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सड़कों पर उतरे विवश किसान, नहीं मिलते उन्हें फ़सलों के उचित दाम

निर्मम भाजपा को है सिर्फ़ सुर्खियों से काम

Modi Government's uncaring, unfeeling, insensitive, apathetic and thick-skinned attitude to the issues raised by 62% of India's population- Farmers has precipitated into a nationwide protest by our '*Annadata*'.

‘गांव बंद’ – the All India protest by lakhs of Farmers between June 1 to June 10 to observe the cruelty of the Mandsaur shooting, on June 6, last year is a direct affirmation of the ‘Kisan Virodhi’ policies of Shri Narendra Modi. While ‘Mandsaur shooting’ is the symbol, the Farmers across India, are protesting against widespread rural indebtedness, non- remunerative prices and complete apathy of the Modi Government.

Congress President, Shri Rahul Gandhi will be in Mandsaur to observe the first death anniversary of the 6 farmers that were brutally killed in police shooting, but BJP ruled Madhya Pradesh Government in sheer desperation is trying to suppress the protests by using illegal means. Justice eludes the Mandsaur farmers as they are still awaiting the fair prices from the Shivraj Singh Chouhan Govt. BJP is running a malicious campaign against the protesting farmers, attributing ‘political backing’ to their united strike. BJP ruled Madhya Pradesh is panic stricken, as it even forced the farmers to sign a ‘peace bonds’ before the protest. Now the MP Police has especially bought 17000 new battens to ‘take care of the protest’ (sic).

Fact remains that young dejected farmers are resigning to their fate, fleeing farms and aspiring for other jobs because the BJP has completely failed them. They are forced to throw their produce on the streets or distribute it for free as they are not getting fair prices for it. They have announced that they will not sell their produce in Mandis in cities. They are demanding the implementation of the Swaminathan Committee Report to avail Cost + 50% MSP as promised by Shri Narendra Modi. They are also demanding a complete loan waiver, like the Congress-UPA had implemented in 2008.

The Indian National Congress is also playing its part as a responsible opposition in amplifying their voices so that Shri Narendra Modi comes out of his ‘Jumla World’ and witness the stark reality on the ground.



In past 4 years, a multitude of extremely serious issues are faced by the farmers :-

- **LOWEST EVER Agriculture Growth under Modi Govt - 1.9% (2014-18)** as compared to 4.2% under Congress (2004-14)
- **Doubling Farmers' Income** by the year 2022 is a **JUMLA** as 'Compound Annual Growth Rate' (CAGR) is 2.5% against the required 10.4% i.e 500% less
- **Prime Minister's promise of MSP = Cost + 50% profit for farmers is a 'White Lie'**
- Kharif season MSP 2017-18 itself proves that **Cost + 50% has not been given for ANY crop**
- Even Projected Cost of Production of Mandated Crops during Rabi Marketing Season, 2018-19 does not provide Cost+ 50% MSP as fair prices to farmers.
- **'Rural Wage Growth' dips from 38% in 2014 to 0% in 2018** (RBI Report)
- **Tragically, 35 farmers are driven to 'Suicide' in every 24 hours**
- **BJP Govt refuses to 'WAIVE FARM LOANS', while Modi Govt writes off loans worth Rs 2.41 Lakh Cr for its crony friends.**
- Maharashtra BJP Govt promises loan waiver to 89 lakh farmers but denies benefits to nearly 30 lakh farmers in garb of Aadhaar linked forms.
- **In BJP ruled Uttar Pradesh, 11,700 farmers get loan waiver of a pittance of ₹1 to ₹500.**
- **Sugarcane arrears surge to over ₹20,000 Cr** as insensitive Modi govt flounders.
- **PM Fasal Bina Yojana benefits Insurance Companies, not farmers.** Companies earn a profit of ₹14,828 Cr but farmers get paid only ₹5,650 Cr
- **First time since Independence, BJP Govt imposes GST on Agriculture** -Tractor/Agri implements (12%), Tyres/Tubes/Transmission parts (18%), Pesticides (18%), Cold Storages (18%)
- Double jeopardy for farmers as **Agriculture Exports decline** by US\$ 9.4 billion and Agriculture Imports rise by US\$ 10.06 billion
- **Nexus with 'Foodgrain Mafia'** is evident as BJP reduced import duty on wheat from 25% to 0% as Farmers' Wheat crop arrived in markets
- Foodgrain Mafia was permitted Pulses import at ₹44 /kg in 2015-16, which sold at ₹230 /kg. Again in 2016-17, despite bumper produce of 221 lakh tonne Pulses, import of 56 lakh tonne Pulses permitted at ₹44/kg

In this precarious situation, where the Indian farmer is complete distress and not even an year is left for the BJP to complete its term, the Congress party would continue to demand answers from the apathetic and insensitive Modi Government. **People of India and the Farmers of India have decided to vote out the Modi Government and whatever belated actions it takes, they will be too little and too late.**