

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **People for Responsible Government**

As citizens' protests surge, India's Dalits, farmers, and ex-servicemen have come together, with support from other sections of the society, for demanding justice and seeking redressal for their grievances.

We have come together to put forward our demands with the hope that this is a Government that is responsible to the People. We expect a responsible government to answer questions put forward by the people and fulfill their demands.

With this in mind, the individual demands of three organisations are as follows:

#### **All India Ambedkar Mahasabha (AIAM)**

1. Withdrawal of all cases against Chandrashekhar, Shiv Kumar Pradhan, Sonu, Upkar Bawre and others detained under NSA and those arrested or implicated on 2nd April 2018 Bharat Bandh.
2. Restoration of SC, ST (Prevention of) Atrocities Act 1989 as it existed with its all provisions and penalties prior to the Supreme Court Judgement on 20th March 2018.
3. Establishment of Indian Judicial Service under the Article 312 of the Constitution.

#### **All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS)**

1. Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all crops at one-and-a-half times of cost of production (C2+50%) and guaranteed procurement.
2. One-time waiver of all loans of all farmers including bank loans, cooperative loans and private money lender loans.
3. Land to the landless poor, house sites for the homeless, ban on forcible acquisition of farmers' land for corporate or corridor projects without proper compensation and rehabilitation, stringent implementation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA).

#### **Indian Ex Servicemen Movement (IESM)**

1. Complete OROP as per approved definition of Parliament of India.
2. Arrest Functional & Pay Parity downgradation/degradation of the Armed Forces personnel & restore status (in the Warrant of Precedence) as existed in 1947. Abolish the AFHQ CS (Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Services).
3. Cancel the Cantonment Roads order. Implement Supreme Court order on the subject. Address the concerns raised by CAG & CGDA with respect to corruption in the Directorate General of Defence Estates (DGDE).

In addition, all the three organisations have decided to unitedly stand up and fight for the following three vital issues:

- 1) Put an end to the hate-driven mob violence and lynching plaguing the country. Fast-track the arrest and prosecution of those responsible for murders and those backing them in an exemplary manner.
- 2) Revive and vote into law the Women's Reservation Bill guaranteeing 33% reservation for Women in the Lok Sabha as well as state assemblies– within the term of the current (16th) Lok Sabha.
- 3) Scrap The Aadhaar, which has wreaked havoc with welfare schemes by widening exclusion, compromised civil liberties by creating new forms of discrimination, and made real the threat of a surveillance state.

We take this opportunity to invite political parties & political leaders to engage with us with specific reference to our demands above.

We, also, invite citizens, as well as collectives and organizations, to join our movement and stand up for their rights. The coming few months will see a host of actions on the ground and in media (including social media) to highlight our issues. We shall, no longer, fall prey to this vicious cycle of electoral politics, power & money. The tipping point has been reached.

**We, also, take this opportunity to inform the country that henceforth the above three organisations, representing three critical segments of our society, will work in tandem and in a symbiotic manner with mutual respect & augment strengths on the ground. 'Calls for Action' will be actively supported by our constituents.**

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#### **Action Calls in August**

09 August 2018: BJP Quit India & Jail Bharo across 400 districts. Call given by All India Kisan Sabha.

09 August 2018: Bharat Bandh. Call given by All India Ambedkar Mahasabha

All rallies & protests will be synchronized actions where the three constituents (Dalit, Kisan and Jawan) will mobilise people across the country towards redressal of their demands.

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