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Condemn the proposal to ban world-renowned writer Jan Myrdal's visits to India by the Central Government

Comrade Jan Myrdal belongs to Sweden and is a world-renowned writer. He visited several countries including People's China and is writing since six decades in support of the oppressed masses of the world and on several subjects including art, culture, history, environment etc. He visited India at the ripe age of 82 years to attend some democratic program and toured the revolutionary movement area led by the CPI (Maoist) and wrote a book "Red Star Over India". He met the top leadership of CPI (Maoist). Again he visited India and went to several cities including the capital Delhi for the inaugural meetings of this book and shared his views with several writers, democrats, students and journalists. All his tours and publications are happening in public view with everybody's knowledge. Similarly, his views are also clearly known to everybody. He clearly stated that he was a communist. He has been clearly observing since more than three decades the long-term repressive measures on the revolutionary movement by the exploiting ruling classes in India. He toured Andhra Pradesh in the early 1980s and wrote a book "India Awaits". The supports he has been giving recently to those who mobilize democratic forces all over the world in support of the Indian democratic revolutionary movement are praiseworthy. He stood on the side of the oppressed masses and is fearlessly stating his anti-imperialist, democratic and communist views using his pen effectively. It is known world over that US imperialism has imposed indirect ban on him from entering US by imposing stringent regulations. The Indian government trying to ban his visits to India tracing the footsteps of the neo-fascist US state uncovers its democratic facade completely and exposes its fascist nature and its fear towards revelation of truth. Our party unequivocally condemns the fascist treatment of the world-renowned writer by the Indian state. It appeals to the intellectuals, democrats, writers, artistes, students, journalists and people from all walks of life to condemn the tyrannical stand taken by the Indian government.

Apart from Jan Myrdal, his father Gunnar Myrdal and mother Alva Myrdal had close relations with India. Both of them were Nobel Laureates and his mother had served as Sweden's ambassador in India for about five years between 1955 and 1961. The Indian government felicitated the couple with the Jawaharlal Nehru International Understanding Award. Their son Myrdal is frequently giving speeches on several issues in Delhi University. Thus he has been in touch with our country since a long period, knowing about the issues and difficulties of the oppressed masses here and putting them in writing to his full ability. The stand taken by the Indian government to stop such a great friend of India from coming is most shameful. The Indian government that is giving red carpet welcome to MNCs and big bourgeoisie to indiscriminately loot the most valuable riches of India is being intolerant towards those who are opposing them with genuine democratic and progressive views. The Indian government is inviting international big corporate sharks like Enron, Dow Chemicals, POSCO, Monsanto, Vedanta and Areva and so many others. It is hugely supporting Jindal, Mittal, Esssar, Tata and Ambani that are colluding with these and serving them. The Adivasis are fighting a life and death struggle to preserve the most valuable lands, forests, hills, waters, minerals and all kinds of other natural resources in the vast areas of our country from their exploitation. The central and state governments have deployed lakhs of police and paramilitary

forces in the forests and rivers of blood are flowing due to its cruelest Green Hunt military offensive of the past three years. Green Hunt offensive has extended to towns and cities and the ruling classes are harassing, arresting, interrogating, inhumanely torturing and implicating in false cases, the democrats, revolutionaries, Adivasi well-wishers, people's writers, artistes and journalists in various manners. The proposed ban on Jan Myrdal's visits to India is an express example of the fact that at present Green Hunt offensives have crossed the country's borders. The Indian government is all set and ready to deploy the Indian Army at any second apart from the armed forces that were deployed to crush the revolutionary party that is leading the revolutionary movement. Our party is absolutely hopeful that people's writers, poets, artistes, democrats and Adivasi well-wishers, in other words all those who side with the oppressed masses would stand firmly in support of Comrade Jan Myrdal who himself stood firmly with the oppressed masses and the revolutionary movement by exposing the most dangerous trends of the imperialists and fight against this proposed ban.

It is not new for the ruling classes of this country to deal artistes, writers, journalists, film producers and directors in a fascist manner. There are several writers and democrats who have been implicated in countless conspiracy cases and put in jails in this country. Even recently on July 1, 2010 a Delhi based journalist named Hem Chandra Pandey was shot dead in a fake encounter by the Andhra Pradesh police. Well-known writer Arundhati Roy was sentenced under the Indian Penal Code for supporting the just struggle of the Kashmir people. The communal goons beat Supreme Court lawyer Prasant Bhushan. The state that killed Safdar Hashmi in the past, recently sentenced people's artiste Jeeten Marandi to death and later withdrew it due to popular pressure. Recently the Bengal neo-fascist Empress, Chief Minister Mamta Banerji got Professor Abhishek Mahapatra arrested with the ire that he drew a cartoon on her. The Jadavpur University students who questioned this were harassed in the name of Maoists. Thus the fascist attacks of the ruling classes are increasing and spreading by the day and exposing the cruelest face of Green Hunt. During the British rule, several writers, artistes and revolutionaries were hanged for displaying their patriotism. The Indian state is obediently following the steps of those imperialists, particularly the US imperialists at present and is intensifying its suppression measures. Our party is appealing to one and all to condemn the above, to build a broad and strong solidarity movement that would give more strength to the pen of Comrade Jan Myrdal and to fight till the Indian government revokes the proposal to ban his visits to India.



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