

MARXIST LENINIST PARTY OF INDIA (RED FLAG)

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SUPPORT THE GENERAL STRIKE

Make it a big success forging class unity

The General Strike called for on 8th of January 2020 by Joint Trade Union movement is to begin within hours. The 19th General Strike since 1991 shows the resolve and will of Indian proletariat not only in the collective bargain to gain the goal of the chartered demands but also in their express solidarity with other toiling classes and social sections who are on the struggle path. It is truly an epic general strike of the Indian proletariat that distinctly stands tall in the world history of working-class strikes with hundreds of millions participating in it. The party extends support to the epic general strike of the Indian proletariat.

The working class has raised the demands that the anti-peasant Land Acquisition Law should be repealed and the procurement system must be established for farmers' crops. The working class has extended active support to the peasantry regarding their lifeline demands and other struggling sections of the society especially students who are in the thick of battle against Citizenship Amendment Act and other draconian measures by Modi raj.

This General Strike becomes all the more significant as the economy has fallen into the peril of unprecedented crisis as the result of the sustained practice of neoliberal policies. At present the crisis has gripped all the vital departments of the economy as a steep fall in the graph indicates in every category. The regime is determined to go for an open sell out of Railways, BPCL, BSNL, HAL, Air India, Bhilai Steel etc. virtually unmaking the republic. The working class instead comes with the distinct remedial antidote of stalling this rabid disinvestment and enhancing wages and social security measures for workers. This is meant for the immediate bolstering of the purchasing power of the people, which is a vital lifeline for economic activity. As Modi 2 is for cutting direct tax and increasing indirect taxes, working-class demands the government to effectively intervene with a view to controlling prices putting an end to price rise. In short, as the ruling class goes for accelerating the new economic policies in the neoliberal path working class wants to turn the course away from that disastrous path. It wants to have a planned economic perspective in action that takes the interest of the working class, peasantry and all the toiling sections of the people in the foremost. So, the General Strike comes with a clear clarion call for remedies that shall salvage the nation.

Adding to this, the working class has extended support to the agitations of various strata of the people and democratic forces against the undemocratic and anti-secular policies and legislations that hit at the constitution of India. It sees the said struggles to be tributaries of the big flow of popular struggles that the proletariat is to lead.

Taking all the above said into consideration this 19th General Strike has a qualitative distinction in the epic battle against Communal Fascism and Imperialist Globalisation. We once again reiterate our support in action and call upon the left, democratic and secular forces to support the General Strike and go hand in hand with Indian proletariat.

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