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In solidarity with the 'Indian Farmers Protesting 3 Agricultural Laws'

Indian Farmers have been protesting since 26th November 2020 demanding the withdrawal of the three contentious central agriculture laws - the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act – passed by the government of India without consulting the stakeholders in September 2020. Indian Farmers, Pastoralists and Small-holders are protesting mainly against the provisions to remove the minimum support price in agriculture production, to dissolve the local Mandis, to remove the limits on hoarding the agriculture products and to allow the corporatization of agriculture sector.

The Land and Agrarian Movement of Nepal strongly supports the Indian Farmers protesting the newly endorsed three contentious central agriculture laws and demanding the democratic and transparent process for policy making. We express our solidarity to the ongoing agitation of the Indian farmers that continues to gather thousands of farmers at Delhi borders amidst the winter cold and COVID-19 risk. We salute the historic unity of the farmers across the India demanding the repeal of the Three Farm Acts.

The Alliance joins the protesting farmers to calling upon the Indian government for withdrawal of the three Farm Acts endorsed in September 2020 and address the demands of the protesting farmers. We stand in solidarity with the Indian farmers opposing these regressive policy moves of the government that will only facilitate corporate takeover of Indian agriculture that compromises the food security and food sovereignty of more than 60 percent of the Indian people engaged in agriculture. These laws will alienate 85% of the small-holders from their farm and exacerbate the socio-economic situation and livelihood prospectus of more than 500 million landless and agricultural workers in India.

The Farmers' protest is becoming historic movement against the Three Farm Acts. In this context, Land and Agrarian Movement calls to support Indian Farmers protesting three Agricultural Acts to safeguard the land rights, food-security and food sovereignty of the rural peoples in India.

"Denounce the Neoliberal Farm Policies!"

Nepali Organizations in Solidarity with Indian Farmers' Protest

1. Community Self-Reliance Centre (CSRC)
2. National Land Rights Forum Nepal (NLRN)
3. Land Governance Working Group (LGWG)
4. Consortium for Land Research and Policy Dialogue (COLARP)
5. Aviyani Nepal
6. National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal
7. Food First Information & Action Network Nepal (FIAN Nepal)

8. Alliance of Agriculture for Food
9. National Farmers' Group Federation Nepal (NFGF)
10. All Nepal Peasants' Federation
11. Women Peasants' Association Nepal
12. All Nepal Livestock Holders' Association
13. All Nepal Poultry Farmers' Association
14. All Nepal Vegetable Producer Peasants' Association
15. All Nepal Fruit Farmers' Association
16. All Nepal Sugarcane Farmers' Association
17. All Nepal Coffee Farmers' Association
18. All Nepal Fish Farmers' Association
19. All Nepal Spices Farmers' Association
20. Rural Agriculture Mobilizers' Network

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