

MARXIST LENINIST PARTY OF INDIA (RED FLAG)

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Cochin, 22nd August 2020

Statement

IN DEFENCE OF Mr PRASHANT BHUSHAN

The Supreme Court judging Lawyer Prashant Bhushan to have made contempt of the apex court has been strongly criticised by wide spectrum of the society that the judgement has not been result of judicious merit and the act of guarding the citadel of justice. Instead it resulted the smothering of the right of freedom of speech and act of extinguishing the democratic right of sincere criticism.

When the argument on the question of the quantum of punishment was on and as the question Mr Bhushan expressed that he neither intended to sue for mercy from the apex court nor to apologise as he firmly think that the court mistook his sincere attempt to hold the dignity of judiciary high. He expressed his will and readiness to submit to any punishment being awarded. It was exemplary to express his submission so clear and brave. Actually his truthful defense held the esteem of the court high.

Any one who holds brave citizenry of our republic will stand by Mr Prashant Bhushan's statement; and, will wish that the apex court may correct itself as it had done umpteen times, even though much damage had been inflicted on the nation and its people because of its errors like it committed on the occasion of it's endorsing of the suspension of fundamental rights during emergency.

So, we raise our voice clear at this moment to unequivocally support Mr Prashant Bhushan's sincere statement, his right to freedom of speech and right to criticise judiciary with good intent as evident from his expressions so far and join the millions that have made similar expressions. We too join the people's critique of the Apex court's judgement that Mr Prashant Bhushan has committed contempt of court. We do this knowing this to be a juncture of utmost seriousness to safeguard the existence of freedom, democracy and sovereign citizenry in our country.

(Signed)

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