
Subject: Statement of Shri RS Surjewala, I/c Communication, AICC on BJP National Executive

For all theatrics this Government is nothing but a Poonjipati friendly- anti farmer oligarchy-it is a Jhoothi Sarkar

During the last couple of days we have witnessed, what is now familiar, high drama sans any substance, on part of the Prime Minister, Shri Amit Shah and the BJP.

Having refused to come out of the election campaign mode, the PM again resorted to rhetorical promises devoid of any concrete action plan to fulfill them. At his party's national executive in Bangalore, Shri Modi rather than answering the concrete questions that stare him and the nation in its face, chose to gloss over his government's embarrassing U Turns on various issues by again making high sounding but dodgy pronouncements like "Antodaya Hamara Sankalp", "Panchamrit", "Chaturangi Kranti", "Digital India", "Skill Development" and "Make in India".

The PM and the BJP would have done well, to outline in their resolutions at the National Executive, as to what plan of action do they have to achieve "Antodaya"? does Antodaya entail grabbing land from poor hapless and marginal farmers without their consent and give it away to Industrialist friends who funded his campaign?

Does Antodaya mean cutting government spending in social sector schemes that aim to benefit the last person on the margin of the society? Isn't it diabolical that while the Government cuts allocation of schemes that address the "Antim vyakti" at the "Antim Chhor", the BJP resolves that "Antodaya" is its "Sankalp"?

Be it Angan wadi scheme, MNREGA, Aids Control, Education, Health, Agriculture or Food Security, this government has slashed funds by upto 50%- is this Antodaya?

For rain and hail devastated farmers, this Government gives compensation at the rate of Rs. 200/acre- is this Antodaya?

The Chairman of NITI Ayaog says that compensation can be provided out of the funds earmarked to the National Disaster Management and State Disaster Management Authorities- is this how Antodaya will be achieved?

Will gifting of loans by Public Sector Banks to Corporates for buying coal mines in Australia help achieve Antodaya?

The anti poor-anti aam aadmi mindset of this government and Shri Modi are only

amplified when his Minister, Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman blatantly says that "Thermal and Nuclear power plants cant wait for Social Impact Assessment and Consent".

The Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley brazenly says that the UPA 2013 Land Bill was anti farmer- this despite the fact that he and his party supported the bill unanimously in 2013 and becomes all the more untenable when one were to take into consideration the fact that the 2013 Act has not even been implemented till now.

In defending the new draconian land bill that Shri Modi and his government are pursuing, Shri Jaitley repeatedly invoked "rural housing", one is left to wonder how did the previous governments manage to construct crore of houses in rural areas under the Indira Awas Yojana? Can rural housing be an alibi to amending a farmer friendly act?

The foreign policy resolution yet again did a blatant exercise in renaming and shameless plagiarism- Panchsheel to Panchamrit. The Prime Minister said India's image has gone up internationally. Will the Prime Minister care to elaborate as to how "Panchamrit" and India's strong image abroad has escalated cease fire violations by Pakistan and China and why across border firings are at a record high? How is it that our citizens are waiting haplessly in strife torn countries to be evacuated?

The Congress Party is surprised that a Government, a Party and its leadership, that is such expert at theatrics and verbal marketing is continuously misleading, rather than clearly articulating its stance on burning issues. We want a clear answer on;

1. Why is the Government steamrolling the anti farmer Land Bill?
2. Will the Government agree upon retaining the "SIA" and Consent clauses of the 2013 Land Act- provisions that form the soul of the Act?
3. Why isn't the Government coming out with a "Land Use Policy" and a "Land Management Authority" to deal with the issue of Land Acquisition, as promised in their manifesto? What is the hurry? Is it the pressure from some lobby with vested interest?
4. When, if ever, will the Government implement its declared promise of fixing MSPs that are 50% more than the cost of a farmer's input?
5. Will the compensation paid to farmers who've suffered crop damage due to rain and hail remain Rs 200/acre or will it be enhanced?
6. When will the Government implement the Swaminathan Commission report?
7. When will the people of India get their promised Rs 15 lakhs of the black money stashed abroad?
8. When will the PM ensure that cease fire violations from Pakistan and China stop and across border firing stops?
9. When will the PM speak to hostile countries with "Red Eyes" and set them right?
10. In light of the unseasonal rains and hail that have resulted in high moisture and grain breakage, will the Government/FCI review its decision of not procuring rabi crop in excess of 12-14% moisture content and 4-6% grain damage?