

Shri Randeep Singh Surjewala and Shri Kapil Sibal addressed the media today.

Shri Randeep Singh Surjewala said the draconian decision of PM Shri Narendra Modi and his Government to whittle down the rights to Fair Compensation Act 2013 - the most important piece of farmer welfare Legislation enacted by the Congress-led UPA has come to a naught finally. This has happened on account of a committed and sustained struggle of lakhs and lakhs of farmers in every nook and corner of India from Parliament to Ramlila Ground, from state capitals to small villages.

Indian National Congress and crores of its workers - Social and Farmers' Organizations, like-minded political parties - they all protested vociferously but decisively the attempts to kill the soul and spirit of the 2013 Act. Despite PM Shri Narendra Modi's obduracy to successively push through Ordinance to undermine the 2013 Act, the sinister conspiracy failed and the Government had to bend at the door steps of India's farmers not only to celebrate the success of India's farmers and farm labourers but to tell the Modi Government that they cannot replace their dictatorial will for the hard work of the farmer who is the '**Ann-data**' of the country.

Indian National Congress has decided to organize a '**Kisan Mazdoor Samman Rally**' on 20th September 2015 in Ramlila Ground at Delhi. Not only will Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Shri Rahul Gandhi who have been in the fore-front of the struggle of farmers' and farm labourers' rights, be the prominent Chief Guest and Speakers, lakhs of farmers from across the country will participate in the Rally.

श्री सुरजेवाला ने पत्रकारों को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि देश के करोड़ों किसानों की ओर से भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कांग्रेस की अध्यक्ष श्री मति सानिया गांधी और उपाध्यक्ष राहुल गांधी जी कांग्रेस के लाखों कार्यकर्ताओं, सहयोगी राजनीतिक दलों, किसानों के संगठनों, सामाजिक संगठनों सभी ने मिलकर 2013 के उचित मुआवजा कानून को खत्म करने की मोदी सरकार के षडयंत्र के खिलाफ कई महीने से गांव, खलिहान और खेतों से लेकर दिल्ली के रामलीला मैदान तक और संसद तक लड़ाई लड़ी।

पीएम जी के व्यक्तिगत हटता के चलते चंद सिक्कों की खनक में चुंधीयाई हुई मोदी सरकार की चुनिंदा उद्योगपतियों की मदद की मंशा के चलते उचित मुआवजा कानून 2013 में जो संशोधन किए गए, उस लड़ाई का निर्णायक दौर में एक सुखद समापन हुआ, जब मोदी सरकार को देश के किसानों और मजदूरों के आगे घुटने टेकने पड़े और 2013 के उचित मुआवजा कानून संशोधन को वापिस लेना पड़ा।

देश के उन्हीं करोड़ों किसानों और मजदूरों के सम्मान हेतु भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कांग्रेस ने निर्णय किया है

कि इस 20 सितम्बर को किसान मजदूर सम्मान रैली दिल्ली के रामलीला ग्राउंड में आयोजन करेगी। उसमें मुख्यतः श्री मति सोनिया गांधी जी, श्री राहुल गांधी जी उस रैली का नेतृत्व करेंगे और पूरे देश के लाखों किसान और मजदूर हर प्रांत से आकर दिल्ली के रामलीला ग्राउंड में इकट्ठे होंगे।

Shri Kapil Sibal said the elections in Bihar are round the corner. The Congress Party is raising a very fundamental issue today relating to SCs and STs because I remember before this Government got elected and Modi Ji was giving a speech as usual to garner votes. He very firmly remembered Ambedkar Ji. He made public statements that the next decade is a decade of Dalits, SCs and STs and the Backward Communities and that he belonged to the backward community because he realized that a lot of political mileage was to be attained through these public announcements.

In 1992 a judgment was announced by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Indira Soni' case where it was said that SCs and STs are not entitled to reservations in promotions. But it also said that the promotions on-going will be applicable for the next five years. Thereafter, in 1995, the Constitution was amended and we inserted Article 16(4) (A) as a New Article in the Constitution which reserved posts in promotional avenues for SCs and STs and the BJP supported us in this endeavour.

Later, on 13th August 1997 the Government issued a Notification wherein it was said that there will be reservation in promotional avenues for SCs and STs. A petition was filed in the Madras High Court to implement that Notification. Madras High Court opined that in Scale 1 to Scale 7 in Government jobs as well as in Banks, there will be reservation for SC and STs. Then the Central Banks went for an appeal against this decision in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. In this Appeal, Justice Chamleshwar, the Presiding judge upheld the circular of 13th August 1997 and said that in Central Banks those who get a salary of just Rs. 20,000, there shall be reservation for SCs and STs for Scale 1 to Scale 6 (Dy.GM scale) and therefore dismissed the Appeal of the Banks.

Then came in Modi Government. Now the Central Banks appealed a Review Petition but surprisingly the Union of India also filed a Review Petition where it was said that there should be no reservation. It may not be surprising because the people who consider Manu Samiti and play double politics and are expert in delivering Bhashans and are 'Hawabaaaz' in reality, say that the next decade will belong to SCs and STs but are filing a Review Petition against the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. We would like to ask Modi Ji whether he is not a Backward now and are not sympathizing with the SCs and STs. BJP had also supported us for Constitutional Amendment 16 (4) (A). Why the BJP has taken a U-turn today and this will expose the BJP during Bihar elections.

I remember Modi Ji had said on 10th February 2014 "This is my family. I was born and brought up here. Justice is our right and Ambedkar's Commandments of education' are still relevant.

In Muzaffarpur, on March 4, 2014 he said that he is confident that the coming decade is of Dalits, SCs and STs and other weaker sections of society, because the elections were approaching.

Gadkari Ji also spoke like that "Poison is spread against us that we are anti-dalit, anti-minority and anti-backward. This is completely wrong. We must be judged by our policies and our work". And we are judging this Government by its policies which is anti-reservation and anti-SCs and STs and it is unfortunate that the Government has taken such a decision and we hope that they will withdraw the Review Petition and will accept the original decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and if they do not do this, it is clear that this party which believes in Manu Samiti, which believes in the Caste system, which goes on the foot-step of Golwalkar and the thoughts of Golwalkar is a party which has no sympathy for the SCs and STs.

एक प्रश्न पर कि मालेगांव ब्लास्ट के संबंध में, सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने एक हफ्ते के अंदर जवाब मांगा है, इस पर आप क्या कहेंगे? जवाब देते हुए श्री सिबल ने कहा कि याचिका आज लगी थी सुप्रीम कोर्ट में और मैं भी उसमें वकील था और सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने एक हफ्ते का नोटिस दिया है। जिस तरह से वहां हर गवाह, जैसे हर बात में मोदी सरकार यू-टर्न होती है और उनके गवाह भी यू-टर्न करते हैं।

एक अन्य प्रश्न पर कि बीजेपी ने कहा है कि कांग्रेस नकारात्मक राजनीति कर रही है, इस पर जवाब देते हुए श्री सिबल ने कहा कि जहां तक GST का सवाल है आप उसमें संशोधन कर रहे हैं। आपने 1% अतिरिक्त कर लगा दिया। हम उनको सुझाव दे रहे हैं कि GST को कैसे लागू करें। हम विरोध नहीं कर रहे हैं। जहां तक लैंड बिल का सवाल है उनकी पार्टी के नेता खुद उनका विरोध कर हैं। आप कांग्रेस पार्टी पर आरोप क्यों लगाते हैं कि कांग्रेस नकारात्मक राजनीति कर रही है।

On the question that the PM was under the impression that the OROP will be done in Rs. 500 Crore and when he analyzed it went up to Rs. 10,000 Crore, Shri Sibal said most things that he does, he is under the wrong impression because he says without analyzing it and he has rightly said so that the OROP was without analysis. Inflation was without analysis. PM is a Diplomat, he is an Economist, he is a Public Speaker, he is a Constitutional expert - he is all in one and also a 'Hawabaz'.

On the question of Ms. Mamata Banerjee asking for declassifying 64 documents relating to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, Shri Sibal said we have said this because when Modi Ji was in opposition, he said why is the Congress not declassifying and when I will come to power, we will declassify. It is almost 15 months now, why did he not declassify the same? We said that if you think that we have done something wrong in principle, we support the declassification. If she said so, it is fine.