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Regarding withdrawal of the hunger strike by Mr. Anna Hazare, today, Sourav Mukherjee, the General Secretary of AIDS0, in a statement to the press, has said the following:

“ In face of strong public opinion throughout the country, the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre has accepted most of the demands raised by Sri Anna Hazare, to be incorporated in the ‘Lokpal Bill’ and hence he has withdrawn his hunger-strike today. But we feel that the movement against corruption must continue in order to fulfil its cherished objective.

Though there is no denial of the fact that a strong and effective legislation against corruption, if properly implemented, will act as a deterrent against this social menace, but proper implementation of the law also depends on the thrust of mass movement behind it. Movement against corruption can be decisive if and only if, a) it is directed against this crisis ridden capitalism, exposing how it is producing and protecting corruption; b) it must create a feeling and confidence among the masses that they themselves are fighting for their own cause; and instead of passive support, active involvement of the masses up to the grassroots level through its own instrument of struggle, can be carried out; c) it will have to be guided by a scientific socio-economic outlook and higher ideology and values of the day that may imbue those who will be involved in the movement and uplift the general moral standard of the younger generations.

With this approach and objective the anti-corruption movement must continue as conducive to the movements going on throughout the country against the anti-people policies of the central and state governments, and the attack of privatisation, commercialisation and globalisation in all fields. The student organisation AIDS0 or such other like-minded forces are developing innumerable such movements throughout the country. The AIDS0 urges upon the students to strengthen these movements, with might and mite.”

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