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On release of juvenile convict of Nirbhaya – gangrape and murder case:

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Comrades H G Jayalaxmi, General Secretary of AIMSS, Prativa Nayak, General Secretary of AIDYO and Ashok Mishra, General Secretary of AIDSO, have jointly issued the following press statement on the release of juvenile convict of Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder case.

“The entire country got terribly shocked to see that the juvenile convict accused in the Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder case who surpassed all other convicts both in rape and cruelty on Nirbhaya that led to her painful death, walked away free completing only three years stay in a special home.

Not only the parents of the victim Jyoti Singh Pandey, who is now popularly known as Nirbhaya, many right thinking people more particularly the Delhi Women’s Commission (DWC) have opposed the release of the convict juvenile. The DWC has even gone to the Supreme Court asking whether the convict who has exhibited extreme criminal mind while committing this heinous crime, is really reformed and no more a threat to the society. As reported by The Hindu (dated 21.12.15) the DWC has expressed serious apprehension ‘considering the heinous nature of the crime committed by the respondent [the juvenile convict] as well as his behaviour and attitude in a special home confirmed by the government agencies that the respondent may continue to have criminal/perverse bent of mind which poses a serious threat to women in particular and society at large’.

Everybody expected that such a criminal would get nothing less than capital punishment. But this could not be made possible precisely because of the serious limitation in the Juvenile Justice Act of our country. Naturally, all the right thinking people of the country including Nirbhaya’s parents felt it a ‘travesty of real justice’.
