

SKM CALLS FOR OBSERVING 13 AUGUST 2025 AS THE DEMAND DAY OF-

## MNCs QUIT INDIA CORPORATE QUIT AGRICULTURE

**MASSIVE TRACTOR -VEHICLE RALLY -BURN EFFIGY OF PRO MNC POLICIES** 

## **Demands:**

- 1. No to CETA, No to FTA with the USA. Protest imposing 25% tariff by USA: CETA has increased imports of processed foods, including dairy, vegetables and fruits from the UK. It has also increased FDI in food processing in India which will undermine farmer's earnings and small agribusinesses. Negotiations with the USA are on to promote massive imports of GM foods, food grain, soya, corn, cotton and unregulated entry of MNCs into the Indian economy. SKM strongly protests the unilateral imposition of 25% tariff on India by the U S president as an onslaught on the sovereign rights of India.
- 2. No to NPFAM, No to NCP (National Cooperative Policy): The National Policy Framework on Agricultural Marketing (NPFAM) of Nov 2024 basically promotes private capital in PPP mode for modernizing APMCs, government Market yards including mechanization of food grain handling, food storage and food processing. The New NCP declared in July 2025 promotes FPOs in village panchayats as one point sources for credit; inputs - seeds, fertilizers, insecticides; services - tilling, sowing, irrigation, electricity, spraying, harvesting; food crop purchases and storage at panchayat level; market linkages; etc. The FPOs shall be profit oriented entities with profit sharing for members and not to support farmers by ensuring remunerative MSP and agricultural workers by ensuring minimum wage and guaranteed social welfare. Both policies will operate in tandem for changing cropping patterns to promote commercial cropping for corporate food processing and marketing. They will further undermine farmer's independence and sustainable, self-reliant agriculture. They will facilitate corporate dominance on agriculture and food systems thus undermining the government procurement, food distribution through PDS and food security of the nation. SKM consider these policies as an onslaught of federal rights of the state governments and centralisation of power by the Union Government as part of corporatisation of agriculture and needs to be resisted.
- 3. MSP for all Crops @ C2+50% with guaranteed Govt. procurement.
- 4. Comprehensive loan waiver, stop harassment by Micro Finance companies: Micro Finance Institution MFI companies' agents are acting like erstwhile usurer landlords. MFIs are using RBI money to

do lending business. Landless poor, Dalits, Tribals and others are forced to abandon their homes to escape misbehaviour by recovery agents consisting of criminal elements. Women and girl children are being harassed and even kidnapped. Due to acute agrarian distress the people are too poor to pay. SKM appeals to the people to restore reputation and respect to the food producers. Enact law to establish producer cooperatives in villages to provide credit without interests to the peasant and agricultural worker households and regulate MFI lending strictly with 4% interest per annum.

- **5.** No to power sector privatization; No smart metres: SKM demands to waive pending electricity bills; provide 300 units Free Electricity to Rural sector: 18 Hours per day power to rural areas including pumping sets; The state governments have raised electricity bills very high, artificially inflated on rural consumers to blame them for pending dues. Rural people face a deep income and employment crisis due to pro corporate, pro MNC policies. Power sector losses are also due to very costly electricity purchases from private generators and subsidized cheap supply to private distributors, who earn profits but refuse to pay to the government.
- **6. No to land pooling policy of Punjab Govt.:** Implement LARR Act 2013: Punjab Govt. has notified several hundred villages in the name of land pooling for urbanization stating that part of land will be returned as developed plots. This has completely banned ownership rights, mortgaging rights of owner peasants. It has completely undermined rights of landless on village common lands and facilitated backdoor corporate takeover of land.
- **7. Pay all Govt. pensions @ Rs. 10,000 per beneficiary:** Considering the huge rise in cost of survival, enact a law to make pension (Old age, Widow, Handicapped) a fundamental right.
- **8. No to Govt. policy to ban old tractors:** Union Govt. in order to ban all Diesel Vehicles including tractors more than 10 years old is untenable and is nakedly promoting corporate profit and political corruption.
- **9.** Long live World Tribal Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day, 9th August 2025: Implement Forest Rights Act 2006 in its spirit. No to displacement of Tribal people and other forest dwellers, no to deforestation, no to environmental damage by corporate miners and real estate companies.

10. No to closure of primary schools in UP: Yogi Adityanath led BJP Govt. of UP is closing 5000 primary schools having less than 50 children by merging them. While the order is on hold where distance to the schools will increase, this will increase sale of school land and property to private owners. Poor attendance is mainly due to poor teaching facilities and lack of teachers. Under Right To Education - RTE provisions, the Govt. is promoting private schools by compensating fees paid thus closing down the public schools.

## 11. Stop communal violence supported by police and administration:

Lawless attacks by the religion based organized gangs on Minorities, Dalits, Adivasis and deprived sections and bulldozing the houses and slums even daring the Supreme Court order are increasing manifold under the NDA rule in double engine government ruled states. Stop lodging false cases against innocent people, withdraw all false cases and release all those arrested and jailed in such false cases. Repeal order to snatch free fishing rights of the Fishermen community in rivers. Stop allocation of fishing contracts.

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