



# Central Office Bearers' Meeting Bharatiya Janata Party

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## Resolution

### End of 'Atkana, Latkana and Bhatkana' (Stall, Delay and mislead) culture

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's second term has seen unprecedented historic decisions to resolve many longstanding problems that were pending for decades due to lack of political will and commitment. During this tenure, the Prime Minister has shown to the countrymen that solutions to the most difficult problems can be achieved with a strong will and determination. Be it the issue of construction of Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya that was pending for over 500 years, or the 70-year old issue of abrogation of Article 370, passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act, proscribing the evil social practice of Triple Talaq or opening the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor for Sikh pilgrims, all these decisions are testimony to the strong political will of the Prime Minister and his unwavering commitment to resolve issues of



great societal significance. A new education policy has been announced after 34 years that will prepare future leaders of 21st century by grooming Indian talent right from early school level and make India a global knowledge hub. The new National Education Policy is a visionary step towards establishing India as Vishwa Guru (world leader) in the 21st century. All these decisions have also bared open the culture of 'Atkana, latkana and Bhatkana' (Stalling, Delaying and Misleading) of the Congress governments in the past and have manifested in reality the concept of a government that delivers by taking quick decisions and executing them in time. We congratulate the Prime Minister for resolving these problems and enhancing national pride.

## **A resolute fight against COVID and cyclones**

The global pandemic Covid-19 forced the whole world to kneel down but the way Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji took bold steps in time to unite the 135 crore people of the country is unprecedented. It presented a unique example of service to humanity, giving widespread acceptance to the concept of public welfare all over the world. Honourable Prime Minister took all the right steps at the right time. It resulted in India recording the lowest death rate and the highest recovery rate of COVID-19 cases. Currently, India's recovery rate is over 84.34%, while the fatality rate stands at 1.55%.

While India was dependent on the import of PPE kits, face masks and ventilators before the lockdown, we are now exporting these crucial medical equipments to other countries of the world. Today, about 4.50 lakh PPE kits and more than 4 lakh face masks are being produced every day in the country. During the three months of lockdown, the number of testing labs increased from 1 to over 1,600 and the number of tests has gone up from 1,500 per day to more than 1.2 million per day. There was not a single dedicated COVID Hospital in the country when the lockdown was implemented, whereas today more than 1,400 COVID Dedicated Hospitals



are functioning. The number of dedicated COVID beds is also over 12 lakh.

Apart from reeling under the Corona pandemic, India was also hit by severe natural calamities during the same period. During the lockdown, a large part of the country, especially the coastal areas were hit by Amphan cyclone. However, the Union Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, lost no time in taking immediate relief and rehabilitation measures. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ensured that affected people faced minimum hardships and got maximum support in the hour of grave crisis. Despite the constraints of the Corona period, the Prime Minister himself visited and inspected the cyclone-hit areas of Odisha and West Bengal. These acts reinstated his government's commitment to cooperative federalism and furthering national unity.

### **Unprecedented support to the poor and the needy**

All legal and practical arrangements were made on a war-footing to ensure free ration for the country's 80 crore people for 8 months from March to upcoming November under the Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Yojana, which is a global record in itself.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister, India presented the greatest example of service to humanity, supplying medicines to more than 150 countries of the world when the entire world was experiencing a lockdown. Medical aid was also provided to several countries.

During the lockdown, special trains were introduced to take migrant workers to their homes/destinations in the country, while the Vande Bharat Mission was launched to bring back people who were working and stranded abroad. A total of 4,615 workers' special trains were run from May 1 to July 9, which took more than 63 lakh migrant workers back to their homes during lockdown. No country has undertaken such a massive campaign to bring home its people from all over the world. Under the



Vande Bharat Mission, more than 14 lakh Indians have been brought back home so far.

Even during the lockdown, the opposition tried to mislead people of the country, but discerning and aware citizens of India did not get caught in their trap. The Bharatiya Janata Party expresses its heartfelt thanks to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for providing strong leadership to the country, uniting the country against COVID, and leading the nation on the path of self-reliance.

## **Befitting response to China's expansionist designs**

The whole world is cognisant of China's expansionist policies and its role with regard to the spread and containment of COVID pandemic. Appearing to take undue advantage of the emerging situations due to COVID and in apparent pursuit of its expansionist agenda, China unsuccessfully attempted to transgress in eastern Ladakh area along the LAC, trying to unilaterally bypass the existing military and diplomatic agreements to maintain peace and tranquillity at the borders. But it failed due to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji's strong political will, timely decisions of the Union Government and the unparalleled valour of our Armed Forces. In this hour of crisis, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi himself visited an Army forward post in Nimo (Ladakh) that gave an unambiguous message to the adversaries that India is resolute in defending its territorial integrity at all costs. The visit further bolstered the enthusiasm of our soldiers. At the same time, the Armed Forces were also given a free hand to take appropriate action if the need arises. By calling an All Party meeting, the Prime Minister took everyone into confidence, while on the other hand, the Defence Minister gave a detailed statement on the situation at the borders on behalf of the government in both Houses of the Parliament. Even at the time of Doklam crisis and now in case of stand-off in Ladakh, the firmness and maturity with which India handled the situation under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been appreciated all over the world. India's stand gained global appreciation and China has been isolated diplomatically on various global platforms. All Chinese Apps that were



prejudicial to India's national security and sovereignty have been banned. The Bharatiya Janata Party expresses its heartfelt thanks to the glorious Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for providing strong and decisive leadership to the country.

Even at this juncture, the opposition tried to put a question mark on the military's valour, trying to mislead the people of the country. Whether it is surgical strike, air strike, abolition of Article 370, or nefarious attempts by China to transgress in Doklam and Ladakh, Congress and some opposition parties keep questioning the valour of Armed Forces of our country. It is the conspiracy to discredit the country. Some leaders of opposition parties including Rahul Gandhi became heroes in Pakistan and China, but people of India know that every inch of land in the country is safe under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The people of India have always rebuffed the leaders and parties that stand against the country. Such forces have been rejected democratically by the people of our country in the past and they will meet the same fate in future as well.

### **Clarion Call to make India 'Aatmanirbhar'**

On 12 May, 2020 at 8 PM, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, known for transforming 'resolves into results', launched the 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat' campaign with a fund of Rs 20 lakh crore. It was a campaign to implement on ground an all-encompassing concept that has given 135 crore Indians the opportunity to empower themselves. In addition, Hon'ble Prime Minister also voiced for the 'Vocal for Local' campaign to provide a larger platform for local products. While the Gareeb Kalyan package worth Rs 1.7 lakh crore was announced to provide food, medical and cash support to the poor, the Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Rojgar Yojana was also started with a fund of Rs 50,000 crore to provide employment to the migrants in villages who had returned home during the lockdown. All these measures not only gave impetus to the real economic system of the country, but also empowered the poor, farmers and workers in the country.



## Big strides towards doubling farmers' income

Indian agriculture has come a long way from subsistence farming to surplus agriculture production, but a lot more needs to be done towards the betterment of agriculture and the welfare of farmers. The need for a revolutionary change was felt in context of the development of the ecosystem of agriculture infrastructure. There was an urgent need for agricultural reforms to provide adequate options for farmers to sell their produce at remunerative prices, uninterrupted inter-state trade and e-trading of agricultural products. Several committees including Planning Commission, Swaminathan Committee, Sharad Joshi Committee and Parliamentary Panels had stressed on the need for agrarian reforms in their reports. In 2014, after receiving the blessings of the people of the country, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi started to pursue these reforms one by one. Based on the report of the Swaminathan Committee, the Prime Minister worked dedicatedly to increase the MSP of several crops one-and-a-half times the cost of production. Mr. Swaminathan himself had said in an article that it was a commendable step. He had lauded the efforts of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, and credited the PM for giving wings to his dream. More than 13 crore farmers were given the protection cover with crop insurance, about 16.38 crore farmers were given soil cards, a separate allocation of Rs 1 lakh crore was made for infrastructure reforms for agriculture and more than 10 crore farmers, at an expenditure of Rs 94,000 crore, have been provided support under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. The parameters of crop loss by disasters were changed and the compensation was also increased. The immediate benefit of these measures resulted in an unprecedented increase in the production of food grains. After taking all these steps, the bills for agricultural reforms were brought in the form of ordinances. After a broad discussion, these bills were passed in Parliament in a democratic manner and now with the signature of Honourable President, the laws have come into effect. These bills have brought the long-awaited concept of 'One Nation, One Market' in the country.



The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, and Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill are milestones towards the empowerment of farmers. The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill 2020 will provide new opportunities for farmers to sell their produce, thereby increasing their income. Earlier farmers had to pay multiple taxes, now farmers have been freed from this problem, allowing them more freedom to sell their crops. The farmers will not be compelled to sell their produce to only licensed traders by going to local market. They can sell their products anywhere in the country, even electronically. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has freed farmers from the burden of unnecessary taxes and has made them self-reliant. Now farmers will also be able to take advantage of selecting the best option to sell at the most profitable prices. In fact, these bills will give freedom to farmers for storage and sale of their crops and free them from the clutches of middlemen. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Ji, Sharad Pawar Ji and Sharad Joshi Committee had also recommended giving freedom to farmers to sell their crops. Many economists also advocated this, but if anyone has tried to implement these agricultural recommendations in a meaningful way, it is no one other than Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Similarly, through the Essential Commodities Act, the entire supply chain in agriculture will be strengthened, farmers will be strengthened and investment will be encouraged. This will provide freedom of produce, product range, movement, distribution and supply and will help in boosting sales. Due to this, there will be no shortage of food grains, pulses etc. The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 will lead to Contract Farming, bringing a futuristic aspect to Indian farming. Farmers and contract farmers who own land will now be able to work without any risk. This will further increase production. Modi government is working at great speed to provide maximum benefit to farmers by building 10,000 FPOs across the country.



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the recent 'Mann Ki Baat' program said that villages, farmers and the country's agricultural sector are the basis of 'self-reliant India' and the stronger they are, the stronger the foundation of self-reliant India would be. The Prime Minister has been working persistently with great dedication and commitment to strengthen this foundation. The rules and laws of the previous century cannot be replicated in the next. Therefore, these steps of the Prime Minister to bring positive changes in society and systems are commendable and very far-reaching. Since 2014, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been making constant efforts to double the income of farmers and with this vision, he has implemented several schemes to improve the agriculture sector. It is Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who has also made provision of pension for farmers. In the same spirit, for furthering the benefits to agriculture and increasing welfare of farmers, these three laws related to agriculture are going to prove to be a huge game changer and will benefit both agriculture and farmers. We heartily thank Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for every step taken for bringing reforms in agriculture and for radical changes introduced for the first time since independence for the welfare of the farmers.

## **Attempts to create stalemate in Parliament and mislead the people**

Meanwhile, the Opposition has been conspiring to mislead farmers through petty politicking on these agricultural reforms. The opposition to agrarian reforms is driven by vested political interests and so is the politics of protests. In 2013, Rahul Gandhi himself said that 12 states ruled by the Congress Party would exclude fruits and vegetables from the APMC Act. Now the Congress party is opposing exactly the same changes in the APMC Act. At the time of the election, the Congress had said in its manifesto that it would change the APMC Act, there would be no tax on farmer's trade and inter-state trade would be encouraged. Now if the Congress is opposing these Bills, then it should first announce withdrawal of its manifesto. The Congress had talked about the removal of the APMC Act, but according to





these Bills, the system of APMC will remain and will continue to work in the same way. Congress had talked about agricultural reforms in its manifesto but at present it is opposing the same agricultural reforms. During the discussion in Parliament, no member of the opposition opposed any provision of the Bills, but their speeches were focused on everything which had nothing to do with the Bills and things which were not related to these Bills. This proves that these bills are farmer-friendly. The Congress and some other opposition parties are trying to provoke the farmers of the country through misinformation that through these bills, the Government is planning to end the system of Minimum Support Price i.e. the MSP. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has repeatedly said that the system of MSP across the country will continue as before and no change will be made. The Agriculture Minister has also repeatedly made it clear. Not only this, the MSP of many crops has been increased only under PM Modi's tenure. In fact, these Bills have nothing to do with MSP and APMC system. Agricultural reforms have given the farmers freedom from middlemen, but by opposing these agricultural reforms, the Congress has actually become middlemen for interests of middlemen. The din that the Congress and some of its allies created in Parliament while opposing the agricultural reform bills was not only against the well-being of farmers, but it was also a murder of democracy. The farmers of the country are positive and hopeful about these bills. They have nothing to do with these political protests.

## Historic labour reforms

Making India a manufacturing hub is one of the pillars of building an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has pledged to turn every adversity into opportunity for the country, and hence he has started several initiatives in succession, due to which India has become the most attractive destination for MNCs across the world. To reap maximum dividends out of this opportunity, longstanding labour reform laws have been effected so that industries could expand, greater employment opportunities could be created and India could become a manufacturing hub.



Labour reforms were long overdue and much awaited. The latest reforms would not mandate the companies with a maximum of 300 employees to take permission from the government to lay off employees. The earlier laws entailed such provisions in case of a company with 100 employees. This was hurting the prospects of employment generation, as this led to the employers cutting back on recruitment and deliberately maintaining a smaller workforce. These bills will protect the interests of the employees and provide universal social security to the workers by expanding the scope of the Provident Fund Organization and the Employees' State Corporation. There are also a significant number of women in the total workforce who will now get equal rights, equal opportunities and equal remuneration, thus promoting women empowerment. Under the provisions of these Bills, workers will be guaranteed minimum wages and wages on time. These labour reforms will now make it compulsory for companies to provide social security and medical facilities to all employees. Not only this, the government has absorbed more than 40 labour laws into four Codes. Earlier, labour laws used to have different definitions and different authorities but now they have been converged and simplified - this would prove to be a game-changer in the lives of our labour workforce.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has taken several policy decisions to bring prosperity in the lives of crores of workers and labourers of the country. These decisions had been delayed for decades by successive Congress governments in the past.

While the Prime Minister has simplified the labour laws and liberated the workers from the complex web of laws on one hand, on the other, he has ensured the rights of workers in both organized and unorganized sector of the country. Not only this, it is Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who also provided pension for the workers of unorganized sector for the first time since India's independence. The objective of simplification of labour laws is to facilitate better compliance with the laws and improve 'Ease of Doing

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Business', so as to spur employment. We express our gratitude to the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, who is always deeply concerned about the workers and is determined to work for their upliftment.



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