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Keep the Promises Made to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

The 21st Congress of CPI (M) demands that the Central Government fulfil the commitments made to ensure the special status of Andhra Pradesh, and deliver the special packages promised to the two States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

During the discussion on the Andhra Pradesh State Reorganization Bill, the UPA Government – and the former Prime Minister himself -- promised to provide the special packages to the two States. BJP leaders who were then in the Opposition promised an even better package if they were voted to power. The BJP reiterated its promises after it formed the Government. Andhra Pradesh was promised funds for the development of backward regions such as North Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema, for meeting the revenue deficit in the budget, for special status for industrial areas, for the construction of new educational and health institutions, for the construction of a new capital, for a new railway zone, and for a steel plant for Rayalaseema, etc. Telangana was promised 4000 MW of power, a steel plant in Khammam, and institutions of higher education, etc.

Important multi-purpose projects in North Andhra and Rayalaseema and the Pranahita-Chevella project in Telangana should be taken up on a priority basis as national projects and completed at the earliest.

One year after the formation of these two States, the promised special packages have not been delivered. On the contrary, BJP ministers have been making contradictory statements regarding these commitments, making it clear that the promised packages were only rhetoric, promises made to secure votes and not a serious commitment to the development of backward regions. It should be remembered here that one of the reasons for the demand for a separate State was the backwardness of specific regions covered by the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh. Hence the issue of the backwardness of North Andhra, Rayalaseema, and the districts of Telangana should be addressed seriously.

The state governments in Andhra Pradesh led by the TDP and in Telangana led by the TRS are not putting pressure on the Government of India to implement these packages, even though the TDP is a participant in the Central Government.

The 21st Congress of the CPI (M) demands that the commitments made for special packages to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana be fulfilled without any further delay.

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