

## THE SECRET “POWER-KEY” OF THE GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL

*{West Bengal, a province of the democratic republic of India, by all means is having a fascist government. Elected in the “disguise of democracy” this government acts and gets re-elected exactly in the way a fascist government does. Strangely it is continuing the same for the last three decades. Socialism or Communism believes in one particular system of distribution of wealth. The system stresses that in order to establish this ‘dogma’ only the group of people who believe in this system should go and stay in power. Naturally the political base of this system is not the majority of the population, but their believers or party-cadres. Thus the success of the socialist or communist party in public election depends upon how efficiently these cadres can manage the voters.*

*In the arena of political administration any system of managing votes through cadres is known as “Fascism”. In the religion-biased countries fascism works in the religious line. In the secular or communist countries it works in the line of muscle-power or better ‘cadre-power’. All the governments of the socialist countries were, by all means, Fascists. The cadres were strong believers of one particular system of distribution of wealth. The irony was, even when such cadre-based governments were in power in the socialist countries, the doctrine of “Equal distribution of wealth among the entire population” turned to ‘myth’. Naturally the common people who earlier sacrificed many of their rights for its sake revolted. Their struggle resulted in success and the ‘dogma’ was sent to the museum of history.*

*Bangalees are renowned all over the world for their intelligence and sympathy. When they heard of a system that ‘ensures right of all citizens over the entire wealth of the country’ they felt attracted, even though they were aware that this system would curb many of their rights. These kind-hearted Bangalees, however, lacked the intelligence to realize that in political arena a sustainable system may be expected only if it stands on the endorsement of the majority of the population, and not on the manipulated acts of the cadres. This lack of intelligence on the part of the people of West Bengal is the reason that enabled the fascist CPI(M) led coalition government to rule till today, even though the very system (or dogma) suffered from pathetic failure in the countries of its origin.*

*In this article we shall endeavor to show (01) Why we call the CPI(M) led coalition government of West Bengal a fascist government, (02) What mechanisms this government uses to grab political power, (03) What made the peasants of West Bengal to revolt against this govt.’s so called policy*

*of industrialization, (04) What made this government so desperate to drag on their 'unpopular' and 'anti-people' programs etc. }*

## **INTRODUCTION :**

No, it was not the call "Give me blood, and I shall give you freedom". Rather the call given by the authorities of Socialism was like "Please allow us to form a government by the blind supporters of socialism, and we will establish the claim of all people over the entire wealth of the country". In fact what they promised were :

- (i) Bare minimum necessities for all citizens,
- (ii) Equal opportunity and scope for all citizens and
- (iii) Forfeiture of some civil and human rights in order to ensure the earlier two.

This was the time when the people in both the prominent ex-socialist countries had been suffering from frustrations due to atrocities of their dictators. At this time what was most expected on their part was the "Fulfillment of the bare minimum requirements" and not "Due share obtainable by self-effort in a competitive world". That was the reason why and how the preachers of socialism came to power. Socialism reigned for about five or six decades when the common people suddenly discovered :

- (i) Yes, the bare minimum provisions were available and the dull, idle and crippled persons were happy for it.
- (ii) But the intelligent, industrious and energetic section of people could no more be satisfied with that. They felt themselves deprived to see themselves in the same line with the crippled persons. They were confident; if given chance they could live a much better life by dint of their labor and intelligence.
- (iii) The intelligent, industrious and energetic section of people discovered, even there was the saying of treating every one equally, VIP treatments were there for the party-cadres irrespective of their education, human qualities or efforts.

So, the intelligent, industrious and energetic section of people revolted in which they were aptly helped by the democratic countries of the world. That was how Socialism slowly and steadily entered in graves in the countries where they were born, had their first breath and then had established the strongest foot-hold.

Socialism came to West Bengal, the land of the Bengalese mainly because these people are intelligent and sympathetic to fellow citizens. When the preachers started their preaching they felt attracted towards the humanitarian appeal of this doctrine. Now Socialism has suffered from premature death in its birthplace. Its Indian preachers turned rotten beyond recognition. However, their political wing is still holding power in the state (West Bengal). What does it indicate ? The probable answers might be:

- (i) The common people (of West Bengal) have found it extremely helpful for them.
- (ii) The common people do not like this government, but still the fascists win the election results due to some sort of mechanism.

All but the blinds and the insane know, the second one is the right answer.

**(01) WHY CPI(M) LED COALITION GOVT. IS FASCIST :** Democracy may have one hundred drawbacks, but still it is preferable because only this one ensures optimum human rights and allows people to change the ruling political party if it is not acceptable. However, it is extremely difficult to change a cadre-based (or fascist) party. In spite of its numerous blunders and atrocities the people of West Bengal failed to kick out this party from the throne. The only reason behind this failure is, the CPI(M) led coalition party with its ruthless cadres acts like a fascist party and engage the government to work for them. One blessings of modern civilization is the free flow of information. Due to this advantage brutalities, blunders, conspiracies and atrocities including cold blooded murders committed by the CPI(M) cadres and the law enforcing agents working under them has been vividly expressed before the world. On March 14, 2007 fourteen or more peasants have been murdered by the police or CPI(M) cadres. It is difficult to differentiate between Police and CPI(M) cadre because the cadres are used to wearing police uniform.

There was a time when the preachers of socialism used to preach that true democracy exists only in socialism. Socialism allows only one party to compete. That makes even a school boy to understand why socialism is fascist in nature. It needs a little more intelligence to understand why the CPI(M) government of West Bengal (India) is 'fascist'. This government allows many parties to compete in the election, but the cadres manipulate the concerned factors in order to bring the result of the election in their favor.

**(02) THE MECHANISMS USED BY THIS GOVT. :** The CPI(M) government is continuously inventing, modifying and changing mechanism to manipulate results. Three decades ago they came to power with the help of their preachers. After the party won, the preachers turned to musclemen and party-cadres. The two items these cadres liked most were (i) Money and (ii) Liquor. Since then the elected government patronize their cadres with these two items.

The time when the CPI(M) government came to power there was a strong industrial set-up in West Bengal. Those have now rotten beyond recognition. It is often said that the CPI(M) caused their closures. The truth however, is after the party came to power, their political fraction in the industries started shouting for more pay and privileges that the owners could not afford. Naturally they closed their establishments. In order to suppress the depression of the jobless workers the CPI(M) govt. made arrangement for supplying 'liquor' probably as compensation. The jobless

workers started all sorts of crimes and anti-social activities. The government maintained a lenient look at them because they used to collect muscle men from that group at the time of election.

As for the farmers, the CPI(M) cadres incited the dependent cultivators (barga-chashi) against the land owners. Due to their interference the dependent cultivators got some right over the land they used to cultivate. They compelled the land owners to sign yearly agreement with the dependent cultivators. Initially the dependent cultivators were assured that they would be given the ownership of land, which was never fulfilled. Now, when they ask for that the cadres say, 'look, if any other party comes to power then you would lose this privilege of yearly agreement even'. And it is obvious that they are true. No democratic political can leave the reformation program of agricultural land constrained by continuing such a contract of distrust.

When the industries were abandoned by their owners what did the government and their cadres do ? Just have a look at some of those sites and you would know all. The government has managed to construct multi-storied shopping complexes, apartments etc. on that land. The party has been benefited from such projects due to :

- (i) Commission at the time of selling of land,
- (ii) Profit during construction,
- (iii) Kick backs at the time of allotment or sale of premises etc.

The mechanisms by which CPI(M) has been benefited are numerous in number. We have mentioned a few above. Another such mechanism was, the persons in charge of collection of tax, service charge etc. from the people was asked to charge at higher rate or not to deposit the sum in government account. In West Bengal there were numerous such cases of fraud, where there was nominal investigation and no one was charged. This clearly indicates, the government had their endorsement behind and the defrauded money went to the party fund.

However, the scopes of such 'fund-making' activities for the party is in jeopardy in the recent times. Various organizations have invented their own mechanism to avoid the same. For example, in order to avoid the "sucking of the CPI(M) cadres" the bus owners do not keep any management office on land. On the other hand they manage monetary transactions and other services inside the vehicles.

A fascist government needs big sum in order to win election. When the fund-raising activities faces problem what can a fascist government do ? They can do two things :

- (i) To face defeat in the coming election or
- (ii) Find out alternate mechanism of fund collection before the election.

The CPI(M) government of West Bengal has opted for the second one.

**(03) WHY THE PEASANTS REVOLTED :** In India acquisition of agricultural land for industrial use is not a new thing. It did not create any serious problem earlier. Most of the time the problem was solved by increasing the price of procurement. In such reality what made the peasants and the local people to stand so violently against the 'innocent-looking' program of the government ? There may be many reasons and we mention a few.

- (a) The government that ignored the issue of the development of industry and even strangled the existing industries for the last three decades is suddenly showing extreme interest in it. Everyone excepting the fools would say, the government definitely has evil or different intention.
- (b) The literate people have enlightened the affected peasants. The peasants now realize that as asset land is much better than cash money or a job in the industry. They know, while their future generations can get the benefit of land, they won't get any benefit of their job in the industry.
- (c) The job in the industry is valid or beneficial till the industry runs or can earn profit. Its closure would bring misery or peril for the family.
- (d) The peasants very well know that with their present qualification and experience they cannot get any good job in such type of sophisticated industries.

**(04) WHY THE GOVT. IS DESPERATE :** We have already mentioned that CPI(M) can win in the coming election in West Bengal only if they can energize their cadres with money and that, it is now getting increasingly difficult for them to squeeze out money from the people in the traditional methods. Establishing industry is in fact their new policy of raising fund to be used for the cadres. They can be benefited from this projects in the following ways :

- (i) Someone reading in primary school can understand that the invited industrialists would have to or has already given large sum on money in CPI(M) party fund.
- (ii) After the land is procured the CPI(M) government would ask the central government for money to develop the land, construct roads, establish power and water lines and so on so forth. There is wide scope for CPI(M) to get monetary benefit from these
- (iii) The owners of the industry would spend large sum of money in construction and procurement. There is wide scope of collection of commission from all these jobs.

Thus, the project of establishment of industries in West Bengal is now no more the project of the industrialists only. The project has turned to be the "milking cow" of the government and CPI(M) party for their coming election. That is the reason why they are so desperate.

Also there is alternate scope for owners of the industries to have been profited from such projects. The owners in general use to acquire several times of land they may actually need. After the government arranges infrastructural facilities and supplies to this land, its price would rise by several times. At that time the owner would sell the extra land and may get their land at zero or negative cost.

**CONCLUSION :** Men with eyes can see the atrocities of the police and/or CPI(M) cadres on the unwilling land owners of West Bengal. Men with ears can hear the cries of the bereaved people. Men with hearts can feel their pains. No intelligent man should believe that the CPI(M) government of West Bengal is doing these projects for the honest purpose of industrialization in the state. In case they had that intention they would not have caused the death of the previous industries. During the last three decades they did not take any sincere endeavor to re-open the closed industries or keep those running. What they did was to earn commission and kick backs from the sale of that land and construction of structures on it. Now, when the election is coming nearer and they are apprehending tougher competition, the Fascist political party has initiated new venture for collection of money. The CPI(M) knows, their only hope to win in the election is the manipulating acts of the party-cadres. And the cadres would do the same only if they can be fed and drank well. Naturally, the successful implementations of these “so-called industrialization projects” mean lengthening of the rule of the fascist party in West Bengal.

If the people of India want to avoid seeing atrocities on their fellow brethren and hearing their cries of pain, they have to find out the real intention of the fascist CPI(M) government behind such projects and act accordingly.

---

Prof. Bijon B. Sarma. Architecture Discipline. Khulna University. Khulna-9208. Bangladesh.