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In recent times, much hue and cry has been created regarding corruption on the one hand and the movement against it, on the other. Numerous small and big scams, 2G-Spectrum, Commonwealth Games scam, IPL, Adarsh Housing scandals, Karnataka Mining scam, Lovelin Oils scam, Wikileaks report on Indian blackmoney accounts in Swiss Bank etc. have surfaced during the past few months. Known personalities like Anna Hazare or Baba Ramdev are being projected by media as leaders of the anti-corruption movement. The veteran Gandhiite leader Anna Hazare has demanded immediate passing and implementation of the Lokepal Bill, with certain proposed amendments. An illusion has also been created among a section of the people that if the much discussed Lokepal Bill is passed, as demanded, there will be end of corruption!

Today, the life of common people has become unbearable due to extreme price-hike, inflation-recession and unemployment. But in spite of all this, the central government as well as all the state governments are imposing huge taxes on the crisis ridden people. The exchequer created through taxes is rarely used for public welfare. There is little fund for roads, drinking water, schools, hospitals, medicines and other necessities. Whatever fund is allotted for those purposes that is grossly misused due to corruption. Grants for colleges - universities are being curtailed sharply. Everywhere 'user to pay' approach are being promoted. But the public exchequer, squeezed out of anaemic, starving people is being legally made available as bail outs, incentives, loans, tax exemption, free supply of water, electricity etc. to multi-billionaire corporate investors. Several lakhs of crores of unpaid loans taken by the corporate investors from the nationalised banks are being exempted by the government each year. Such grand feast with public exchequer continues most shamelessly through unending series of scams by the nexus of ministers, high-ranking officials and bureaucrats. Corporate giants are behind all these, often share market bookies, promoters, investors, bank managers, leaders of 'big' parliamentary political parties etc. are involved in these scams.

What has come to the surface is only the tip of the iceberg. Not a single particular sphere of public life in our country is free from corruption. In such a situation obviously the pent up grievance of the people is on verge of explosion against these corrupt misdeeds. In order to divert the attention of the people from any serious movement, the ruling capitalist class is making all out attempts. The 'big' national parties, which are at the centre stage of corruption, i.e. Congress and BJP, are raising much uproar against that, as if they seriously mean it, and accusing each other. While both these parties and all other national or regional parliamentary political parties, including the socalled lefts like CPI and CPIM, are extremely corrupt. Furthermore, the media controlled by the capitalist class

are also trying to pose the movement against corruption in such a way that, instead of serious movement involving the masses, it be confined to individual attempts within the bounds of parliamentary politics alone in such a way that the root cause of corruption, i.e. this crisis ridden capitalism can be kept shielded. But can the problem of corruption be addressed merely by passing a law in the Parliament?

In fact corruption is part and parcel of this crisis ridden capitalist system. During the days of Renaissance and bourgeois democratic revolution, in the social struggle against feudalism and religious dogmatism, democratic ethos and values to a great extent rooted out corruption in the then western society, due to the impact of which still now it is not so rampant in Europe compared to the backward capitalist countries like India. In our country when the concept of nationalism and democracy came, capitalism as a world system already entered the phase of imperialism and lost its progressive role to a great extent and became compromising. In spite of this weakness, during the days of freedom movement, the impact of social struggle, particularly the impact of uncompromising trend of the freedom movement, uplifted the general moral standard of the people. Nowadays, due to intense crisis of capitalism, corruption and malpractice is spreading everywhere across the globe. In India, during the post-independence period the ruling capitalist class, unable to solve any of the basic problems of people's life due to all out crisis, has become mortally afraid of any mass movement. So, in order to rule out the possibility of developing any social or political movement, they have launched a calculated attempt to destroy the moral fabric of the younger generations of our country. Constant propagation of self-centric attitude, aversion to social problems, careerism, unbridled greed for profit, consumerist attitude towards life and vulgar sex and violence, through the media controlled by bourgeois class is destroying the moral backbone of a large section of people, which acted as the breeding ground for corruption. The leading Marxist thinker of this era Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed that there is a total ideological vacuum within the society. Both the religious values and bourgeois democratic moral values have become historically obsolete, and their positive role within the society, have almost totally become exhausted. The impact of freedom movement has almost been obliterated. The bourgeois individualism has also become a privilege. Even where there is organisational influence of the socalled leftists like the CPI, CPI(M) etc. the cultural moral standard of younger generations, instead of being uplifted, have sharply deteriorated. But the new ideology, new moral values, yet could not extend its influence much within the society. In such a situation, when the ethos and values within the society is in serious crisis merely by introducing a new law, corruption can't be eradicated. The Judiciary and the administration, which will implement the law, themselves have become out and out corrupt, are not there lots of such allegations? Therefore stringent law against corruption is necessary but without real mass movement, led and guided by higher ethics and values, it is impossible to properly implement it.

Our organisation All India DSO strongly feels that the question of fighting corruption is inseparably linked with the struggle against this crisis ridden capitalist system, which engenders corruption daily, hourly. If surge of mass movement can be created against anti-people policies and measures of the government across the length and breadth of the country, that will have a strong restraining effect on corruption too. Therefore AIDSO is engaged in developing students' movement against fee hike, privatisation-commercialisation of education as a well as various issues of corruption and malpractice in the field of education, like the incident of Patan PTC college, in Gujarat, malpractice of VC in Bhagalpur university, Bihar etc. In order to fight the conspiracy of the ruling class to destroy the moral backbone of the younger generations, the AIDSO conducts an ideological-cultural struggle also among the students, through observance of the memorial days of great revolutionary fighters like Bhagat Singh, Chandrasekhar Azad, Asfaqullah, Khudiram bose, Netaji

Subhas etc. and great renaissance personalities of our country like Iswarchandra Vidyasagar, Jotirao Phule, Munshi Premchand, Saratchandra, Narmad, Meghani, etc. by upholding their life and struggle. The AIDSO feels that strong united movement on all India plane against corruption and against antipeople policies due to privatisation, commercialisation and globalisation is the need of the hour.

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