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The Peasants are the sections of our society that work day and night to feed the entire population of the country. They are always subjugated by nature's fury; money lender's usury; vagary of markets; and successive government's policies at the State and Centre. Despite being the largest chunk of population that determines the formation of governments at all levels, the Peasantry as a class is always at the receiving end of troubles. The suicides of peasantry have reached a crescendo but the Ruling Classes are not in a mood to extend any helping hand to them except some eye wash measures now and then. In this circumstance, the three latest laws enacted by the Central Government are feared to throw the peasantry at the mercy of the Corporate Houses. There are many loop holes in the laws including failure to fix any minimum support price (MSP) to the produce of the peasants.

The peasantry normally a class of calm blamer of the fortunes for their sufferings has been roused by the latest laws to protect their interests. A never heard march had been undertaken by the peasantry by thousands and thousands of peasants towards the national capital New Delhi. Braving many obstacles including the police suppression on the way of peaceful 'March' to New Delhi, the peasantry from some northern Indian States have gathered in the Capital and continue with their Dharna agitation. They are demanding repeal of all three laws by the Government. They argue that is the only guarantee that they will be saved from the yolk of Corporates. The peasantry from different other states are supporting the struggle even though they could not undertake a long travel at the time of COVID-19.

The Central Government in its vested interest to enact the laws failed to provide for a democratic discussion with the cross sections of society as well as a meaningful debate in both the floors of the Parliament. Taking advantage of 'Corona' the Government along with enacting several anti-labour and anti-people laws included these three laws of peasantry. The behaviour of the Government that had hurriedly enacted these laws usurping the powers of the State that placed the 'Agriculture' in the concomitant list of powers between the Centre and States is the main reason for the revolt of the Peasantry.

The five or six rounds of talks between the Central Government and the struggling representatives of the Peasantry have reportedly failed. The Peasant Organizations have called for a 'Bharat Bandh' on 8.12.2020 and the call has been supported by a spectrum of political parties and various organizations from different fields. The All India Postal & RMS Pensioners Association also joins the supporting team of peasantry and calls upon its own membership to extend full support to the Peasants Struggle and their just demands. It urges the Central Government to heed to the demand of the struggling peasantry and repeal the

controversial laws and commence meaningful discussions before taking up the question of enactment of law on this issue. The AIPRPA also expresses its full support to the Bharat Bandh Call on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 as the life of the peasant is basic and vital to the pensioners also.

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## **The Resolution adopted in the CMC Meeting of AIPRPA CHQ held on 13.12.2020 in support of the Peasants Struggle demanding repeal of labour laws**

This Central Managing Committee of All India Postal & RMS Pensioners Association in its video conference meeting today (13,12,2020) has resolved unanimously to express our support to the ongoing struggle of Indian Peasantry. The meeting notes with concern that the Central Government instead of accepting the demand for repeal of three pro-corporate farmers laws earlier adopted by the Parliament is trying to break the movement by trying to tire out the struggling millions. The farmers on the other hand are showing their increased determination by intensifying the struggle. This CMC Meeting resolves to request the Central Government not to stand on prestige and come forward to repeal the three laws that are afraid to be fully pro-corporate in nature by the vast majority of peasantry and settle the ongoing struggle of crores of peasants in the dead of winter and life-threatening condition. The repeated offer of the Government to make necessary amends in the laws are proof enough to show that the laws are flawed and not to the interests of the millions of peasants. Therefore, this Association urges the Government to act judiciously and identify with the millions of peasants and settle the main demand of the struggling peasants.