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When we are preparing for the 17th Lok Sabha elections, the socio-political and economical situation of our country is reeling under severe crisis due to the five year rule of BJP led NDA regime. They came into power by offering over all change in the existing pattern of governance and promised good days for all. But when we look at their deeds in the past five years, we feel that the government has miserably failed to deliver what they have promised. More over the time tested values of our democracy secularism and socialism have totally been neglected and all symptoms of fascism have been reflected in the entire spheres of administration. Along with the ferocious implementation of liberal economic policies, the government has put the entire governance in the trap of crony capitalism. When the rich and the corporates who helped the BJP in 2014 to capture the power had benefitted much, the general public has been suffered gravely due to demonetization, unscientific implementation of GST and other unilateral decisions taken by the government by ignoring the Parliament and other ways of adopting policies and programmes.

The opposition parties have failed to resist the government in pursuing the communally imbued programmes and policies and the tentacles of crony capitalism. When our great nation was traumatized due to mob lynching in the name of food, dress, class, colour and culture, the opposition has botched in developing a unified action against the perpetrators of our great values. The farmers including the agricultural workers and the workers both from the organized and unorganized sectors have exhibited spectacular unity in raising their voice against the anti-farmer and anti-working people policies of the government during this period. Feeble voices were raised in different parts of the country by regional political parties, social groups, civil society organizations etc against the government. But the main stream political parties of the country have taken no serious initiative to channelize these people's resentments.

The All India Forward Bloc, the party founded by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose strongly believes that the political philosophy and the programme enunciated by Netaji for the reconstruction of India are more relevant for our country than ever. The concept of Indian socialism and the maintenance of true secularism and the respect to our great values and cultures being propagated by the Forward Bloc are strictly in line with the ideals of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In the given situation, when pseudo nationalism is playing at the central stage of Indian politics, the political programme and policies of AIFB are not only relevant but also proper for put into practice. Therefore it is the alternative. As the people of India keeps a special place for Netaji in their hearts, the alternative politics of Netaji and Forward Bloc must be propagated thoroughly across the country. The current election is also an opportunity to reach the public to make awareness about these programmes. With this concept of 'Rebuild India in Netaji's Way', the party is proposing following programme which the Party will strive to implement through its elected representatives.

Role of AIFB in the Election

The All India Forward Bloc will participate in the ensuing Lok Sabha elections keeping in mind to take all the political steps to oust the fascist Modi regime and to act as a catalytic agent to establish a secular democratic government at the centre. The party will utilize the ensuing elections to unleash nation-wide campaign on save democracy and secularism, resist corruption and nepotism, resolve the crisis in agriculture and unemployment, and maintain national unity and integrity. The party is of the view that the current government of the right reactionary forces led by Narendra Modi has destabilized not only our secular democratic foundation but also mounted multi-faceted attack on the working people and the left, democratic and progressive forces of the country. All the Constitutional Institutions such as Reserve Bank of India, Central Vigilance Commission and Central Bureau of Investigation, the largest bank SBI etc are come under serious shadow of doubts. Independence of the Judiciary is also being challenged. The party will make use of the election platforms for propagating the above cited issues of campaign.

Strategy of AIFB

The All India Forward Bloc is of the opinion that the main characteristics of the current government are (i) communalism in thoughts, (ii) fascism in vision, (iii) liberalization and crony capitalism in practice, (iv) intolerance in action and (vi) autocracy in administration. Therefore it is the duty of the democracy loving and secular minded people to mobilize their entire might to dethrone this anti-people government. In order to materialize this target, the party will evolve with a strategy to explore the possibility of (i) forging alliance with left parties, (ii) understanding with secular democratic parties, (iii) contest independently to propagate the politics of Forward Bloc and relevance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (iv) and to take all possible steps to consolidate anti-BJP votes.

The Programme

The All India Forward Bloc will strive to:-

- Ensure more public expenditure for agriculture, health, education
- Ensure growth with more employment opportunities
- Stop all disinvestment and to adopt programme for reviving sick PSUs.
- Tax the rich and enhance the corporate taxes.
- Enhance subsidy for food, agriculture, SSI units and public health facilities.
- Increase the Plan Expenditure and curb non-plan expenditures
- Bring back the black money and stop all sorts of tax evasion.
- Radical changes to share the taxes with the states. State share should be increased.
- No FDI in Bank, Insurance, defence and other national service sectors.
- Withdraw the privatization of Pension Funds.
- No more PPP in infrastructure developments.
- Enhance the investment in agriculture and its allied sectors, including irrigation, transport, communication, rural market, rural infrastructure and farm research.
- Ensure integrated development of the rural areas.
- Stop FDI in Agriculture
- Quantitative restrictions should be imposed on import of agricultural products.
- Subsidy for agriculture would be enhanced.
- Bank loans should be easily made available to the farmers at low interest rate.
- Ensure periodic revision of the procurement prices for farm produce making those remunerative.
- Bold steps should be taken to implement land reforms which were not implemented in most States.

- Programme to attract the youngsters in to agricultural activities.
- Ensure adequate Crop-insurance.
- Proper marketing facilities for the farmers.
- Acquire all surplus land and will distribute among the landless.
- Women, Minority and SC/ST sections will get priority for pattas.
- Scrap all Free Trade Agreements in Agriculture.
- All pending irrigation projects should be completed within five years.
- Special scholarships for the students of farmers and agricultural workers.
- Special health schemes for farmers and agricultural labours.
- Ensure the participation of peasants in the decision making and planning process.
- Scientific agriculture should be encouraged.
- Integrate agriculture with allied sectors and develop integrated plans
- Ensure universal Public Distribution System.
- Scrap the categorization of APL and BPL
- Ensure adequate food supply to all.
- 35Kg of rice or wheat at the rate of Rs.1 per Kg to all ration card holders
- Distribute other essential commodities through ration shops.
- No to Cash Transfer Scheme.
- Special PDS markets for festival seasons.
- Make PDS as an effective mechanism to interfere the market to check the price rise.
- Enhance the facilities for procurement and storage.
- No lease of FCI godowns to private parties.
- Ensure twelve LPG cylinder with subsidy per year to each family.

- Stop disinvestment of PSUs
- More excise duty on finished goods, which we can produce in our country.
- Encourage SSI units
- Encourage rural industries and agro-based industries
- Ensure adequate infrastructure including power, transportation and marketing facilities.
- Ensure Worker friendly atmosphere in all units.
- Industrial estates should be enhanced with maximum facilities.
- Interest free loan for unemployed youngsters to start industrial units.
- IT and IT enabled industries should be promoted. More emphasis should be given for hardware industries while promoting software institutions.
- Stop future trade of essential commodities
- Decontrol petrol pricing system. Reintroduce the Administered Price Mechanism (APM).
- Reduce the duties on petrol and diesel.
- No to entry of MNCs in retail trade, agriculture procurements and storages.
- Encourage the state trading agencies in procuring agri products.
- Ensure regular market interference by government agencies.
- Stop import of agri-products, which we can produce plenty in our country.
- Control the prices of natural gas.
- Re-examine all WTO related trade agreements.
- At least 5% of GDP for Health and 6% of GDP for education.
- All the citizen should get health insurance.
- More public expenditure for public health.
- Special packages for enhancing the facilities in the

government Hospitals, Primary Health Centers and Medical Colleges.

- Legislation to regulate private health institutions.
- National health Policy will be formulated to modernize the whole system.
- No to Private Universities and No FDI in education.
- Commercialization of education should be curbed.
- Facilities in the government schools and colleges will be enhanced.
- More focus will be given for technical and vocational education.
- Campus recruitment with clear norms will be encouraged.
- Education and employment data bank will be opened.
- Interest free loan for education and self employment after education.
- Special scholarships for minorities and SC/ST students.
- Regularize the teachers. No contract teachers in educational institutions.
- Special measures to stop drop-outs.
- Mid-day meal scheme will be expanded and the hygienic cooked food should be distributed to all school students.
- Right to work should be included as fundamental right.
- Employment Guarantee Scheme should be extended to both urban and rural areas.
- Minimum wages should be revised on the basis of inflation and Consumer Price Index.
- Unemployment allowances will be increased.
- National Youth Policy will be formulated with an aim to ensure the active participation of youngsters in the planning and decision making process.
- Comprehensive National Sports Policy will be enacted and the youngsters from rural area will get more attention.
- Special education and employment Packages for

Minorities and SC/STs.

- Sub Plan for SC/ST to be implemented properly.
- Reservation for OBC Muslims along with state specific quotas.
- Special intensives for education and self employment for Minorities, SCs and STs.
- Implement Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) PESA Act to all tribal areas.
- Tribal area development should get more budget allocation to provide health, education, drinking water, sanitation, hostels, sports facilities etc.
- Stringent action against practice of untouchability and manual scavenging.
- Proper implementation of Mandal Commission Report for OBCs to ensure 27% reservations in education and employment.
- Special attentions to be given for Most Backward among the OBCs.
- Special economic packages for weaker sections of forward communities.
- Proper rehabilitation of forest dwellers.
- An independent foreign policy based on non-aligned tradition
- Strengthen the regional cooperation such as SAARC, ASEAN, BRICS, IBSA etc.
- More cordial relation with neighboring countries. People-to-people relation should be strengthened.
- Protect the interest of Indian fisherman working in Sri Lankan border and to encourage the process of rehabilitation of Tamils in Sri Lanka.
- Border disputes with neighbors should be discussed and resolved at political level.
- Always hold high the sovereign rights and prestige of the nation.
- Secular values will be promoted. Syllabus and

- curriculum will be modified with secular values.
- Communal harmony will be ensured by addressing the issues of each community.
 - Communal violence will be handled firmly. Zero tolerance to communal hatred activities.
 - Minorities will get adequate appointments in Police and Military.
 - Ensure trade union rights and the right of collective bargaining.
 - Minimum wage must be Rs.18000/-
 - Strict implementation of labour laws.
 - No to New Pension Scheme and the Pension fund should not be privatized.
 - Social security coverage for all workers in the unorganized sector.
 - No to Contract working and casualization of work.
 - Protect the rights of the migrated workers. Special packages for migrated workers including rehabilitation.
 - Ensure equal pay for equal work.
 - Stop all sorts of harassment at work place. The law should be amended and implemented.
 - Minimum pension must be Rs. 10000/-
 - Anganwadi workers should get minimum salary of Rs. 20000/-. All the teachers and workers of Anganwadi will be recognized as permanent government employees.
 - Fishermen will get interest free loan for their livelihood.
 - Artisans and traditional workers will get all social security coverage.
 - Free health check up system for unorganized workers. ESI facilities to be extended to all workers.
 - Special packages for high risk employees.
 - Arrears, provident fund, gratuity etc should be given without delay or red tapism.
 - Adoption of women reservation bill.

- Put an end to the atrocities against women. Strict punishment to the culprits.
- Proper implementation of concerned laws to prevent sexual harassments and domestic violence.
- Women trafficking should be stopped and stringent action against the perpetrators.
- Children's rights should be protected.
- Child labour will be abolished.
- Proper implementation of Right to Education.
- Proper guidance about career, life and livelihood to be provided to the youngsters.
- Young participation in the decision making process.
- Youngsters should be imbued with patriotism and special programme to make awareness about the true history of our nation.
- Facilities to develop healthy cultural and sports activities.
- Protect the democratic values of the society.
- Equal rights to all.
- Resolve the people's issue through conciliations and consultations.
- No Policing in the peasants and workers movements.
- Police Stations must be modernized and ensure justice to all.
- All the pending issues related to displacement and rehabilitation will be sorted out within stipulated time.
- Proper compensation to be distributed to the people who lost their lands.
- No forceful acquisition of land for any purpose.
- Employment and education facilities to the children of displaced people should be ensured.
- Ensure environmental and ecological protection.
- Proper flood and drought management.
- More fund allocation for agricultural research, new

technologies, IT and IT enabled developments.

- No privatization of water, minerals and natural resources.
- Secular, progressive and democratic culture will be promoted.
- Media council for independent media regulation. No monopoly of media corporates
- Lokpal bill will be strengthened further as a measure to curb the menace of corruption.
- International treaties will be signed after Parliament ratification.
- Strengthen the Right to Information Act.
- Separate Vidharbha state will be declared. Will set up Second State Re-organization Commission to go through the demands of smaller states.
- Judicial Commission will be constituted
- Comprehensive electoral reforms will be introduced.
- State funding of election.
- Discourage corporate funding to political parties.
- The representation of Peoples Act will be amended with stringent clauses to keep away criminals from politics and Parliamentary system.

More Over

- Pension to all citizens.
- Education, Employment and health for all.
- Housing for all.
- Land for all the landless.
- Urban-rural disparities will be halted. Special initiatives for rural infrastructure.
- Modern and affordable public transport system for all.
- Electricity for all.
- Drinking water for all.
- Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will be re-enquired on the basis of Mukherjee Commission

report.

- All the files of INA and Azad Hind Government will be declassified.
- Netaji Bhavans will be established at all state headquarters.
- 23rd January (Birthday of Netaji) will be declared as Desh Prem Divas
- All the policies will be formulated in the tune of Forward with "Netaji, Save India, Change India".

Appeal

The All India Forward Bloc appeals to the people of India to cast their votes in favour of the Candidates being set up by the party for the implementation of the above cited programme. Wherever the party does not have the candidates, cast the vote to ensure the defeat of BJP.

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