party BJP. The CPI-M, its associates and some others are dragging their feet raising some issues, but not pointing out the real design and danger behind the move. People of the country need to realize that this is nothing unnatural. All the vote-based parliamentary parties, irrespective of hue, must necessarily subserve the class interest of the ruling monopolists, in order to stay afloat in the corridors of power. So, in essence and at the core of their heart, they cannot oppose any move that is going to bring unbound benefit to the monopolists, to the rich. However, so long as the façade of parliamentary democracy exists in

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of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh were held in the party offices. In the evening, a mass meeting was organized by the State Organizing Committee at Shakuntala Road, Agartala. Komsomol comrades offered guard of honour to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. After that a resolution against rising rape and crime throughout the country including the CPI (M)-ruled Tripura was placed by Comrade Shibani Das and seconded by Comrade Sanjoy Chowdhury. Comrade Gopal Kundu, Member, Central Committee, was the main speaker in the meeting. He dealt with how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh conducted a historic struggle to build up SUCI (C) as genuine communist party on Indian soil. Now this party has spread to 22 states of India and is also developing mass movement conducive to the anti-capitalist socialist revolution. In a situation when international communist movement is enfeebled because of revisionist deviation and imperialism-capitalism is on a rampage, it is Comrade Ghosh

Thought which is acting as guide to resurrect world proletarian movement by squarely defeating all shades of revisionism-reformism, tailism of the bourgeoisie and the bourgeois vices like crass individualism and frustrating all capitalist-imperialist machination to keep people chained.

Presiding over the meeting, Comrade Arun Bhaumik, Tripura State Secretary, told that the CPI (M) which has come to power for 7th term in Tripura are implementing the same policies as the Congress-led central governments to serve bourgeois class interest and push the people towards total ruination. He informed braving all odds, the Party is gaining ground in the state and building up people's movement on the burning issues based on the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and unmasking the pseudo-Marxists like the CPI (M), CPI.

Cuttack, Odisha

Foundation Day meeting was held on 24th April at Saheed Bhawan, Cuttack. The meeting was



A part of the gathering at New Delhi

presided over by Comrade Dhurjati Das, State Secretary and Comrade Soumen Basu, Member, Central Committee and West Bengal State Secretary was present as the main speaker. Parade squad of Odisha state Komsomol paid Guard of Honour to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Great Marxist thinker leader and the Founder of SUCI(C).

In his speech, Comrade Soumen Basu deliberated at length on the horrific political, socio-cultural and economic conditions of the country after 67 years of independence and held that it is ruling capitalism which is breeding all miseries and penury in the life of the toiling countrymen. In course of his speech Comrade Basu elaborated the unparalleled painstaking struggle

released by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and handful of his comrades-in arm in those formative years to give shape to SUCI (C) as the genuine communist party on the Indian soil. Comrade Basu called upon the comrades to carry out the twin struggle to build up mighty people's movement throughout the length and breadth of the State and to elevate their standards covering all aspects of life as torchbearers of revolution and be equal to the task history has bestowed upon them. Comrade Dhurjati Das in his presidential address dealt with the machinations of the ruling BJD along with Congress and BJP to hoodwink people by demanding special category State status for Odisha on the eve of general Election.

Rohtak, Haryana

State level public meeting was held at Chhoturam Park Hall, Rohtak which was presided over by Comrade Satyawan, Member Central Committee and Secretary, Haryana State committee, SUCI(C). Meeting was attended by a large number of people, party workers, supporters and sympathizers from different districts of the state. On this occasion a 10 points resolution was also adopted unanimously to launch intense mass awareness

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Comrade Soumen Basu, Member, Central Committee addressing at Cuttack, Odisha

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Only strong organized movement against eviction can help people thwart calamity

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the country, these parties, out of their need and concern for cultivating vote-bank politics, would have to adopt a pro-people policy to hoodwink the masses, divert their attention from the real issue and hide the sinister design. So, sooner or later, they are likely to join the bandwagon and get this devastating Bill passed with a consensus. Common toiling people, rural or urban, land-owning or not, but already bleeding white because of ruthless capitalist exploitation and discrimination, would, therefore, have to raise a unified

voice against this LARR 2011 Bill. In one voice, the fact has to be made clear that: Land is a permanent asset to people which sustains them through generations. So people love them, nourish them, use them to produce their items of need and wealth for the country. Under no circumstances, can this land be wrested away from them, by force or by temptation offering a pittance of compensation that is never going to last long even for a generation, and then turning them into street beggars. In no way can this grabbing of land be equated with a semblance of rehabilitation

and resettlement, which in our country has always been ultimately denied to common people by overt or covert means. Thus even if the parliamentary parties in power or in opposition be successful to have the Bill enacted by dint of brute majority in the parliament, intense movements must be launched anywhere and everywhere in the country against the Bill or against any measure taken on its basis. Movements have to be launched with the demand that fertile agricultural lands cannot be acquired under any pretext. New industries, if any, can be set up in

the vast stretch of non-agricultural, fallow or unused lands of closed-down industries. In any case, only a powerful people's opinion and a sustained organized movement can save people from the impending calamity. Once such movements at Singur, Nandigram inspired people of the whole country to rise in resistance against indiscriminate land-grabbing; it is the need of the hour that such movements be made more powerful and spread all over the country, whenever there is any attempt to grab lands evicting people from their homestead and means of livelihood.

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campaign on the burning issues of people's life from 10th May to 31st May. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, member, Central Committee, SUCI(C) and All India President of AIMSS addressed the meeting as main speaker.

In her address, Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, at the outset, pointed out the importance of 24th April as a landmark day as SUCI (C), the genuine revolutionary party formed by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and his handful of revolutionary compatriots, was founded on this very day way 65 years back. She then spoke at length about the current sordid political situation in the country marked by criminalization, nepotism, opportunism, deception and scandals which are hallmark of decadent moribund capitalist system. She cited examples to show what pathetic a condition capitalism has turned the society into where all moral and human values are on steady wane. That is why ghastly incidents of rape, gang rape, even on 5 year old girl child and also with women of mother age are on rise. She also dealt with current economic crises faced by the advanced capitalist countries world over and the outburst of people's protest against it like the Occupy Wall Street movement. She said that the ruling parties as well as the main opposition parties which are hungry for power are claiming of 'development' but only 1% rich people of India are benefited by it and rest of 99% common people are denied the basic facilities of life. Corruption has permeated every sphere. Exploitation of workers and peasants did not end with the end of British Raj. The rich are becoming richer and the poor poorer. She reminded the party comrades of the clarion call of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to go to the masses, organize them and build up people's struggle committees an launch mighty mass movements on the burning issues of life. She gave call to strengthen Party organization throughout country. She appealed to the party workers to come forward to fight bourgeois vices i.e. private property mental complex and individualism and intensify the struggle to acquire true communist character.

Presiding over the meeting, Comrade Satyawan, member, Central Committee and Haryana State Secretary spoke about the various problems the Haryana people are devastated with. He also spoke about various movements in state and appealed to the comrades

to take forward the mass movement on burning problems of lives that would be true message of Party Foundation Day.

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee was also the main speaker at the UP state level meeting held at Gangaprasad Memorial Hall in Lucknow on 28th April. Comrade V N Singh, UP State secretary presided over and Comrade Jagdish Chandra Asthana, member, UP State Committee, also spoke.

Surat, Gujarat

The Gujarat state level programme of Party Foundation Day observation was held on 24th April with a well spirited demonstration on the burning state and national issues like atrocities on women, rising price-rise, implementation of labour laws, hike in education and health services, etc at Choak area in Surat. Then a public meeting attended by party workers-supporters-sympathizers from Ahmedabad, Baroda, Surat was held at Kanjibhai Desai Hall. On this occasion, Gujarati translation of the book captioned "Learn from the lives of revolutionaries and social reformers" by Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of the Party was released by Comrade Sankar Saha, Member, Central Committee, SUCI(C). In his introductory speech, Comrade Dwarikanath Rath, Secretary, Gujarat SOC pointed out how the state of Gujarat, projected by the interested quarters to be a shining symbol of progress is degenerating in every sphere of life. He also showed how Narendra Modi, the tainted BJP chief minister of the state posed as future prime minister of the country by a powerful section of the industrial house is blatantly subverting labour laws and keeping the state surcharged with communal tension. However, overcoming all hurdles and difficulties, there is a steady growth of SUCI(C) in the state.

Main speaker Comrade Sankar Saha, at the outset, dwelt on how

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh along with a handful of his revolutionary compatriots conducted a historic struggle to found SUCI (C) as the genuine Marxist party on the soil on 24th April, 1948. He then spoke at length on the current political situation in country, deteriorating condition of the working class, the various facets of ruthless capitalist oppression particularly on the cultural-moral sphere, current severe economic crises faced by the advanced capitalist countries world over and the spontaneous outburst of people's movements there. He called upon all to strengthen SUCI(C) for successful conduction of the struggle for emancipation. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Meenakshi Joshi, State Committee member who spoke about various problems in Gujarat especially drought situation.



Comrade Dwarikanath Rath, Gujarat State Secretary, addressing at Mumbai

Mumbai, Maharashtra

The Party Foundation Day was observed at Mahatma Jotibarao Phule Hall, Chinchpakoli, Mumbai with Comrade Anil Tyagi, Secretary, Mumbai Party Organizing Committee as the President and Comrade Dwarika Nath Rath, Gujarat State Secretary SUCI (C), the main speaker. Addressing the well-attended gathering, Comrade Rath explained the immense significance of the Day in the context of Indian revolution and the historic role SUCI(C) is poised to play in begetting the desired emancipation of the suffering Indian masses pressed under the grinding wheel of capitalist

oppression. He also referred to the conspiracy being hatched by a powerful section of the industrial house to project a killer like Narendra Modi as the country's next prime minister. Comrades Kumar Kulshrestha and Jairam Viswakarma also addressed the meeting.

Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

State level Party Foundation Day meeting was held at Municipal Community Building on 24th April in culmination of a statewide ideological campaign, collective reading, fund collection and literature sale. Comrades Ramavatar Sharma, Member, MP State Organizing Committee, presided. Comrade Rabin Samajpati, Jharkhand State Secretary, who was present as the main speaker highlighting the

historic significance of the Foundation Day, dwelt on the present sociopolitical scenario marked by increasing deterioration in the life and livelihood of the common people. Pointing to the alarming rise in scams, corruption, crime on women, political debauchery and such other aberrations springing from the worn-out stinking capitalist system, he showed how the entire imperialist-capitalist world is faced with unforeseen recession and stagnation, saluted the rising people's protest against capitalist globalization in advanced imperialist countries, and drew attention to the tasks of the Party

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Comrade Sankar Saha, Member, Central Committee, addressing at Surat, Gujarat

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty's speech

Unrelenting subservience to the monopoly and corporate houses patterns 'anti-people' attitude of the big parties

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set of higher values capitalism freed the individual from the feudal bondage which led to the progress of the society. For a long time it played a progressive role both materially as well as spiritually. But in nature, society or life nothing is permanent; anything that has come into being has to go out of being. After playing its progressive role a stage is reached where its further progress stops and gradually it begins to decay but with this onset of the process of decay it carries within its womb the embryo of the new being that is to replace it in the wake of its going out of being. The same is true about capitalism as a system. Lenin while further elaborating and enriching Marx's teachings showed that after capitalism reached the stage of imperialism during the end of 19th and beginning of 20th century, it has reached the highest stage of its development beyond which its regression or decay has set in. In such a situation capitalism has become moribund and reactionary and an obstacle to further development of the society. The capitalist system therefore needs to be overthrown and replaced. Accordingly, the Bolsheviks under Lenin's leadership overthrew the bourgeois state headed by Kerensky which had become moribund. A system which has not reached the moribund stage, that is, a system which still has some progressive role to play, cannot be overthrown however much one tries. Lenin demonstrated it to the world. Later Mao-Zedong, Ho Chi Minh, Kim Il Sung and Fidel Castro accomplished revolutions in their respective countries and showed to the world that capitalism has become moribund and is an obstacle to human progress. They showed that once the progressive values of humanism brought by the bourgeoisie have become totally exhausted and decadent and, as long as the society is governed by these values, they will pollute the society and social atmosphere. The need is of a new set of higher and nobler values based on the proletarian world outlook and culture as shown by Marx, developed by Lenin and further elaborated and enriched in our country by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. What does that mean? There was no individual freedom during the feudal system; the bourgeoisie freed the individual and established his right for ownership over the

means of production. This resulted in progress of the society and production became more organized and collective in nature whereas the ownership of the means of production remained individual in character. From then onwards injustice became sharper and pronounced. Marx showed that this crisis or contradiction can be resolved only by replacing the individual ownership over social means of production by social ownership, to conform to the social character of the productive forces. Marx showed that this is the only way this injustice can be put an end to. All the means of production should be brought under the social ownership of the society. Those who produce should be the owners of the means of production and the owners should be the workers. This is what is called social ownership over the means of production. That is the only solution. This new most advanced culture, this new value based on collective work for the society as a whole and not for themselves, developed with the emergence of proletariat at a given stage of development of human society, that is, the stage of capitalism. The individual worker may not reflect this culture as he is born in the capitalist society under whose influence he falls victim to individualism, a bourgeois humanist value based on individual ownership of the means of production. Considering the historical position of the proletariat Marx termed this as the highest culture which paves way for the elimination of individualism. Today individualism has become alarmingly polluted. It is making people more and more self-centered where they have no concern even for their family members. In all the capitalist countries by and large this is the position now. Today bourgeois values of life cannot help us move forward, but will pull us backwards, instead of solving problems it is creating problems. Collectivism or the values based on collective ownership of the means of production has come with the emergence of the proletariat which Marxism alone could explain and show. In our country its application in our day to day life was concretely explained by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in the concrete conditions obtaining in our country. If those who will lead the masses themselves have fallen victim to individualism, they can't lead. That

is why not only the leaders of Congress and BJP, but all the other bourgeois parties and even the petty-bourgeois parties like CPI(M), CPI and other groups are not free from individualism. Where will they lead the people to? Their first priority is their own self. People are secondary. A party which is formed on the basis of these values based on collectivism and whose leaders struggle to acquire these values in their day to day struggles, alone can give correct leadership to the masses. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh laid the foundation of SUCI(C) on the basis of these values. Otherwise anybody can learn certain things about Marxism-Leninism from the Marxist literatures. Herein lies the real struggle to become a communist, the struggle to acquire these higher values and culture, tastes and moral and ethical standard. If this struggle is not conducted relentlessly by us, our party is also bound to degenerate. We will also fall. That Com. Ghosh once conducted this struggle in the party and there is no need to conduct the struggle now, will not take us anywhere. If we give up the struggle to acquire higher standards of morality, ethics and culture, we are sure to fall and degenerate as happened to the great Lenin's party or Mao's party. If you go for the reasons, you will find that individualism was provided all the conducive conditions to grow during and after the period of Khrushchev, which ultimately led to the emergence of revisionism through which bourgeois thoughts and culture crept into the party to weaken it from within. We are already working in a bourgeois system and are constantly under the influence of its decadent culture. If we do not consciously wage a struggle against individualism, our weaknesses whether it is towards our beloveds or our children or anybody else, we are bound to fall. We shall have love for them but not weakness. Love and weakness are not one and the same thing. In that case nobody can save us. The day we give up the struggle we will fall. So comrades, those who uncompromisingly struggle against individualism to attain higher levels of proletarian culture will surely advance. And if this culture, which was developed in our party by Com. Ghosh, is not spread to the common masses, we cannot accomplish revolution on our soil. It is a matter of relief that seeing the developed

culture of our comrades, everywhere the people are attracted towards our party. In all the states our party is expanding when all other parties are disintegrating. This is because in those parties individualism has become so deep rooted that each individual leader has his own group and the infightings between the groups leads to splits and formation of a separate party — a phenomenon which is totally alien to our party. If we are able to maintain and preserve this process in our party, which had been so assiduously developed by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh from the very beginning, our party will never fall. We need to acquaint people with all these aspects.

One important thing which must be understood is that this movement, which followed the dastardly gang rape and torture on 16.12.2012, was a laudable movement as it was quite disciplined, sincere and dedicated to the cause. Despite severe repression by the police, the participants could not be cowed down. But the movement had a great limitation at the same time which the revolutionaries cannot lose sight of. It kept itself away from politics which in fact is the conspiracy of the bourgeoisie which discourages students, workers, employees, teachers from associating themselves with politics. The slogan of 'No politics' in itself is a politics of the bourgeoisie because the bourgeoisie is mortally afraid of people getting involved in revolutionary politics. If these educated broad sections of society are not allowed to participate in politics then it is the bourgeoisie themselves, the vested interests and lumpen elements who will monopolize politics. We must understand that in a class divided society there are two types of politics — bourgeois politics and working class politics — which are diametrically opposed to each other. Bourgeois politics is the politics that defends and protects exploitation and oppression and which has become degraded today morally and ethically while the politics of the working class is the politics to overthrow the system of exploitation and oppression and to create a new civilization based on higher ethics, morality and culture. In this situation a revolutionary party will have to impress upon the

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Comrade Krishna Chakraborty's speech

Powerful torch of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought shall illumine the path

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people the indispensable necessity of the working class politics if they really want to be emancipated from this exploitative system. Since people have developed disgust against anti-people and degraded politics of the bourgeoisie and petty bourgeois parties the slogan of 'No politics' could confuse some people. If the slogan of 'No politics' is not fought out and the masses get carried away by this mischievous slogan, it is bound to create favourable soil for the growth of fascism. People need to know the real revolutionary party which is capable of leading them in their fight against exploitation and injustice.

In today's alarming and complex situation when crises have engulfed all spheres of life, when the common people have been pushed to misery and destitution, when human values are dying out in a system which has lost its human face, we have to prove ourselves equal to the task of organizing the people. For that we will have to equip ourselves first with the working class politics, culture, ethics and morality. We must then work among people in localities and mohallas to give shape to peoples struggle committees involving all sections of society particularly the youths. If we are able to do so and involve thousands and thousands of people, criminals will simply run away out of fear. And if they dare to disturb the peace it will be the peoples committee which will punish them. The government and the police will thus be pressurized by the force of people's movement to change its attitude towards the movement. You know it was under the pressure of the movement that the government was forced to appoint Justice Verma Committee to suggest changes in the laws on crimes on women. However, it was due the weakness or fading away of the people's movement that this most important recommendation of the committee to bring police and para military forces within the ambit of such laws, was not accepted by the government. The reason advanced by the government was that it will demoralize the security forces and the forces will be antagonized. You very well know the attitude of the police towards women in such cases. There are innumerable instances which speak volumes about the role of police and para military forces in such cases in Delhi as well as outside Delhi. There are instances of

brutalities committed in North East, in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere by the police personnel. If security forces or police are not covered under such laws what message the government gives to the criminals? It in fact gives them a signal of encouragement. So I repeat here that it is only through a strong pressure exerted by a people's movement that the government will be forced to yield to the legitimate demands of the people.

People are full of resentment and anger and are eager to join movements against crimes on women, corruption, police brutalities and apathy of the central and state governments. That is why they are joining the movements in thousands. However, they have no clear understanding about the direction of the movement. They are also averse to politicization of the movement. Whatever the difficulty we have to convince them about the need to equip them with people's politics and give them a direction. The only course open is to politicize them, organize them into peoples' committees which will serve as their own instruments of struggle. In Kerala we are setting up *Stree Surakhsha* Committees in all the districts. People are responding with their support. People want correct direction and guidance for waging struggle against injustice and oppression. We should help them getting organized.

Here the people will have to understand one important thing that at a time when there is urgent need to develop a countrywide movement, which no single party can build up, united struggle of left and democratic forces of the country is the need of the hour. But unfortunately, the big left parties like CPI, CPI(M) etc. instead of taking initiative to build up such a movement are busy in forming the so called third alternative by combining with the regional bourgeois parties like the AIADMK, TDP, BJD, RJD, or even with the casteist party BSP only to gain some parliamentary benefits.

Another dangerous trend that is disturbing the unity of the exploited masses is the menacing growth of Hindu communalism spread by the Sangh Parivar. Now they are trying to project Mr. Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister under whose rule the worst type of communal riots took place in Gujarat killing no less than 1200 Muslims. Not to speak of the democratic movement, the

democratic atmosphere of the country will be totally destroyed if this venture of the Sangh Parivar becomes victorious. I am sure that the democratic and the progressive forces of the country will give a befitting defeat to this attempt of the Sangh Parivar.

On the occasion of the Party Foundation Day if we are able to give shape to peoples committees, it will be a great step in the direction of strengthening the movement for the anti-capitalist socialist revolution. If the peoples committees conduct struggles in the right direction the people themselves will become aware that the root-cause of all the crises is the Indian capitalist system which needs to be overthrown and replaced with the workers own state, that is, the socialist state. They will also realize that the capitalist state has become an obstacle to the social progress and it needs to be done away with the conscious and organized struggle of the working class. The bourgeoisie is trying its best to create confusions among the people; it is trying to break the unity of the people through various means. It is breaking the moral and ethical backbone of the youth by introducing and promoting sex, violence, liquor, drugs and obscenity. The people engaged in the struggle conducted by the peoples committees shall expose and defeat such moves of the bourgeoisie by creating a powerful counter current of people's

movement. All through such struggles we shall be guided by the powerful torch of Marxism-Leninism which in the Indian context has been concretized by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Please remember comrades that fear is the greatest enemy of mankind. It takes away all power of man, and the ruling exploiting class of all times knew it very well. They created and now also are creating fear in the people by using the brutal state power. But when do people fear? They fear when the future is enveloped in darkness. We fear darkness because we do not know what lies in the front — snakes or tigers, thorny bushes or pits or holes. So we fear to advance. But if we have a powerful torch in hand that throws light in front, we see what is there in the front and find our path and boldly march forward. Knowledge has been compared with light and it is rightly so. Marxism is an exceptionally powerful torch that helps us to see even the hidden laws that govern nature, society and life. We are to master it and find out the way. I firmly believe that comrades will try to master Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought and march forward. With revolutionary greetings to you all. I conclude.

Long live Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist)
Long live anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution
Red salute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

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obviously from electoral interest, it is during the 34 year rule of theirs in West Bengal that these 'cheat funds' came into being, flourished and extended their network to other states as well. Even the TMC chief minister herself inaugurated some of the much-hyped launches of the Saradha group though she now pleads her ignorance about the antecedents of the group promoter and his shady operations. Notably, one of its central ministers from the state is also stated to have written to the central government certifying that the Saradha group is not indulging in any unlawful business.

We demand immediate ban of all such organizations engaged in economic slaughtering of the impoverished multitudes and institution of a CBI enquiry into the whole episode under the supervision of the Supreme Court. All those found guilty should be held as arch criminals and stringently punished. All properties of all the chit funds including Saradha group will have to be confiscated and converted into cash for paying back to the common investors. Since both the central and state governments are squarely responsible for such a horrific crime on people, it is incumbent on them to provide for the entire balance amount to fully compensate the investors. At the same time, we fervently appeal to the suffering people not to fall prey to such decoy which is the hallmark of the crisis-ridden moribund decadent out and out corrupt capitalist system, its drivers, defenders, benefactors and beneficiaries, but stand firm and united in movement against all the ploys, intrigues, traps and sinister designs of ruling capitalism and its subervers as well as force the governments under pressure of movement to cleanse the system of these fly-by-night operators.

Comrade Manik Mukherjee Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), returns after attending International Anti-imperialist Symposium at Istanbul, Turkey on April 14-19

Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), attended on invitation the Fourth International Symposium on 'Unity of the Peoples Against Imperialist Aggression' at Istanbul on January 14-19, 2013. It was organized by People's Front, a militant organization fighting against imperialism and the fascistic onslaughts by the Turkish capitalist

September"), Greece (Communist Party of Greece (ML)), and Nepal (Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization) participated in the Symposium. The main topics of the Symposium were: 1. Imperialist Aggression and Anti-Imperialist Struggle, 2. Imperialism, economic crisis and our attitudes, 3. Prisons and the Policy of Isolation, 4. The struggle against the corrupt culture

surreptitiously sucking the strength of the people's movements from within. Today the imperialists are promoting the spread of all sorts of obscurantist ideas, and ideas which prevent people from finding out the truth. At the same time they are fostering the most vulgar and rotten culture, and extreme individualism, among the people, and a mental make-up that makes a person turn away from any social obligation or any concern for social problems. They are aiming to produce dehumanized, self-centred robots without any sense of social responsibility. Revolutionaries must strive to build up a progressive

cultural movement conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution. We must conduct an incessant and uncompromising struggle towards that end. Comrade Mukherjee said that proletarian culture is born out of the struggle of the class conscious workers based on the correct revolutionary political ideology and grows in the course of exhausting the bourgeois humanist moral values. It is the bounden duty of all revolutionary organizations to imbue the people with the higher ethics, morality and values of the proletarian culture through the mediums of art, literature, music, drama etc.



Comrade Manik Mukherjee addressing the Symposium

rulers on their own people. Delegates from Ireland (Republican Sinn Fein Party), Philippines (NDFP), India, Germany (Antifascist Centre), Palestine, Bangladesh, French Guyana, Honduras (Communist Party of Honduras), Lebanon, Venezuela (Communist Party of Venezuela), Iraq, Senegal, Bulgaria (Communist Party of Bulgaria, Rebellion Movement "23

of imperialism, 5. Youth Struggle and its organization against imperialism. Comrade Manik Mukherjee delivered his lecture on the topic, "Imperialist Onslaughts on Culture". In his brief speech, Comrade Manik Mukherjee said that imperialism attacks not only militarily, economically and politically, but also culturally, and the cultural attack is more deadly because it is more subtle and acts

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leaders and cadres as detached vanguard of the proletariat while emphasizing the need of developing people's struggles by forming people's committees. Comrades Umapasrad, Secretary, MP State Organizing Committee and Jagdish Barai, Member, State Organizing Committee, also addressed the

meeting.

Everywhere the meetings started with the song composed on the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, garlanding his portrait of Comrade and ended with the rendering of the 'Internationale'.

(Coverage of other meetings will be in the next issue)

Donate liberally to the fund for Reconstruction of Party's Central Office

It has become imperatively necessary to build a new building in place of the old building housing the central office of the SUCI(C) relentlessly developing movements on the burning demands of people's life.

Many reminiscences, emotions and attachment of the leaders and workers of the Party, many memories of historical movements are associated with the present Party office building at 48, Lenin Sarani, Kolkata. So, the leaders-workers-supporters-sympathizers of the Party from all the states of the country desired that the central office of the Party continues to be at that old place only. That is why, when there came an opportunity to purchase the building, it was possible to buy that property with the donations mainly collected from the Party leaders-workers-supporters-sympathizers. We convey revolutionary greetings to them for that.

But the old building is now in a dilapidated condition. There is also acute shortage of space to conduct the multifarious works of the Party which is growing fast. In the circumstances, all the leaders-workers-supporters-sympathizers expressed desire to have a new building in place of the present ramshackle construction. So, the Central Committee has taken a decision to construct a new building. But, whatever funds were hitherto raised from the leaders-workers-supporters-sympathizers has been spent on buying the old building. We need more funds for construction of the new building. So is our appeal not only to the workers-supporters-sympathizers of the Party but to the people at large for generously donating to the Fund for construction of the new building.

We strongly believe that the people would come forward and generously contribute to this Fund for new building construction the way that they had in all previous occasions to make all the programmes of the Party complete success.

With greetings

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Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Member, Central Committee, addressing at Rohtak, Haryana

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