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We Will Take To The Streets, But Won't Allow The Government

Rahul Gandhi

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USPA NEWS - Vice President of Congress Mr. Rahul Gandhi speaking in the Parliament on the issue of farmers and Land Ordinance, in New Delhi on 12.05.2015. (TV Grab). We Will Take To The Streets, But Won't Allow The Government To Harm The Interests Of Farmers, said Mr. Rahul Gandhi.

The Congress Vice President Mr. Rahul Gandhi said that the Congress party will not allow this government to harm the interests of farmers for the benefit of a few crony capitalists. "If we are not able to stop you in Parliament, we will stop you on the streets, but will not allow this "Suit-Boot ka kaam" to go on," he warned the BJP-government.

Speaking on Modi-government's Land Ordinance in Parliament on May 12, Rahul Gandhi said the BJP-govt. has systematically dismembered UPA's Land Bill by diluting key provisions vis-à-vis Consent clause, Social Impact Assessment & the provision that guaranteed land would be returned to the farmer if a project is not initiated on the acquired land within 5-years.

he Congress Vice President said, "Land is not acquired in Bundelkand or Rajasthan. They want places near cities, like Delhi, Noida, Gurgaon. The farmers of our country are sitting on veritable gold mines i.e. their land, whose price will appreciate immensely in the coming years. This government wants to snatch this gold mine and hand it over to their Corporate friends."

"It took us 2 years to get the Land Bill and the NDA govt. killed the bill in a matter of days. The govt. doesn't care for the poor or the farmers. They just want to go and take away their land. We said there is a need for Social Impact Assessment to know how it will impact farmers, but the BJP-govt. says there is no need for it," he said.

Rahul Gandhi also said the government's defense of projects being stalled because of UPA's Land Acquisition Law is a lie. "The government is in a hurry to get this Bill passed. Someone filed an RTI to find out how many projects are pending due to land issues. The Finance Ministry said eight, only eight. There is no shortage of land with the government then why do you want to grab more?"

"I was told robbers come at midnight, silently jump through the window. But the biggest thieves come during the day and they come wearing a suit," he said.

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