

Note for Discussion on 27 Sep 2022

- Girish

In our meeting on Tuesday, 20Sep22, the proposal that we should come out with an English version of our Hindi book came up for discussion. This proposal is not new as we have talked about it earlier even before we decided to publish the Hindi book. During further exchange we – only four of us were there in the meeting – felt that it will be more appropriate to view this proposal in the context as it has developed since political initiatives like an All-India Farmers Party by the Telangana CM and Bharat-Jodo Yatra by the INC. The Note written by Sunil (originally for Akhilensh) and the ensuing discussion around it in our last four meetings has already set-out how we view these developments.

This note is for discussion on the above proposal in our Meeting on Tue, 27Sep22. The following points seem relevant and important to me if we finally decide to give effect to the proposal.

1. The book should be viewed as a one of the steps in carrying forward our participation in the developing events referred to above.
2. The first two parts – **आन्दोलन** and **बाज़ार, बेरोजगारी और आय** - of the Hindi book will need to be overhauled almost completely. The third part – **ज्ञान, राजनीति और भावी समाज की दृष्टि** - will also need some changes.
3. The prologue may be directly based on Sunil's Note and the second part of the transcript that I had sent.
4. Part I should contain articles on movements of the Lokavidya Samaj, and on general relation between movements of Lokavidya Samaj and politics. This Part may have articles on state-centre conflict, federalism, electoral system, fiscal arrangements, on other issues of concern about extreme centralization of power, and possibly on a relook at caste as a समाज.
5. Part II should contain articles on youth movements and on actual and potential alliance between movements of Lokavidya Samaj and those of the youth. This Part may have articles on nature and origin of

unemployment, impossibility of resolution of the problem by the present system, extreme income disparities, hegemony of modern education, knowledge equality and पक्की आय demand, and on communication technologies and local bazars.

6. Part III can retain most of the articles in the last part of the Hindi book after appropriate modifications. They will all need a freshly written introduction by their respective authors. Some of the articles may be shifted to other parts of the Book. For example, GSRK's article appears more suited to Part I, and one, or two of Gandhi's articles too.
7. We should invite articles from people outside the group too.
8. The Book may be published as an e-book. Print version may be produced at Hyderabad, or Bengaluru if necessary for use in / after Kerala and similar future events as well as in other meetings in the context of 2024.