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It is for your kind information
that no Comrade will be able
to attend General Council
Meeting of Bikem going to
be held in West Bengal
on 5th, 6th, and 7th June, 1987,
due to State Assembly Election
I am much busy in this
Election.
A few days ago, your letters
have been received & m-

we have enrolled membership
till no 8870, which possible
to reach upto 12,000.

Report

Our Union from 9 March to 13
March observed a Demand
Week, and gave big Demonstration
1st Day at Dist levels, Jind,
Kurukstra, Gurgaon, at sub-Division
level Dist Faridkot at Palwal
Panipat Jagadhari (Ambala Dist)
Meerut (Haryana).

Questionnaire about the organization
of the Union already has
been sent to you.

Thank you, yours sincerely
AN Muni

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LAND REFORM CONVENTION IN HARYANA

About ~~400-450~~ ^{500 delegates} activists of the two Kisan Sabhas and two agricultural labour organisations coming from ¹⁰ out of 12 districts of Haryana, attended a united convention on Land Reforms held in the hall attached to stadium in JIND on 30th July 89.

(Ajoy Bhawan)

Yella Manda Reddy, President Bhartiya Khat Mazdoor Union and P.K. Tandon joint Secretary, All India Kisan Sabha (Feroze Shah Road) represented the Coordination Committee of Left Lad Peasant and Agricultural Labour Organisations that are leading the joint struggle for Land Reforms in the country.

A Presidium comprising of State Presidents of the two All India Kisan Sabhas, BKMU and AIAWD presided over the convention, while Prithivi Singh Gorakhpuria, Secretary Haryana State Kisan Sabha conducted the proceedings.

Inaugurating the Convention Yella Manda Reddy pointed out that Mahalanobis Committee in 1969 had estimated the surplus of ~~the~~ a 20 acre per family to be of the order of 63 Million acres and a NSS survey in 1971-72 has estimated it to be about 21.5 Million acres but only 75 lakh acres have been declared surplus and 45 lakh acres ^{claimed to} have actually been distributed. No land distribution has actually taken place in Haryana although a law has been passed. (P)

Militant struggles are going on for land. In challapalli 3000 acres were occupied and distributed in Bihar and Karnataka land has been occupied and we are demanding pattas.

About 25 crore acres of land including ceiling surplus, govt. wasteland and forest land can be distributed.

Land is often allotted but actual possession is not given. Only under left front government of West Bengal, Kerala and Tripura land-land reforms have been seriously implemented. Jantadal and TDP govt. are following the same path as congress-I Governments.

Hence we should identify and locate land and work out a plan of action to achieve victory and get land. He expressed the hope that the convention will adopt a plan of action for this purpose.

Prithivi Singh moved a condolence resolution on the death of leaders of peasant and workers' movement all over the world and in India for those who died facing terrorist and secessionist elements.

Sat Pal Singh, General Secretary Haryana State Kisan Sabha (Ajoy Bhawan) moved the main resolution of the Convention.

The resolution describing Land Reform as one of the main demands of the freedom struggle gave details about the fake reforms that have been implemented in Haryana; Land has been allotted, but possession not given. Waqfis and temples are holding huge amounts of the land with tenants having no secure rights. Custodian of evacuee property owns land which has been allotted to Harijans who are in Government service and not to actual landless. Abadkars coming from Pakistan were allotted land more than forty years back they improved it, built houses on it but this land is being auctioned and government is asking Abadkars to pay heavy amounts to get ownership rights and those refusing to pay are being threatened with evictions. A loot of land by relatives of Congress-I leaders, senior Police & administrative officers.

The Resolution raised the following demands-

- 1- Evictions of all types be ended and unrecorded tenants be recorded.
- 2- Loopholes in Ceiling laws be plugged, the entire surplus land be taken over for distribution amongst allotted tenants. All those continuing to illegally occupying surplus land be fined Rs 3000 per acre per year of occupation.
- 3- Ceiling laws be applied to land owned by religious institutions, and tenants cultivating this land be granted security of tenure.
- 4- Abadkars Patta Holders should not be evicted and land upto 10 acres be settled with each Abadkar.
- 5- The entire wasteland, uncultivated wasteland, Ghoslan land and land under Custodian be allotted to landless agricultural labour Pattas be given on Panchayat lands, upto 5 acres per family to agricultural labourers and poor peasants.
- 6- The community owned land should now after the supreme Court judgement be returned back to Panchayats.
- 7- Cheap rural credit be made available to poor peasants and tenants to whom land is allotted so that they may carry on utilisation. These loans should not bear more than 4 percent interest.
- 8- Enquiry should be ordered into cases of by passing ceiling laws through Benami transfers and false documents.

Satpal Singh gave details about situation in Morana village in Jina district where actual possession is being denied to hundreds of allotted families same is the case in village Keithal in Kham Kurukshetra district.

Krishna Swaroop joint secretary state Kisan Sabha (Feroze Shah Road) supported the resolution. He gave a short report of victory in land struggles in Golli, Kallar Bhani and over Faridkot land.

Addressing the convention CPI leaders Makhan Singh, said that while big princes have gone, feudal remnants still remain. Battle

against them will not be easy. He named several Congress leaders who hold hundreds or thousands of acres by passing ceiling law.

The problem is not only economic but also political and social. It is a battle for justice for which a proper front of all peasants must be formed.

Ex. M.P. Bhan Singh Bhaura said that land ^{is} can not be given to poor peasants and agricultural labourers, but can be exchanged ~~between~~ landlords. He referred to land struggle against PPSU landlords and in U.P. He also gave details about 1970 land grab struggle. Those ^{who} were saying that there is no land had to admit that there is land. He suggested that after making organisational preparations determined squatting should be organised on identified land.

An independent leader of Backward classes of Haryana Ram Chand Jangra said that Congress-I could not solve land problems in 42 years. How can Janta Government solve it in a short time. Due to this failure illusions are being again created that if Congress comes to power land will be distributed. He referred to the situation in a village where Harijans are not being given land to construct a Ravidas Temple.

In all 23 comrades participated in the debate. They gave details about the manner in which land reforms have been implemented and expressed their determination to expose every failure and organise struggles for the ending of injustice. They also emphasised that land to the tiller is not demanding gifts or alms but a right of those who work on land.

Prominent among these speakers were Sube Singh Vice President State Kisan Sabha, Raghubir Singh Secretary State CPI, Om Prakash Puri Secretary State BKMU and Dharam Pal Singh Secretary State AIAWU.

In between the discussion resolutions were passed against activities of communal forces and supporting the call for observing Bharat Bachao Day on 9th. August and Bharat Bandh on 30th. August. A resolution on Indebtedness demanding cancellation of all debts up to Rs 10000 of poor peasants and agricultural workers.

These resolutions along with the main resolution on Demands for land reform were adopted unanimously.

Giving his concluding speech P.K. Tandon congratulated the organisers for such a successful convention on land reforms. Only a decade back nobody could think that land question can be raised in Haryana. It is a great event that peasants are supporting the demand for land distribution and agricultural workers are supporting demand for remunerative prices. A new unity of peasants and agricultural workers

is coming into existence and now united peasantry would join the common struggle to oust the Rajiv Gandhi Government as they once joined the freedom struggle in the hope that freedom would mean end of oppressive system of zamindari and Jagirdari. He called upon the delegates to expose every act of illegal possession or refusal of distribution of land to landless. The land belongs to those who till and the class which has so far denied them its ownership is now ruling the country along with capitalists. The struggle for land is a struggle against Rajiv Gandhi government which represents bourgeois landlords alliance.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Prakash Chandra leaders of local unit of All India Kisan Sabha.

31st JULY 1989 P. K. TANDON