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Take up people's movement demanding the withdrawal of 'Jammu-Kashmir Reorganizing bill – 2019' that dissolves the special status of the state and supporting the right to self-determination of the Kashmir people!

Call from CPI (Maoist) to all the democrats, nationalities, oppressed classes and sections in Kashmir and in the entire country!

The Brahmanic Hindu fascist Modi government sealed the state of Jammu-Kashmir with its fascist government mercenary armed forces, withdrew Article 370 and 35A that provide special status to the state and passed the 'Jammu-Kashmir Reorganizing bill-2019 on the 5th and 6th of August bureaucratically suppressing even the opposition parties. The President of India immediately approved the bill and issued a gazette notification. The bill deprived the people of Kashmir their minimum rights. The act reorganized the state into two Union territories – Jammu-Kashmir as a Union Territory with an Assembly and Ladakh area as a Union territory without Assembly.

The ruling Hindu fascist Modi-Amit Shah-Mohan Bhaagavat clique in the centre took the opportunity of its strength in the Lok Sabha and withdrew the special status to the state of Jammu-Kashmir to suppress with iron heel the struggle of the people of Kashmir that has been going on for the past 70 years with the democratic aspirations of right to self-determination with the objective to achieve 'Kashmir freedom' and terribly violated the Constitution of the country. This is nothing but another aggression of Kashmir. The Central Committee of our Party severely condemns the bill.

The government shamelessly justified this measure stating that Jammu-Kashmir is an integral part of India, that India has right not only on Jammu-Kashmir but also on Pak Occupied Kashmir and that the Indian government has the right and 'efficiency' to make an act on Kashmir. It is a historic fact that Kashmir was never a part of India before 1948. Like the earlier central governments the Modi government also is making futile attempts to hide the fact. For this purpose it also kept aside he resolutions that the United Nations made with the approval of India and Pakistan on the Kashmir issue that – status quo must be maintained in India, Pakistan, border of China and in Kashmir; LOC must not be violated; and hold plebiscite and take a decision on Kashmir. The Shimla accord and Lahore declaration that the government promised to preserve too were violated. All the political parties of Kashmir together held a multilateral meeting and threatened that 'if Modi government withdraws Article 370 and 35A it shall be considered as an attack on Kashmir', but the government did not heed to it. It made a bureaucratic act unilaterally and made an aggression on Kashmir.

The Modi government is trying to deceive the people saying that - the two articles are stopping the development of Jammu-Kashmir; they only help to increase the corruption of the local political leaders; if the articles are abolished the path to development of this area shall be opened; companies from outside shall purchase lands here, invest and set up industries; the area shall be industrialised in a big way and the problem of unemployment will be solved; more revenue shall be collected in this area; and terrorism will come to an end in the valley. The actual situation is that India is breaking records in the rise in poverty, unemployment and corruption and atrocities on religious minorities, Dalits, women and tribal people. In fact the government made preparations on war foot to trample any kind of protest or resistance from the Kashmir people with the introduction of the bill. It already murdered Kashmiri youth and people on daily basis branding them as terrorists. It threw many leaders of Hurriyat Conference in jail. In addition to the 5 lakh armed forces of the Indian government it deployed an additional 25 thousand. It imposed house arrest on prominent political party leaders of the state and put many in jail. It deployed

the army in a big way on the border of Pakistan and is inviting war. Immediately after introducing the bill it issued a red alert in all the states to instigate fake nationalism and to make attacks on the Muslims in the name of terrorists. In fact the Modi government wants the land in Kashmir but not the people or their aspirations. The actual intention of the act is to violate the nominal rights of the states, to fulfill the expansionist interests of the Indian ruling classes, to facilitate the loot of the abundant natural resources and human labor in Kashmir for the imperialist Multi-National Companies and the domestic Comprador Bureaucratic giants and to divide and rule the people of Kashmir and Ladakh. The Indian government is trying to make Kashmir another Palestine with its neo-Zionist policies and make the Kashmiris into a minority. But the corporate media is making goebbelsian propaganda that the people are celebrating the bill all over the country and is deceiving the people.

The actual situation in Kashmir is that the people are protesting the government mercenary armed forces on the streets with stones against the Germany's Nazi kind of policies of the Indian government violating the curfew imposed by the government. People are holding protest demonstrations in many parts of the country. The people of several states participated along with the Kashmir students in the large scale protest demonstrations in Jantar Mantar in Delhi. Most of the opposition parties of the country severely protested the withdrawal of Article 370. The Pakistan government expressed severe protest. China reacted in a serious way regarding Ladakh and clearly stated that the Indian government cannot take a decision on Ladakh. But the UN simply advised India and Pakistan that the Kashmir problems must be solved through discussions in harmony and kept quiet.

Dear people of Kashmir! People of the oppressed nationalities, classes and sections of India! Democrats!

The comprador ruling classes of India are making serious attempts to build 'Akhand Bharat' in the name of 'integrity of the country' and 'unity of the country' as a part of transforming the country into utmost centralized 'Hindu fascist state' to fulfill the interests of their imperialist masters and their expansionist wishes. This is the essence of 'new India' of the Modi government. The Modi government recently made the 'NIA amendment bill-2019', UAPA amendment bill-2019' in the name of eliminating terrorism in the country with the aim of cruelly suppressing the people's movements of the Dalits, women, various nationalities and religious minorities of the country for their democratic rights and against state violence and the international support to the just liberation movements. It is openly fascising the state by passing several bureaucratic bills such as 'Human rights protection amendment bill-2019' with the conspiracy to suppress the nominal human rights of the oppressed classes, sections and nationalities and fills the central, state human rights commissions with Brahmanic Hindu religious chauvinist forces, the 'Right to information amendment act-2019' liquidating the 'Right to Information Act-2005', the 'National Medical Commission Act-2019' that handovers the medical sector to the Multi-National Companies, the act violating the rights of workers and is preparing ground for a big fascist offensive. It started its Hindu fascist offensive in an aggressive manner in the country by making an attack on Kashmir. In the coming time the offensive shall take a more severe form on religious minorities, especially Muslims, on women, Dalits, tribal people, several oppressed nationalities including those of the North East and on the genuine democrats fighting in the interest of the people. It will take the country towards destructive changes. So the present attack on Kashmir by the Modi government must be seen as that on the various nationalities, states, religious minorities, Dalits, tribal people and women. The Central Committee of our Party appeals to the entire oppressed classes and oppressed sections of Kashmir, the political parties, democratic organisations, democrats and the democrats, oppressed nationalities, oppressed classes, sections and the political parties opposing this bill to mobilize the people in a large scale and build a militant people's movement demanding the withdrawal of the bureaucratic, harsh Jammu-Kashmir reorganizing bill – 2019.

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