



COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST)

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Condemn the Ban on Popular Front of India (PFI) and its outfit! Resist criminalization of the marginalized Muslim community!

The Central Committee of CPI (Maoist) condemns the ban on Popular Front of India (PFI) and its 8 affiliated organisations. The Fascist BJP government's decision to put a pan-India ban on PFI for five years is draconian and anti-democratic. This is an integral part of Hindutva agenda. Through imposing ban the Brahmanic Hindutva BJP once again criminalized the Muslim community.

NIA made searches in 11 States of the country in a gap of four days from 25th to 29th in which it arrested above 100 and detained above 250 persons belonging to the Popular Front of India (PFI). The raids caused a lot of agony and discomfort to the arrested persons and their family members. The government logic for enforcing ban revolves around three reasons. One is that the PFI and its eight affiliate organizations are engaged in "violent terrorist activities". The second is that PFI is establishing a reign of terror and disrupting the "peace" of the country. And the third is that the PFI is a threat to the national security of the nation. All these logics are only to outrightly curtail and decimate the forces opposing Brahmanical Hindutva fascism.

There is no denying of the fact that all parliamentary political parties have established equivalence in understanding Muslim community as vote bank community. The political, social and economic development of Muslim community has hardly got reflection in the political conscience of the political parties. The fascist vigilante forces like Gau Rakshaks, Anti-Romeo squad and Hate-speech mongers are getting legitimacy and support of the government. In last eight years in the name of Gau Rakshas (Cow protection) fascist vigilante groups have lynched Muslims in broad daylight. The properties of Muslims are being considered as illegal and confiscated or razed through bulldozer. Since it came to power, the BJP is consciously instigating 'Islamic phobia' and there is extreme ghettoization of Muslims in India.

The ban of PFI is a design by the fascist BJP for their political and electoral gains in the upcoming elections to various states as well as in 2024 General Elections. Through this ban BJP wants to communalize elections and in the name of fighting the so called "Islamic terror" wants to centralise Hindu votes. The fascist Indian Brahmanic Hindutva State has not imposed ban only on PFI, but few years back and in the last few months, it imposed ban on democratic mass organizations and even social media accounts and YouTube channels that are critical of BJP government has faced the wrath of ban. Ban culture has become a political weapon to terrorize the opposition and dissent voices.

CPI (Maoist) stands for freedom of speech and expression for the marginalized communities and denial of that very right is denial of dignity to marginalized communities. The Central Committee of the party appeals to all democratic and mass organizations to oppose the ban culture initiated by BJP fascist government.

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