

COMMENT

W H A T A F A L L !

History repeats, but repe-ats as farce, as Karl Marx said. But today this is being enacted by the so- called communists in India. Land is grabbed under a new garb. Can one call it primitive accumulation? Start of Industrial Revolution in India. Or neo-feudalism? Inscrutable are the ways of God, Wordsworth said. So also the ways of Indian Parliamentary Communists, especially the big brother of their Parivar–CPI(M).

Communists, in the early 1970s were referred to as devils in the campus. Now the label pasted on the Revolutionaries, as parliamentary communists have turned to be angels and co-passengers of other bourgeois parties. Of course they enjoy the status. There was an aura of sacrifice around the communists in 1950's and that started fading away gradually. Communists in Andhra Pradesh (AP). enjoyed that glory shinning under the banner of *The Great Telangana Armed Struggle*, which liberated thousands of villages and distributed lakhs of acres of land to the landless. Gone are those days when communist parties fought for the people. Today the Parliamentary communist parties are against people in their stronghold. What a fall! Tumbling down from the glory of land distribution to the poor to the depths of land acquisition for the Rich, more precisely, Tatas, Salims, Ambanis, Jindals and their like.

But they have umpteen ways of hoodwinking their sympathizers. They say it is for industrialization of Bengal. They also say that they join hands with Congress, their staunch enemy both in Kerala and West Bengal only to stop communal powers from forming the Govt in Delhi. They implement the World Bank policies in toto saying it to be Bengal type of Marxism. In AP marxists join hands with the Congress and fight against fellow communists, CPI, in the local body elections. After gaining a few seats they join hands with their erstwhile foe Telugu Desam against their erstwhile friend the Congress. This, the state party explains for the sake of party's survival. They do not depend on people for their survival nor they on their struggles. Which they wage before every election, big and small. They occupy lands, get arrested, videoed and then released. Of course the land remains in the hands of the erstwhile land owner. They call for nationwide strike once in a year, with same demands without any intention to disturb the status quo.

For the CPI(M) and it's ilk, land is mere commodity, which can be sold and bought at will. They forget that farmers treat it as their own mother and never want to be severed from it. Land is invaluable like air and water. It is for this land "*Do Bigha Zamin*" that millions are sacrificing their lives all over the world today. it is with the slogan "Land to the Tiller", the communists came to power in Bengal and other places. Now they want to burn the boat after crossing the stream. What a pity? In AP they oppose SEZ, not opposing the Govt. acquisition of prime land. They simply demand more compensation. They flaunt West Bengal model *a la* Singur. ❄❄❄❄