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CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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THE SECOND WAVE OF THE PANDEMIC: THE NATION MUST WAGE A 'DO OR DIE' BATTLE

The second wave of the Covid 19 pandemic has hit the nation with hazardous results. It has affected the people in various states in unprecedented severity. This time the death rate has escalated dangerously that the crematoriums and burial grounds are queued by the dead. Those who fight the disease have virtually no places to go for treatment. The country is at a critical juncture that demands a 'Do or Die' battle against the pandemic. This precarious situation is least taken care of by the Modi government. Hence this call upon all those who love this nation and the people to unite and gather strength for resolute action, mustering all the forces, and to demand for the following actions from the union government and the state governments to fight the seething second wave of the pandemic.

1) Healthcare facilities must be made available to the disease stricken people even employing the armed forces medical corps. All efforts for this must be coordinated by specially appointed pandemic control cells led by pandemic controller officers at district and tehsil levels, extending respective authorities to village level;

2) Free and total implementation of vaccination programme must be done by the union government in complete cooperation with all the state governments with immediate effect on war footing;

3) All further mass assemblies of festivities and entertainments have to be strictly stalled and deferred. Election meetings and related massive actions must be regulated to the minimum numbers with discretionary controls;

4) Free rations for all and direct fund transfer of Rs 10,000/- for all the non-income taxpayers must be put to effect for at least three months, expandable up to three months after review;

5) Special trains and other special means of mass transport for the migrant workers and all the stranded people from cities to villages and hometowns must be provided with immediate effects;

6) Due notification and preparations must be done in case of lock-downs and in such cases of lock-downs systematic implementation of total vaccination must be part and parcel of lock-downs as the top most agenda;

7) MGNREGA programme must be sufficiently expanded with special emphasis to include dalits and adivasis and Urban Employment Guarantee Programme must be immediately put to implementation. In both cases advance payment reliefs for six months must be provided;

8) The National committee of pandemic control consisting of Chief Ministers and Chief administrative heads of Union Territories, heads of staffs of the armed forces and of the central police and paramilitary forces, and the heads of all other central forces of administration and action must be constituted to ensure effective employment of federal powers with equal and democratic implementation of actions;

9) All party meeting at central, state and district levels must be convened for the fight against and the eradication of the Covid 19 pandemic;

10) The PM care fund must be made available for the said goal distributing funds among states and UTs without discrimination.

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