

Dark secrets of the Indo US relationship

On 25th August, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told the Indian Parliament that he was not working to promote the American interests or to promote the American Corporations. He told this while seeking support of the Parliament for the 'Nuclear Liability Bill.'

Whether the Prime Minister admits or not, there are dark secrets in the Indo US relationship. The US government keeps on armtwisting the Indian government to act in favour of the US and it's Multi National Companies. Recently, this fact was brought out by an E-mail, sent by a top US official, to the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia.

Montek Singh Ahluwalia, earlier has written a letter to the US Deputy National Security Advisor, Michael Fronman, **seeking his help for India to get increased loan from the World Bank.** On 30th July, 2010, in reply to this letter, Michael Fronman has threatened in an E-mail, that **there will be a chilling effect in the investment relationship between the two countries.**

What made Michael Fronman to make such a threatening? The world remembers that nearly 15,000 people were killed in the Bhopal gas tragedy in 1984. The tragedy was caused by the US Multi National Company, Union Carbide. Thousands of people are still suffering from the impact of the accident. In 1999, another US company called Dow Chemicals had bought the Union Carbide. Now a strong demand is being raised, that the Dow Chemicals should pay Rs.1500 crore as compensation to the victims of the gas tragedy. The demand is also being considered by the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

This has angered the US government. The US is not worried about the thousands of people who are still suffering from the impact of the Bhopal gas tragedy. It is only concerned about the 'interests' of its Multi National Companies. Hence, the US government is armtwisting the Indian government to drop the demand that Dow Chemicals pay Rs.1500 crore as compensation. The US government has also given a warning that it's investments in India would be affected, if the demand is not dropped. Hundreds of such behind-the-screen 'deals' are going on between the US and Indian governments. The Indian government succumbs to the US armtwistings. But every now and then Manmohan Singh or other leaders of the government do not fail to make cosmetic statements, that they do not promote the interests of the US and it's Multi National Companies.

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