

MARXIST LENINIST PARTY OF INDIA (RED FLAG)

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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Statement

An All Out Corporate Budget

The union budget presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman has explicitly proven itself to be an all out corporate budget that is, an open document to favour corporate capital houses and their overlords; the international finance capital.

The decision to sell out LIC and PSU banks, stepping up the FDI share in the insurance sector from 49 percent to 74 percent, is the hallmark of its pro-corporate characteristic. Its main motto of 'minimum government and maximum governance', an open doctrine to shed the responsibility of public expenditure and of state investment, is well exemplified in the above said sell-out strategy.

In 2008, while the world was reeling under recession and melt down, this very finance pillar of state owned assets in the insurance and the banking sector was proudly pointed at to be the armour and shield of the national economy. Now, this last and cardinal defense of India's economic sovereignty is being stripped off by the Modi Raj. Thus, the integration of the indian economy with the spider web of International Finance Capital (IFC) is entering a catastrophic phase. It heralds abject surrender to IFC.

Unlike the regime's claims, Demonetization and GST had drawn a deteriorating trajectory which is now going to be escalated by these budgetary proposals into total anarchy and disastrous fall of the whole economy and social state of the nation. This is especially true when the country is struggling to survive the Covid 19 pandemic.

It was expected by the people that the budget would address the struggling peasants' demands and the demands of the working class but, the budget did not provide any positive promise for the peasants and workers. This becomes very striking as 1.5 crore organized workers lost job and 14 crores in unorganised sectors, including migrant workers, had lost their jobs. At this juncture, instead of finding a solution to this through remedial actions, the regime has cut short the provisions for generating labour and livelihood like in the case of MGNREGA.

Though FM has claimed to have stepped up allocations in healthcare for more than 137%, the actual outlay for structural enhancement of the healthcare system has actually come down. The budget is silent about the present day challenges of universal and free vaccination.

The regime again gave direct taxation concessions and increased petrol diesel cess, which would definitely cause price hike.

Actually these budgetary proposals have led imperialist globalisation to its apex. As all the national assets go into such a sell out, the graph of globalisation will begin to stoop. This is the internal contradiction of the imperialist globalisation. So, instead of any recovery and prosperity, the economy is sure to fall into anarchy.

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