

MARXIST LENINIST PARTY OF INDIA (RED FLAG)

Central Committee

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Stop The Implementation Of The CAA NRC NPR; Withdraw The Provisions put forth in The Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill 2021 For Stifling Freedom Of Expression.

After the elections to the five states, the Modi government has begun to implement CAA NRC NPR; especially in the north eastern states. Evidently, this has stepped up the alienation of the minority sections of the population in the country in general and among the people of Assam in particular. Along with it, the BJP government in Assam has put forth an additional sectarian move to deny the families that have more than two children the eligibility to apply for welfare measures that are offered by the government. Only the tribals and the tea garden workers are excluded from this delimitation of the right to apply for welfare measures. This has made the target clear, substantiating the criticism that this malicious move is to deprive the people of religious minorities of their rights. Ultimately, this leads to genocidal effects; especially as this denial of right directly hits the children and women, closing the door for their survival. We demand the withdrawal of both the implementation of the divisive law, the CAA NRC NPR, and the said move by the Assam government to deny the right to apply for welfare measures to a selective section of the population, those who have more than two children.

The new IT rule is to totally deny the citizens' right to free expression and democratic protest against the anti-people moves of the Government. Along with that, a new bill, called Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill 2021, to add a proviso to sub-section (1) of section 6 of the 'Cinematograph Act, 1952' for granting revisionary powers to the Government on account of violation of Section 5B(1) of the Act; with the provision that the Central Government may, if it considers it necessary so to do, direct the Chairman of the Board to re-examine the film that has been once cleared by the board is a draconian measure to stifle the democratic right of free expression to its death. We demand this provision of the Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill 2021 be withdrawn so that, the said kind of curtailing of the right to free expression be prevented.

We call upon the progressive secular democratic sections of the society to come forth in solidarity with the said cause and demands to fight in defence of secularism, democracy and the right to freedom of expression as ingrained in our constitution.

(Signed)

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