

PRESS RELEASE

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Reacting to Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's statement in Shanghai, China today, Randeep Singh Surjewala, Incharge Communications, AICC has issued the following statement to the press:-

“Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has done it again! Speaking to the Indian diaspora in China, he continued to be in ‘election rally mode’ (which he refuses to come out of) using the opportunity to mount a disgraceful and distasteful attack on the opposition and beating his own drum. Verbal character assassination of India's achievements of last 67 years on foreign soil by Shri Narendra Modi is unacceptable and a ‘new low’ in practicing despicable politics . From Canada to China, Prime Minister continues to repeat this historical blunder with scant regard to dissent, opposition and norms of conduct of the high office of Prime Minister.

After one year of being in Government, Prime Minister's obsession to target opposition and its leaders repeatedly on foreign soil is deplorable and unacceptable. His understanding of the fact that India, until he became Prime Minister, did not enjoy any respect amongst the international community is misplaced and is an insult to Indian Generations gone by, who worked tirelessly to lay the foundation of the modern Indian state. This includes our farmers, workers, defence personnel, students, teachers, ordinary men and women and our leaders who lived and died for to protect the pride of our great country.

Before elections he had challenged the Congress to show ‘red eyes’ to China while talking to them. As he leaves China today, we wonder whether he spoke to Chinese showing his ‘red eyes’ on issues of Chinese government giving stapled visas to people of Arunachal Pradesh while he extends e-visas facility to Chinese nationals, CCTV (Chinese official media) depicting Arunachal Pradesh as an integral part of China as also large portion of State of J&K as part of Pakistan, continuous and repeated Chinese incursions into Indian territory, construction of dams on the upstream of River Bramhaputra, nearly USD 46 billions of committed investment by China in Pakistan including Pakistan in Occupied Kashmir and a nearly USD 40 billions trade imbalance between India and China. On most of these issues of National interest, Prime Minister's visit is a complete and utter failure.

Prime Minister has forgotten to remind Indian diaspora in his speech that only yesterday, his Government had raised the prices of petrol and diesel for a second time within 15 days. He conveniently forgot to inform about introduction of the draconian Land Acquisition Ordinance taking away provision of consent of citizens. He also did not inform millions of Indians staying overseas that his cabinet has opined for children of 14 years of age to work while his government has cut down on Budget spending on educating the future of the country.

Prime Minister of a Government that enjoys the majority in Parliament omitted to inform the diaspora that Modi Government is not a ‘business friendly government’ but a ‘friend of chosen businessmen government’. Prime Minister's nearly 16 International forays in less than 12 months without any tangible returns for the country can hardly be a yardstick of hardwork.

That's why, common man on the street recites a favourite slogan on one year of completion of Modi government – “प्रधानमंत्री जी देश में आते हैं कभी कभार – ऐसी रही मोदी सरकार”.

India as a young nation has always held its head high and commanded respect in the International community. Our freedom struggle was principled and we fought with strength of Mahatma Gandhi's tools of 'satyagraha, non-violence and truth' to protect our values. Leadership of our country and strength of our citizenry contributed to protect these values and principles which earned us global admiration. Shri Narendra Modi would be well-advised to take off the adversarial 'RSS Pracharak Hat' and truly wear the 'Hat of India's composite culture' as Prime Minister of country.”

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