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We Are Going To Defeat BJP Together: Rahul Ahead Of Big Opposition Meet



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Patna: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said all Opposition parties are going to defeat the BJP in the 2024 general elections unitedly.

Accusing the BJP of working to "divide India and spread

hate and violence", he asserted that a fight of ideologies is going on in India.

On one hand, there is the Congress' 'Bharat Jodo' ideology and on the other the BJP and RSS' 'Bharat Todo' ideology, Mr Gandhi said.

That is why we have come to Bihar because the DNA of

the Congress is in Bihar," Mr Gandhi said.

"All Opposition parties have come here and together we are going to defeat the BJP," the former Congress chief said, adding, "In Karnataka, the BJP leaders gave speeches and went everywhere but the result is there for you to

see." "As soon as the Congress stood united, the BJP disappeared in Karnataka. I am saying it from this stage that the BJP will be nowhere in Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and the Congress will win," Mr Gandhi claimed.



"PM Modi is punishing the poor of the state of Karnataka for voting to secure their future. But the Congress government in Karnataka will do everything possible to ensure the rights of the people of Karnataka are protected and the Guarantee of Anna Bhagya 2.0 with 10 kg of free rice is implemented at the earliest, come what may." Here is the statement by Shri Jairam Ramesh .



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It is Karnataka's Durbhagya that the Modi government is sabotaging Anna Bhagya 2.0.

From January 1st 2023 till May 24th, 2023, the BJP-led state government in Karnataka alone lifted more than 95% of the rice procured by all State governments under the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) at a rate of Rs 3,400 per quintal, presumably with Modi-ji's "Aashirwaad". Once, the Congress government was formed in Karnataka, as threatened by BJP President JP Nadda, this "Aashirwaad" has been withdrawn at break-neck speed.

Regardless of claims otherwise made by the Modi government, it is now absolutely clear that the order of 13th June, 2023, by the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Food Distribution discontinuing OMSS(D) for states was targeted at mainly one state, Karnataka, that procured more than 95% of all rice bought by state governments under the scheme this year.

Actually, the Food Corporation of India(FCI) had issued orders for sale of rice under OMSS (D) on 12th June 2023, based on the requests of the Congress-led state government in Karnataka made on 6th June, 2023 and 9th June, 2023. Yet a day later, the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Food Distribution discontinued the OMSS(D) for states. Clearly, this was targeted at sabotaging the implementation of the Anna Bhagya 2.0 scheme guaranteed by the Congress to the people of Karnataka. Immediately, on 14th June, 2023, the GM Karnataka of the FCI, withdrew the earlier order of sale of rice on 12th June, 2023. Not only that, the Chairman and Managing Director of Food Corporation of India(FCI) in a press conference on 23rd June, 2023 said that conditions will be placed such that private traders cannot sell to another state. Isn't this a clear case of sabotage?

This brazen move of the Modi government not only targets the additional 5 kgs free rice guaranteed by the Congress government in Karnataka(bringing it to a total of 10 kgs free rice), it also affects the basic entitlement of 5 kgs that is being given to an additional 39 lakh BPL beneficiaries by the Karnataka state government beyond what is already allocated by the Union government under the National Food Security Act.



The fact is that the FCI has more than enough stocks to meet Karnataka's and the country's needs but the Modi government is trying its very best to close every single avenue for the Karnataka government to fulfil its Guarantee to the people of Karnataka.

If there is a depletion of rice stocks as claimed by the Modi Government, why is it that the allocation and lifting of rice from the FCI's central pool stock for ethanol production and blending of petrol continues at the rate of Rs 2,000 per quintal?

Why is it that 1.5L MT of rice is allocated for production of ethanol this year if stocks have depleted? Is ethanol production more important than the food security of the people of Karnataka?

This is not the first time that the Prime Minister has opposed the schemes of the Congress that benefit the poor. On Aug 13th, 2013, then Chief Minister of Gujarat, Narendra Modi, wrote to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh opposing the Food Security Bill. It is the same National Food Security Act implemented by the Congress party that came to the rescue of the country's poor at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic distress. Under the renamed package of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana, 80 crore people got free food grains and pulses. This would not have been possible without the architecture of the National Food Security Act and the Public Distribution System implemented by the Congress-led UPA government.

Why is that the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana is not a 'revdi', whereas the Congress Guarantee of 10 kgs free rice through the Anna Bhagya 2.0 scheme is vilified and sabotaged?

It is nothing but Karnataka's Durbhagya that Prime Minister Modi is punishing the poor of the state for voting to secure their future. But the Congress government in Karnataka will do everything possible to ensure the rights of the people of Karnataka are protected, and the Guarantee of Anna Bhagya 2.0 with 10 kgs free rice is implemented at the earliest, come what may.



Tamil Nadu's Talli Assembly Constituency MLA Shri T. Ramachandran met me today in the Home Office and discussed about the political and social issues of the two states.



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Param Veer Chakra
Capt. Manoj Kumar Pandey

25 June 1975 - 3 July 1999

Today, on this birth anniversary, we pay thousand salutes to the hero of the Kargil war, Param Vir Chakra, Capt. Manoj Kumar Pandey. He continues to live in our memories & hearts for his valiance & unshakable leadership.



**Baba Banda
Singh Bahadur Ji
Shahidi Diwas**

Our humble tributes to Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, a brave warrior & commander of the Khalsa army, on his martyrdom day. This lionheart of Punjab fought for justice & empowerment of the poor and devoted his life for the rights of his people.