

LETTER

### TRIBAL REBELLION

The month-long exemplary struggle of tens of thousands of tribals and other deprived and tortured people of Jangalmahal in West Medinipore, Bankura, Purulia etc. against prolonged police and para-military repression of a repressive government with the Left signboard has already brought the administration to its knees. The forced comedown of the state administration in West Medinipore by a near total acceptance of the set of demands of the struggling people is the singularly positive outcome of the long-drawn-out mass revolt. Driven to desperation, the ruling marxists have now let loose their armed *Harmad Bahini* formed by hired goons hailing from other places to ensure its toe hold, with the help of police, in the struggling areas of Jangalmahal. The left government is now in a diabolical game to pit a section of tribals against the vast number of tribals and other people who have been resisting state terror. It is the corporate houses, timber smugglers, greedy contractors, known police agents, a small section of power-happy degenerate politicians and obviously the police department that lend support to the state action to counter the mass revolutionary struggle. Tribal people's resistance against state terrorism exposes the hollowness of the left propaganda that only a handful of Maoists are opposing this regime.

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