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## Disaster as Development

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The bungling and mayhem, betrayal and barbarism involved in Singur and multiplied several fold in Nandigram have ripped the masks of many, including that of the Writers Bldg . But blatant hypocrisies, opportunistic pieties and cynical exaggerations need severe and swift ripping.

True, the CPI-M, both the government and party, were caught on the wrong foot and exposed in their abysmal perfidy. The deal with the Tatas was desperate and sordid. The brutality against villagers and bloodletting of protesters were inexcusably wild and wanton. Not one death was inevitable, not one rape called for by reasons of state.

The enlistment of unruly cadres and free floating scum, the vile lumpens, for the express purpose of terrorizing the villagers, brought no honors to the party and did no good to the government.

This had better be left as the exclusive preserve of bourgeois gangsterism innate to parliamentary carnival of a misshapen democracy. That CPI-M had no qualms in emulating the crooks and cretins who constitute the statusquoist ruling class, is a blazing shame and more, a screaming scandal, which it would find hard to live down.

But things are politically fishy to the point of stench emanating from some of the most notorious and unscrupulous tricksters rushing with their sympathy for the villagers of Nandigram.

Advani is the most infamous reprobate for his role in the Gujarat massacre of Muslims in 2002. He was then the Home Minister. Nobody remembers him running post haste to Gujarat to rescue and rehabilitate the victims of the blood-drenched carnage his saffronazi brigade under Modi, with his covert approval, had perpetrated on the helpless and innocent Muslims that, continuing to this day , left thousands killed, raped, mutilated, robbed, flayed alive, and lakhs rendered wandering waifs overnight.

His joining the cacophony against CPI-M is both insane and immoral. His Blood Yatras had left thousands dead in the 90s all over India.

Another dubious creature baying for the blood of CPI-M is Mamata Banerji, desperate for ascent to power, and in search of expedient, even if inhumane, ploys for the same. It is no coincidence that all the reactionary parties have converged in their angst articulated by independents and some of the constituent parties of the Left Front in West Bengal. The rightists, including Congress and BJP, could not let go this golden opportunity to assure Tatas-Birlas-Ambanis of their support for the neo-liberal loot fobbed off as “development”.

In the blood of the Nandigram villagers these hypocrites and chameleons are dipping their hands to pretend that they are their saviors. □□□