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**FOREWARD**

Manifestos of political parties are fast losing their relevance. Given the near-zero credibility of the political class as a whole, no one takes these manifestos seriously any more.

And yet, these manifestos reveal the basic ideologies, the perspectives and the programmes of the respective parties. They also reveal the sections of the population on whom the party bases itself. Thus manifestos, however limited, can become bases for monitoring of the parties, when they come to power.

The Tamil Nadu People's Forum for Social Development (TNPFS) has been involved, over the last 4 years, in the task of monitoring the social development policies of the Tamil Nadu Govt.

In 1996 the Forum helped the civil society organisation in Tamil Nadu to articulate a People's Manifesto, in the context of the elections.

The People's Manifesto was aimed to be "An Alternative Programme for Sustainable Development. Democratic and Decentralised Polity and the Right to Livelihood". It centred around the 3 major areas of concern :

- Economic tasks for Sustainable Development
- Political tasks for Democratic Polity
- Social tasks and the Right to Livelihood.

In the context of the elections to the Indian Lok Sabha in 1999 again, the Forum has brought out a statement, "Social Development, Politics and the 1999 Lok Sabha Election".

Both the documents, we believe, raise the basic demands and concerns of the vast majority of the population in Tamil Nadu. They also speak of specific programmes and projects.

Here, in this booklet, we have tried to study the manifestos of the various political parties viz-a-viz the standards set by the Peoples' Manifesto of the Forum.

We have tried to study as many national parties and Tamil Nadu regional parties as possible. Due to lack of access, we have not been able to include parties such as the Bahujan Samaj Party, Janatha Dal (Secular) and the Samajwadi Party.

We hope the study will be a great help for various civil society groups and individuals in Tamil Nadu and in the Country - in their task of making the political parties and the Government sensitive to the real concerns of peoples.

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## **PART - I NATIONAL PARTIES**

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2. Indian National Congress (INC)
3. Communist Party of India (CPI)
4. Communist Party of India - Marxist (CPI-M)
5. Communist Party of India - Marxist - Leninist (CPI-ML)
6. Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<b>1. ECONOMIC TASKS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>1.1 Eradication of Poverty</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The poverty alleviation programmes must be improved and strengthened.</li> <li>The identification and implementation of the programmes should be by panchayats and peoples' committees and not left to be decided by the bureaucracy.</li> </ul>	<p>Mobilise resources by restructuring priorities and mainstreaming these priorities into new programmes of pro-poor growth and redistribution towards poverty eradication within the first decade of 21<sup>st</sup> century.</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Will double expenditure on poverty alleviation and social development programmes over the next 5 years.</p> <p>The implementation of such programmes will be undertaken through the gram panchayats and in consultation with the gram sabhas. Thus, all funds for poverty alleviation and rural development will be credited directly to the funds of elected Panchayat Raj Institutions.</p>
<b>1.2 Basic Human Needs For All</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic needs must be guaranteed in the Indian constitution as fundamental rights.</li> <li>All people should be guaranteed safe drinking water, safe environment, sanitation, waste management, public transport, electricity, cooking fuel.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Ensure potable drinking water to all villages in the next 5 years</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Top priority for supplying drinking water to people</p> <p>Universal Coverage of Drinking water supply to all villages and habitations within the next 5 years</p>

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<b>1. ECONOMIC TASKS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b>			
<b>1.1 Eradication of Poverty</b>			
No mention	No mention	No mention	<p>The eradication of the poverty of the landless will be central to all anti-poverty programmes.</p> <p>Will consolidate and rationalise existing poverty alleviation programmes to reduce administrative costs and substantially enhance the funding of anti-poverty and rural devt. programmes.</p> <p>Will take radical steps to improve the effectiveness of such expenditure by involving the communities living in poverty and destitution towards which these programmes are targetted.</p> <p>The implementation of such programmes will be under taken through the Gram Panchayats.</p>
No mention	No mention	No mention	
<b>1.2 Basic Human Needs For All</b>			
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
A crash plan for providing safe drinking water in villages and urban slums.	No mention	No mention	No mention

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local government bodies should be empowered to guarantee and provide the basic needs for people.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

### 1.3. Control Price Rise - Strengthen PDS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prices of all essential commodities in the open market also must be kept curbed.</li> <li>The Public Distribution System should ensure food security for all. The PDS should be expanded bringing into its ambit 14 essential commodities. Prices of these commodities should be reduced by 50%.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Reform and improve the public distribution system so as to serve the poorest of the poor in rural and urban areas.</p> <p>Setup a Food Development Bank of India, create warehouse space and develop bulk handling facilities to ensure food for all in the next five years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep the prices of essential commodities under control at all times, changes will be brought about in the Essential Commodities Act.</li> <li>The Public Distribution System will be substantially strengthened and deficiencies in its functioning removed so as to ensure that essential commodities reach families below the poverty line at subsidised prices.</li> <li>The efficiency of the Food Corporation of India's procurement, storage and distribution operations will be enhanced substantially.</li> </ul>
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<p>Will stop arbitrary price hikes through administered price mechanisms.</p> <p>Domestic market and internal trade must be strengthened.</p> <p>Will continue to demand the strengthening and expansion of the P.D.S.</p> <p>A minimum 14 essential commodities should be included for supply in PDS.</p> <p>A network of fair price shops and co-operatives should cover all Panchayats.</p> <p>For people below the poverty line, provisions should be made for the supply of food grains at 50% of the central issue price.</p> <p>FCI and distribution mechanisms should be strengthened for efficiency and elimination of wastage and leakage.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>High priority for strengthening and expanding the P.D.S,</p> <p>14 essential commodities should be included for supply in the P.D.S.</p> <p>A network of fair-price shops and co-operatives should cover all Panchayats</p> <p>Overhead costs should be curtailed, wastage and leakage from the FCI and the distribution mechanism should be eliminated.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Expansion of the public distribution system to ensure adequate availability of essential commodities at fair prices for both urban and rural poor.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Will ensure that an adequate standard of food and nutrition is made available to the poor.</p> <p>The Public distribution system would be streamlined so as to secure efficient delivery of services to the beneficiaries.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● External vigilance of the PDS by strict enforcement of the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and other laws and by nominating members of the voluntary organisations of proven track record to the PDS vigilance committees.</li> </ul>	No mention	<p>A special effort will be made to involve the respective State Governments, local bodies and women's organisations.</p> <p>Consumer organisations will be given full support to act as watchdogs of programme performance.</p> <p>A beginning will be made to hand over the Public Distribution System to elected Panchayats and Nagarpalikas.</p>

#### 1.4. Promote Sustainable Agriculture

	60% of plan funds for effecting public investment in agriculture, rural development and irrigation, by diverse incentive including tax shelters.	A sustained 4.5% annual rate of growth in agriculture is a pre-requisite for the time bound eradication of rural poverty, which is central to all anti-poverty programmes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The New Agricultural Policy which stresses mono-culture cash crops, Horticulture and floriculture for export and leads to a decreasing production of food grains needs to be reversed.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To ensure Food security for all, people's rights on and access to agricultural land, water, common resources, seeds, traditional agricultural techniques and strategies should be fully guaranteed.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Eco-friendly technologies, our traditional and indigenous bio-agricultural practices should be protected and promoted for enhancing the productivity, profitability and sustainability of Agriculture.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Taking immediate steps to protect our bio-diversity is the need of the hour.</li> <li>● To protect and promote the interests of dry land farmers, alternate land management and appropriate agricultural practices should be implemented.</li> </ul>	No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention

### 1.5. Implement Land Reforms

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Land reforms should be implemented in right earnest. Cultivable lands should be distributed to landless agricultural labourers.</li> </ul>	No mention	<p>Continue to lay stress on land reforms, particularly in those states where it has been lagging.</p> <p>Landless rural dalit and adivasis family will be endowed with some land through the proper implementation of land ceiling and land redistribution legislation.</p> <p>Promote security of tenure to the tiller, land consolidation, distribution of excess vacant land over and above prescribed ceilings.</p> <p>Registration of all tenancies through operation Barga-type campaigns and maintenance of up to date land records.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alienation of farmers' lands by private commercial interests and by finance companies should be put to an end.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The practices of the real estate business buying up agricultural lands, irrigation tanks, village common lands and converting them into residential flats should be banned.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

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No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention

<p>Implement radical land reforms, distribution of surplus lands above the ceiling and of cultivatable wastelands to the landless</p> <p>collection of land records, protection of tenants and their rights</p>	<p>Implement land reforms. Take over and distribute land above the ceiling, hand over cultivatable wastelands to the landless</p> <p>correct land records, ensure security for tenants.</p>	No mention	<p>Ceiling on individual land holdings and to introduce urban land ceiling after working out the modalities.</p>
No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention

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Any move to amend the land laws to permit TNCs to buy agricultural land should be resisted.	No mention	No mention

### 1.6. Protect Water Sources

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irrigation programmes and projects are to be speeded up. There should be greater fund allocation for de-silting of existing lakes, irrigation tanks, and ponds. They should be regularly monitored.</li> </ul>	<p>Development of medium and small - scale irrigation projects and age-old and traditional methods of water utilization will receive urgent attention.</p> <p>Party will take time bound steps to link Ganga-Cauvery rivers.</p>	<p>Will prepare a perspective plan for the full development of currently assessed potential by the year 2015 at the latest.</p> <p>Special attention to be paid to drought, prone areas, including the enhancement of the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and dovetailing this into an overall programme for their accelerated development.</p> <p>A local community - based National Rainwater Harvesting Programme will be launched, in order to supplement water availability and recharge the country's groundwater reserves.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steps should be taken to protect all those lakes and ponds in the cities to prevent the depletion of ground water and also to improve the quantity of ground water. The use of ground water resources for agro-business, commercial farms, industries should be strictly regulated.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Will adopt a National Water Policy to provide for effective and prompt settlement of disputes and their time bound implementation.</p>	<p>Evolve a national consensus on the sharing of inter-state rivers. A permanent solution to all inter-state disputes will be found and implemented.</p>

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Will resist liberalisation policies in agriculture, and will prohibit sale of agricultural land for foreign companies.	Will prohibit sale of agricultural lands to foreign companies for agro-business.	Resisting the attempts to reverse the agenda of land reforms, fighting for its strict implementation.  Resist liberalisation policies in the agricultural sector.	No mention

<p>Greater allocation for irrigation</p> <p>Community / Panchayat must have a role in the management of water resources. Traditional lakes, ponds and other water sources must be protected and maintained</p>	<p>Greater allocation for irrigation</p> <p>Provide for community / Panchayat role in management of water resources</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Special emphasis on droughtprone areas, including the enhancement of the Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP)</p> <p>No mention</p>
<p>Control must be exercised on indiscriminate use of groundwater</p>	<p>Exercise control on indiscriminate use of groundwater</p>	<p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p>
<p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p>	<p>Will help to evolve a national consensus on the sharing of water inter state rivers and a permanent solution to all inter-state disputes will be found and implemented.</p>



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**1.7. Conserve Natural Resources : Protect Envirolment**

	<p>Will unveil a National Envirolment Policy to balance development and ecology.</p> <p>The Ganga and Yamuna rivers' cleaning programme will be revamped and revitalised. Similar scehemes for other water bodies will be initiated</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The present Forest Bill should be withdrawn immediately and substituted by the People's Forest Bill with provisions for joint forest management, regenerating forest lands; the control and power over the forests to be vested with the adivasis; restoration of lands alientated from the local tribals.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The destruction of forests by the big industrial houses, contractors, politicians and forest depatment officers, should be halted immediately. Growing diverse species of trees and cultivating in the natural condition of the forests should be preserved for the forest dwellers.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Aquaculture based Shrimp Industries all along the coast which, despite Supreme Court orders banning their functioning, continue to function, should be closed.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

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<p>Formulate an envirolment policy which will help maintain the balance between people, land, water and air.</p>	<p>Formulate an envirolment policy which will help maintain the balance between people, land, water and air.</p>		
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
<p>Stringent action to be taken against contractors illegally cutting down forests.</p>	<p>Stringent action to be taken against contractors illegally cutting down forests.</p>	No mention	No mention
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All initiatives in the guise of development projects that affect the coastal eco-system, the marine resources, livelihood of the coastal people and degradation of cultivable lands and mangrove lands, should be stopped with immediate effect.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trawling should be completely banned in the inshore Area as it destroys the marine eco-system and marine life causing depletion of fish resource and even extinction of some species.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Anti-people developmental projects should be given up. The displaced families should be adequately compensated and alternative land resettlement should be given to them.</li> </ul>	Will enact a rehabilitation policy for those displaced by development projects	Committed to effective relief and rehabilitation measures, and resettlement programmes for people affected by development projects, especially the tribal communities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chemical and Petro-chemical industries, pharmaceutical industries, atomic energy and defense related industries, which drain large amount of toxic wastes into the sea should not be permitted.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Such existing industries should install pollution treatment plants with latest technologies within a time-frame and thus environmental well-being should be safe-guarded.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All licenses given by the Ministry of Food Processing for foreign vessels for joint ventures and charter vessels to fish in Indian waters must be cancelled.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

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A uniform national rehabilitation policy for persons displaced by development projects. Rehabilitation to be planned prior to any project; and displaced persons to receive priority in reaping the benefits from project.	A uniform national rehabilitation policy for persons displaced by development projects	No mention	No mention
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<b>1.8 Tourism</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coastal tourism spreading dangerously and affecting very livelihood of fishing communities and natural resources and marine resources needs to be curbed.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Update National Action Plan on Tourism and prioritise tourism development as a core activity.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Tourism is seen as a source for generation of jobs and foreign exchange revenue.</p>

**1.9. Self-Reliant Industrial Policy Needed; Strengthen Informal Economy**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need an industrial policy that is employment oriented, that respects ILO labour standards, natural resources, the environment, traditional knowledge and skill of the people and abolishes child labour. We need to strengthen our indigenous industry.</li> <li>Halt the implementation of the present package of economic policies influenced by IMF-World Bank and characterised by an open door policy to transnational companies.</li> </ul>	<p>Strengthen national economy and indigenous industrial base</p> <p>New investment and institutional thrust to agriculture, the self-employed, the unincorporated sector, infrastructure development and housing will act as the vehicles for massive employment creation at all levels.</p> <p>Assert more strongly India's national interests, especially at the forthcoming review conference of WTO</p>	<p>Giving special importance to educated unemployed.... will create 100 lakh jobs per year</p> <p>Revive Indian manufacturing industry, in particular through new investments and new technologies, and via the establishment of a broad based National Manufacturing Competitive Council.</p> <p>Industry will be supported to cope effectively with the challenges posed by different WTO agreements.</p> <p>A new company law will be enacted to ensure that the competition is free and fare.</p>
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<p>An alternative path of economic development, which will strengthen the cause of self-reliance and accelerate economic development with social justice.</p> <p>India should take the lead to forge common cause with the countries of the South to negotiate terms which will safeguard our interests with regard to TRIPS, TRIMS, etc.</p>	<p>An alternative path of economic development, which will strengthen the cause of self-reliance and accelerate economic development with social justice.</p> <p>During the review of WTO agreement in 1999, India should insist on critical review of the agreements made in the Uruguay Round, safeguard India's position with regard to TRIPS and oppose any multilateral agreement on investment. Work for removal of WTO incompatible legislation like Section 301 of the U.S. Trade Act.</p>	<p>Development of labour intensive industry with special emphasis on the small industry.</p> <p>Safeguarding the national economy, the key financial infrastructural and agricultural sectors in particular, from the predatory forays of foreign capital and imperialist institutions like IMF, WB and WTO.</p>	<p>A developmental model to remove hunger and unemployment.</p> <p>A strong decentralised economy promoting labour intensive industry with special emphasis on small industry.</p> <p>Will not promote economic growth bound by intellectual property rights.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Entry of foreign capital should be decided on State's priorities and technology needs and the industry's environment track record. A strong regulatory framework has to be put into place for these issues.</li> <li>● Reservation of products for exclusive production of Small Scale Industries must continue. The policy of reservation, exemption from excise duty and other fiscal benefits should be continued.</li> </ul>	<p>Will encourage FDI in core areas and discourage FDI in non-priority areas.</p> <p>Will bring into being, besides financial support institutions, other institutional systems for providing services, tech, and marketing facilities to artisans, small scale village handloom and handicrafts and such other industries.</p>	<p>Will encourage FDI as to reach the target of at least 8-10 billion dollars early in the next decade.</p> <p>Small scale industry will be freed from bureaucratic harassment.</p>

#### 1.10. Stop Dismantling Public Sector

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All efforts to dismantle the public sector must be halted. The policy of withdrawal of budgetary support and reducing orders to public sectors units must be reversed.</li> <li>● Political Parties must give an assurance that the Public Sector will not be privatised including the employment of labour.</li> <li>● We urge political parties to take a stand on the corruption and Privatisation in the banking and Insurance sector. There must be a halt to permitting any more private banks and the insurance sector should be protected against multinational insurance giants.</li> </ul>	<p>Encourage private sector participation in all sectors</p> <p>Commercial insolvency Tribunal to reform PSUs including restructuring, rehabilitation and disinvestment.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Disinvestment of Govt. share holding in public sector companies and the holding of financial institutions in private companies.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>
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<p>Protect domestic industry against indiscriminate lowering of import duties and takeover of existing Indian companies by foreign companies.</p> <p>Encourage small scale and tiny sector industries with adequate incentives and sufficient credit.</p>	<p>Protect domestic industry against indiscriminate lowering of import duties and takeover of existing Indian companies by foreign companies. Foreign capital to be solicited for those areas for which clear-cut priorities are set.</p> <p>Encourage small scale and tiny sector industries with adequate incentives and sufficient credit.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Strong protective mechanism in our interface with the international economy particularly in international finance.</p> <p>Special Emphasis on small industries. Will revitalize the khadi and village industries commission. Labour-intensive sectors and self-employed sectors to be supported.</p>

<p>Defend the public sector from planned destruction</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>End disinvestment in public sector units, and revive of sick public sector units</p> <p>Revive industries that are important for self reliant growth.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Will reject the theory that the State should withdraw and release funds and resources for the private sector</p> <p>Balanced approach towards public and private sectors.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The need of the hour is promotion of social banking and not merely bilising poor peoples' savings through self help programmes and using these savings for financing the rich.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

#### 1.11. Fiscal Policy and Monetary Control

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our fiscal policy of raising budgetary revenues mainly through indirect taxes, which badly affect the poor needs drastic changes. Taxes on property, wealth, income, excise and professions etc should be drastically increased and enforced.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax holidays and tax concessions given to multinationals and joint ventures in core sectors, export-oriented industries, hotel industry, shrimp industries and deep-sea fishing vessels should be withdrawn.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similarly income and wealth of rich farmers, plantations, agro-business and finance companies engaging in commercial tree planting should be heavily taxed.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

#### 1.12 Alternative Science and Technology

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our science and technology policy should be directed towards development of modernised and appropriate technology, protection and support for research in organic agricultural practices and technologies.</li> </ul>	<p>Ensure integration of efforts in the field of science and technology with development programmes in various socio-economic scctors.</p> <p>Will further speed up the modernisation of National Laboratories, strengthen research and development and establish new as well as strengthen existing centrs of excellence.</p>	<p>S&amp;T policy will be geared to mobilising technology in support of agricultural and industrial growth and modernisation to making India a major developer of knowledge based products and services, and to launching a national innovation movement.</p>
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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

Broaden the direct taxes base. Raise the tax rates on the affluent sections.	Broaden the direct taxes base. Raise the tax rates on the affluent sections.	No mention	No mention
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Will strive for a comprehensive policy on Science and Technology, which will enhance the quality of science for the development of knowledge and for the development of the nation.	In promoting self reliance, it is essential that a science and technology policy be adopted which provides for development of scientific institutions and development of substantial R & D potential in India, is to be achieved. This R + D based by Public funded R & D through CSIR laboratories.	No mention	Will strive to improve the scientific temper in the country and will give priority to research and development in key areas like Biotechnology, super-fast computers, information and space technologies.
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		<p>ISRO, DRDO and BARC will continue get unstinted political and investment support, with their linkages to the rest of the economy being maximised. New technology development and application missions will be launched in the areas of defence, agriculture, energy, health and animal husbandry.</p> <p>Computerisation projects will be launched in areas of maximum impact such as land records, tax administration, banks and public utilities.</p> <p>The Technology Development Board will be fully funded to support projects for commercialising indigenous R &amp; D and public - private partnerships in key areas.</p> <p>Biotechnology, renewable energy technologies and new materials will receive special focus. Biotechnology applications in agriculture and health will be emphasised.</p> <p>Specific programmes for the modernisation of agricultural universities and national laboratories will be initiated.</p> <p>India will be marketed as a major destination for research, development and engineering. A world class Intellectual Property Rights system will be put in place.</p>
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<p>Will support the efforts for linkage of science with universities and will support science for weaker sections of the population. It will work for the promotion of a scientific outlook.</p>			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Science and Technology, Research and Development must be implemented with respect for the sustainable livelihood of people, land, environment, water and other natural resources.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science and Technology should augment rather than displace human skills and should include the integration of traditional knowledge, utilization of renewable energy resources and methods which are environmentally appropriate and non-destructive.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There should be no amendment of the Indian Patent Act of 1970 which will erode India's sovereign right to develop domestic Research and Development.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

### 1.13. Education for All

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Political parties must express their commitment to bring forward a comprehensive legislation guaranteeing free compulsory quality education for all children upto std X and detail a mechanism to ensure that the state governments adhere to this for ensuring all children the right to education in any school free of cost.</li> </ul>	<p>Aims at eradication of illiteracy by increasing governmental and non governmental spending on education upto 6% of GDP</p> <p>Primary Education to be made free and compulsory upto class V.</p>	<p>The National Literacy Mission's work will be consolidated and expanded.</p> <p>Committed to investing at least 6% of the nation's GDP in education and earmarking 50% of this expenditure for elementary education, to attain this target by the end of the 9th five-year plan.</p> <p>The right to primary education will be made a fundamental right.</p>
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CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
To curb brain drain, it will demand adequate support for basic research and development and more funds for this purpose.	No mention	No mention	No mention
Review the passage of the amendments to the Indian Patent Act 1970	No mention	No mention	No mention

<p>Allocation of 10 % of Union Budget and a minimum of 30% of states' budgets for education, to reach the target of 6 % of GDP within 5 years.</p> <p>Compulsory primary education accompanied by free mid-day meals, provision of textbooks and other education materials.</p>	<p>Allocation of 10% of Union Budget for education.</p> <p>Introduce compulsory primary education accompanied by free mid-day meals, provision of textbooks and other education materials.</p>	<p>Allocation of at least 6% of GDP for education.</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Emphasis on primary education in rural areas, especially for girls. Mid-day meal programmes in schools would be strengthened.</p>
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The attempts at privatising the existing educational institutions for higher studies should be stopped.</li> <li>● Strict monitoring should be there to check whether the existing self-financing colleges adhere to the guidelines set forth by the University Grant Commission and of the rules and regulations of the Universities in question.</li> <li>● The Yashpal Committee Report's recommendations to improve the quality of education should be implemented. The teacher student ratio should be 1:30.</li> <li>● In all schools playground, toilet facilities, drinking water, library and such other facilities should be made available.</li> </ul>	<p>Grant full autonomy, operation and financial support to select institutions of higher learning.</p> <p>Gradually reduce State subsidies.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>A time bound programme for universalising access to elementary education for all children upto the age of 14 years by the year 2003 will be implemented.</p> <p>A Special scheme for the modernisation of universities linked to organisational and financial reforms will be introduced.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Tution fees and maintenance allowance to every SC/ST student is admitted to any university will be guaranteed for a maximum period of six years.</p>

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
<p>Take appropriate legal measures to protect norganised workers</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Take steps to protect Indian Workers workingin foreign countries.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Will removal discrepancies and contradictions in the Act for the protection of Construction workers</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Will exalt laws to conduct elections for Trade Unions based on secret ballot system.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Will exalt laws to conduct elections for Trade Unions based on secret ballot system.</p>
No mention	Will ensure that 33% reservations for women becomes the law of the land.	33% reservations for women.	No mention.



PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sufficient quality hostel facilities should be made available to the poorer students.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
	Institute plans to provide free education for girls upto college level including professional courses.	No mention
	Setup a developent bank for women entrepreneurs in small scale sector.	No mention
	No mention	No mention
	No mention	<p>Pernalty provisions in the laws against sexual violence and dowry atrocities will be made more stringent.</p> <p>Disqualification of officials, MPs, MLAs and councilors who have been convicted of offences against women and maximum punishment for the offenders.</p> <p>Establish courts that will render justice within 90 days, against those who have committed sexual offences against women.</p>

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<p>Free secondary level education to girls.</p> <p>Rapid expansion of the primary school network and recruitment of primary school teachers.</p> <p>Upgrade salaries in elementary schools and provide schools equipped with at least minimum facilities.</p> <p>Support to mass literacy programmes.</p> <p>Democratisation of the higher education system and development of vocational education.</p>	<p>Rapid expansion of the primary school network.</p> <p>Upgrade salaries of elementary school teachers and provide schools equipped with minimum facilities.</p> <p>Support to mass literacy prorammes.</p> <p>Democratisation of the higher education system and development of vocational educataion.</p>		
<p>No mention</p> <p>Increase expenditure on public health to 5% of GDP.</p> <p>Create an adequate network of primary health centres with sufficient stocks of medicines as laid down by the Ministry of Health.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Increase expenditure on public helath to 5% of the GDP.</p> <p>Provide an adequate network of primary health centres with sufficient stocks of medicines.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>National Health Policy would be reviewed comprehensively and recast with appropriate human and financial support.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Efforts will be made to provide primary health and veterinary care, especially in rural areas.</p>

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<b>1.14 Strengthening Public Health</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The government should take steps without delay to realise its goal of "Health for all by 2000 A.D."</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In government's fund allocations, just 1.5% is set aside for the Health care. As per the World Health Organisation's guiding principle this should be raised to 5%. We demand that at least 8% GDP should be spent on Public Health Care.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Corporatisation and Privatisation of medical care should be stopped. Legislation should be enacted for issuing license and regulating private hospitals and nursing homes.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A Central/State legislation to provide for banning of private practice among doctors in Government service with adequate compensation to the doctors, compulsory licensing of all hospitals, nursing homes and medical diagnostic centres so as to live up to the standards set by the Bureau of Indian Standards for such services.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All attempts to close existing health care institutions should be stopped. The basic infrastructure facilities to these hospitals should be made available along with sufficient supply of medicines.</li> </ul>	No mention	A new National movement for sanitation and hygiene will be started. Effective sanitation and waste disposal technology will be deployed in towns and cities, with the involvement of the panchayats and Nagarpalikas.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Government hospitals should stock and use only those medicines that have the basic 160 generic formation as recommended by the World Health Organisation. Also permission should not be granted to pharmaceutical companies to use medicines which have ingredients other than the prescribed 160 generic formulations. Pharmacies also should be keep in stock and sell only such medicines as prescribed by the World Health Organisation.</li> </ul>	No mention	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To avoid crudest violation of human rights, the Human Organs Transplantation Act should be strictly implemented.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is a need to bring into effect a National Charter on Patients' Rights, particularly the right to information and a National Drug Policy regarding purchase of drugs as per the WHO regulations.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Ensure supply of essential drugs at prices affordable to the common people.	Ensure supply of essential drugs at prices affordable to the common people. Drug price control to be vigorously implemented, to check price increases.	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The national tuberculosis programme should also be strengthened in view of universal upsurge of this disease.</li> </ul>	No mention	The national programmes for the containment and control of communicable diseases, particularly malaria, TB, leprosy, AIDS and Cholera will be completely reinvigorated. Other national programmes such as the control of blindness and diarrhoea through simple cost effective techniques, will also be given renewed investment and management focus. The party will ensure that polio is fully eradicated in the first decade of the 21 <sup>st</sup> century. An epidemiological surveillance system will be set up all over the country to facilitate early detection and prompt response for the rapid containment and control of the outbreak of diseases.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the family planning programme the emphasis should be on vasectomy.</li> </ul>	Control population growth and ensure medical care.	<p>No mention</p> <p>An Education Commission in Health Sciences, along the lines of the UGC, will be set up to provide the requisite financial and technical support for professional and para- professional education in health sciences. One University for Health Sciences will be set up in each state, as the implementing aim of Education Commission.</p>

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
<p>Increase the outlay on preventive medicine and eradication of diseases like malaria, TB etc.</p> <p>Campaign against AIDS.</p>	Increase the outlay on preventive medicine and eradication of diseases like malaria, TB, etc.	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

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<b>1.15 Housing as a Basic Right</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing should be made a Fundamental Right of people to live in a place in security and dignity.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There should be detailed re-settlement policy based on Supreme Court judgements regarding right for adequate housing, fair re-settlement.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditional, modern, low cost building materials must be provided by PDS with subsidy.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low cost, good quality house construction materials should be supplied at subsidised prices, through a public distribution system managed by Dwellers Co-operatives. The policy of the government to resolve the housing crisis through mere substandard house construction programmes should be reviewed.</li> </ul>	Evolve a National Housing and Habitat Policy to provide housing for all.	The Indira Awas Yojana scheme will be expanded and consolidated. the scheme to provide free house sites to the rural poor will be continued.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dwellers Unions of the inadequately housed should be formed and registered at the village Panchayat and municipal ward levels. The Dwellers Unions together with local government bodies should be empowered to hold in trusteeship and to regulate and manage the entitlement provided under this act.</li> </ul>	No mention	

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<p>Housing to be accorded the status of a basic right. Housing schemes for urban and rural poor to be stepped up; free housing sites to be provided. A national level housing policy to be evolved, defining the status of housing construction so that central government, state governments, private and other cooperative societies participate in this sphere accordingly.</p>	<p>Housing to be accorded the status of a basic right' Housing schemes for urban and rural poor to be stepped up.</p>	No mention	No mention
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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<b>2. POLITICAL TASKS FOR DEMOCRATIC POLITY</b>		
<p><b>2.1. State Autonomy is Constitutional and Essential.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genuine Federalism at the Centre and genuine autonomy to Tamilnadu and all States – political, legislative, economic, fiscal and administrative – alone can broaden and deepen the bonds of unity and integrity among the people of various regions in India. The Indian constitution has to be amended accordingly.</li> <li>The arbitrary use of Art. 356 of the Constitution should be stopped. If this is not possible, Article 356 should be repealed.</li> </ul>	<p>Appointment of a commission to review the Constitution to ensure harmonious centre-state relations.</p> <p>Create a Backward Area Commission for each state.</p> <p>Set up a committee to study feasibility of treating all languages in the 8<sup>th</sup> schedule of the Constitution as official languages.</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
<p>Devolve more powers to the states- economic, fiscal, administrative and political- through constitutional amendments</p> <p>Activation of the Inter-State Council and empowering National Development Council with adequate powers on planning.</p> <p>Article 356 to be amended to curtail the power of the centre.</p> <p>All national languages listed in the 8<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution to be equally promoted and developed.</p>	<p>Constitutional amendments for devolving more powers in the economic, fiscal and administrative areas.</p> <p>The federal system has to be institutionalized by activating the the Inter-State Council and empowering the National Development Council with sufficient powers</p> <p>Priority for replacing Article 356 with a suitable provision so that the draconian power of the Centre to dismiss state governments is curbed</p> <p>Maximum autonomy for the state of Jammu &amp; Kashmir by revising Article 370 of the Constitution; regional autonomy to be provided to Jammu and Ladakh regions within the state framework.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Federal Structure with strong delegation of powers to the states.</p> <p>No mention</p>

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<b>2.2. Decentralised Democracy should become a Reality</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Real decentralisation needs to be carried out by conferring more power and financial resources to elected bodies at all levels of Panchayat. As per the objective of the Constitutional 73rd and 74th Amendment, serious efforts should be made to enable people at the grassroots have the right to governance.</li> </ul>	Decentralisation right down to the grassroots level by activating and involving Panchayats and local bodies.	<p>Will work towards the implementation of the Constitutional Amendments</p> <p>Effective devolution within the next 5 years to the Panchayat Raj institutions of all subjects listed in the 11<sup>th</sup> Schedule, and to the Nagarpalikas of subjects listed in the 12<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 40 to 50 % of state budgetary resources at least must be vested with local - government.</li> </ul>	No mention	It will be ensured that, budgets, staff, other resources and corresponding authority are integrated into the devolution package.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● State governments must devolve several of its powers accompanied by required financial resources to local government bodies – urban and rural</li> </ul>	No mention	<p>Direct transfer to Panchayats and Nagarpalikas of their share of central revenues, as determined by the central Finance Commission, and expeditious action on the recommendations of state finance commissions.</p> <p>Direct crediting to Panchayat funds and to the accounts of municipalities, of central funds for rural development and anti-poverty programmes</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All matters of education and health care including the related institutions and personal should be brought within the control of panchayat bodies.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

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Decentralisation of powers to the district bodies and Panchayats; ensure local participation in the formulation of plans and projects. Elections to such 3-tier Panchayats should take place as laid down by the law.	Constitutional amendments to devolve more powers in the economic, fiscal and administrative areas; decentralisation of powers to the districts bodies and Panchayats.	No mention	Effective measures would be taken to make the Panchayat Raj System work so as to realise the objective of democratic decentralisation.
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planning must begin from the Gram Sabha and their voice should be final. Decisions regarding land sale and transfer, land alienation, setting of large projects – power, irrigation, defense etc, location of industry, hotels, agro-business, marine processing etc must first of all be discussed in concerned grama sabha and their decision should be prior and final.</li> </ul>	No mention	<p>The empowerment of the Gram Sabha, as the foundation of the Panchayat Raj system, so that they are statutorily required to give their approval for proposals prepared by Panchayats, examine and pass accounts, and authorise the issue of utilisation certificates.</p> <p>Election of District Planning Committees in accordance with constitutional and legislative requirements, to integrate into district plans the plans for their respective areas prepared by the Panchayats and Nagarpalikas.</p> <p>Will Promote free, fair and representative elections to the local bodies, the expeditious resolution of legal suits that have delayed elections in some states, and the implementation of court directives in this regard.</p> <p>Will ensure the utmost respect for elected women members and women office-bearers of the Panchayats and Nagarpalikas.</p> <p>Establish a composite Ministry of Panchayats and Nagarpalikas to establish a mutually reinforcing relationship between rural and urban development.</p> <p>Panchayat Raj institutions will not be allowed to be used against the weaker sections of society.</p>

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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

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		<p>The discouragement / prohibition of the establishment of parallel bodies to undertake functions entrusted to the Panchayats by the Constitution or state legislation.</p> <p>The functionaries of the Panchayats and Nagarpalikas will be brought under the disciplinary control of the elected authorities to facilitate their constitutional responsibility for the implementation of programmes for economic development and social justice.</p>

### 2.3. Clean and Sensitive Public Administration

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The present Public Administration system with its in-built colonial institutions and procedures needs a radical overhaul.</li> </ul>	Will introduce time-bound programmes for needed administrative reforms, including those for the police and civil services.	A new Administrative Reforms Committee will be established to prepare a detailed blueprint for a public administration system.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A new orientation to the role of the civil servant needs to be provided. Honest civil servants at all levels should be protected from harassment and high handedness. Every senior administrator must make public his or her gross wealth annually.</li> </ul>	No mention	High priority is given to the passage of a Lok Pal Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Simple institutional mechanisms should be set in place for ordinary citizens to file complaints or initiate legal proceedings against corrupt or insensitive administrators.</li> </ul>	No mention	An Ethics Committee for the Lok Sabha will be set up to ensure probity and integrity.

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No mention	No mention	No mention	For a Transparent, participatory mode of governance.
Lok Pal Act to be adopted, providing for investigation and a binding recommendation of prosecution of public servants up to the level of the Prime Minister.	Lok Pal Act to be adopted, providing for investigation and a binding recommendation of prosecution of public servants up to the level of the Prime Minister.	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention



PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A comprehensive legislation should be immediately enacted as a Constitutional Amendment under Article 19, guaranteeing the right to information to individuals and organisations from government bodies, Indian and foreign companies, government aided institutions, public and private hospitals etc.</li> <li>● Government should mandatarily place all public information with the local bodies offices (rural &amp; urban) to enable people to access it.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention

#### 2.4. Electoral Reforms for Fair and Free Elections

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Electoral Reforms are urgently needed.</li> </ul>	Set up a National Commission to introduce electoral reforms on the basis of recommendations of the Goswami Committee, the Indrajit Gupta Committee and the Law Commission Report.	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Political parties and their candidates should strictly follow the revised code of conduct by the Election Commission of India.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Political parties should not field candidates with records of criminal and economic offence or with known communal and caste bias and those who have committed offence against women and weaker sections of society.</li> </ul>	No mention	Redical electoral reforms to prohibit persons with criminal background from contesting elections, via a comprehensive Electoral Reforms Bill.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Election Commission should strictly monitor the election process with independent citizens committee in each constituency. The material collected should be scientifically documented.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
A Right to Information Act must be passed to ensure that the system of governance is more accountable to the people.	A Right to Information Act must be passed to ensure that the system of governance is more accountable to the people.	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

Comprehensive electoral reform is needed.	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	Effective steps to prohibit persons with criminal backgrounds from contesting elections.	Electrical reforms to debar known history sheeters, communal propagandists and scammers from contesting elections.	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Political parties should not be exempt from following the Income Tax Act. All Political parties must submit a detailed account of income and expenditure to a public auditor, preferably a representative of the Controller and Auditor General of India and a certificate obtained. Such certificates should be submitted to the Election Commission and only then should a political party be allowed to contest.</li> </ul>	No mention	Amendment of Section 77 of the Representation of Peoples Act to plug loopholes in enforcing ceiling on election expenditure.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The right to recall elected candidates must be given statutory sanction.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

#### 2.5. Promote Secularism and Defeat Communalism

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Constitutional values of secularism should be upheld and widely propagated.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All State institutions and public sector institutions including banks, insurance firms, etc should stop promoting the dominant religion through display of portraits, organising poojas, religious meetings etc.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Apex Research Institutions have been converted into places to promote obscurantist and communal ideas for political parties especially the Indian Council of Historical Research, Indian Council of Archaeological Research; NCERT, IIT's and several Apex Universities. Political parties must make an open declaration accepting not to politicise and communalise Apex Educational and Research bodies funded by State Resources.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
No mention	Amendment of section 77 of the Representation of People's Act to plug loopholes, enforcing ceiling on election expenditure. State funding in the form of material for recognised political parties, based on the Indrajit Gupta Committee Report.	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	Ensure citizen's right to recall elected representatives guilty of non-performance and disgraceful acts.	No mention
	Amendment of the Anti-Defection Law so that any elected representative who leaves the party has to vacate the seat forthwith.		

Will work for separation of religion and politics.	Legislation for separation of religion and politics.	Defending secularism through strict separation of religion from politics.	Committed to a democratic and secular India.
Protection of the basic rights of religious belief by stringent punitive action against those fundamentalist organisations and individuals who instigate communal strife.	No mention	Put an end to the communal clashes.	No mention
Syllabus and curriculum to inculcate secularism, progressive values, scientific temper and national unity.	Syllabus and curriculum to inculcate secularism, progressive values, scientific temper and national unity.	Firm defence of academic autonomy against all attempts at saffron regimentation.	No mention

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Political party should be permitted to use religious sentiments for canvassing votes.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Committed to upholding concept of secularism based on Sarva Panth Bamadara.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>The Protection of Places of Worship Act 1991 will be strictly enforced.</p> <p>Special courts will be established to expeditiously try cases arising out of communal disturbances.</p>

#### 2.6. Protect and Promote Human Rights

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Report of the Justice Ahmadi Committee for strengthening the National Human Rights Commission should be immediately accepted by Government and tabled for public debate before amendments to the Protection of Human Rights Act is enacted.</li> </ul>	No mention	The activities of the National Human Rights Commission will be given full support and encouragement.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The provision to institute a state level Human Rights commission should be implemented. Its functioning should be democratic, transparent and accountable to the people. Its investigation team must be headed and operated independent of the police. The Commission should have the powers of summoning and even prosecuting in cases of gross violation of human rights.</li> </ul>	No mention	Every effort will be made to set up Human Rights Commissions in every State.

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
<p>No mention</p> <p>Will take measure for a speedy judicial verdict for the Ayodhya dispute, referring it to the Supreme Court under Article 138(2)</p> <p>Enforcement of the Protection of Places of Worship (Special Provision) Act 1991.</p>	<p>Effective prohibition on the use of religious issues for electoral purposes.</p> <p>Ayodhya dispute to be referred to Supreme Court under article 138(2) for a judicial verdict;</p> <p>Implementation of the Protection of Places of Worship Act</p> <p>Special steps to prosecute all those found guilty by the Sri Krishna Commission for the Mumbai riots of 1993.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Meeting out exemplary punishment to the culprits of Babri Masjid demolition and post-Ayodhya riots.</p>	No mention

No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We seek that the National Commission for Women and State Commissions and the National Minorities Commission and State Commissions be given statutory status on the lines of the National Human Rights Commission.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Human Rights Courts but should be independent and imbued with human rights values and jurisprudence, in line with international human rights standards.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The human rights model curriculum drafted by NCERT and NHRC should become a compulsory course curriculum in schools and colleges.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All persons detained under TADA should be immediately released unconditionally. All other repressive detention laws like the Goondas Act should be repealed.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is urgent need for redrafting prison legislation to bring in appropriate changes in the outmoded Indian Prisons Act 1894 and State Jail Manuals. The NHRC has recently prepared a Draft Prison Bill which the commission should circulate widely and organise state level discussions.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention  Will immediately setup a National Police Commission to suggest a detailed plan of action for reforming the police system and apparatus.

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
No mention	No mention	Formation of women's commission and human rights commission in every state and giving greater powers to these commissions nationally as well as in the states.	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	Repeal of black laws, release of political prisoners and statutory compensation to all victims of state repression.	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Replace Police Act 1862 with a modern democratic Act based on the recommendations of the National Police Commission.			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The courts system must be restructured so as to make justice accessible to the common people. Ways must be developed for all judicial officers to be sensitized about human rights jurisprudence and international standards.</li> </ul>	Will set up a National Judicial Commission, which will recommend judicial appointments in the high courts and Supreme Court, and draw a code of ethics for the judiciary.	<p>Will Constitute a National Judicial Commission to appoint judges of High Courts and Supreme Court.</p> <p>Reforms in judicial system to provide speedy relief at affordable costs to the common people and to heighten accountability</p> <p>To ensure expeditious and affordable justice to the poor in rural area, nyaya panchayats will be established by law in all the states.</p> <p>Though supporting PIL, safeguards are needed to prevent misuse for political purposes.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Supreme Court should reject the 1982 petition challenging PIL and should instead expand and deepen the operational strategies opened up by this radical jurisprudence.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Political parties must take their stand clear about their support for dalit politics and specifically against human rights violence against dalits. To prevent discrimination, abuse and atrocities against Dalits and to punish those who perpetrate crimes against Dalits, the SC &amp; ST Prevention of Atrocities Act 1989 and Rules should be strictly implemented.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

### 3. SOCIAL TASKS AND THE RIGHT TO LIVELIHOOD

#### 3.1. Workers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The right to social security should be made a fundamental right. A comprehensive and integrated social security law should be enforced.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
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CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
<p>Constitute a National Judicial Commission to appoint judges of High Courts and Supreme Court Reform the judicial system to provide speedy relief at affordable cost to the common people and heighten accountability.</p>	<p>Constitute a National Judicial Commission to appoint judges of High Courts and Supreme Court Reform the judicial system to provide speedy relief at affordable cost to the common people and heighten accountability.</p>	No mention	<p>Party is committed to a democratic and secular India where the rights and dignity of all people are guaranteed. Party will ensure that the protection of the state is made available to all, specially to the down trodden.</p>
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

<p>Will emphasize Right to work as fundamental Right. Defend the interests of the working class, and advocate Job security for workers. Employment Assurance Scheme should be implemented.</p>	<p>Will emphasize Right to work as fundamental Right. Defend the interests of the working class, and advocate Job security for workers. Employment Assurance Scheme should be implemented.</p>	<p>Incorporation of the right to work as fundamental right.</p> <p>Provision of a monthly subsistence of Rs. 1000/- for workers of sick and closed industries.</p>	No mention.
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In accordance with the norms set forth by the Standing Labour Committee, the minimum wages under the Minimum wages Act should provide a decent standard of living for the workers and his/her family to be able to live in security and dignity. Central and State Governments must suitably revise the notified wages in different industries and occupations and what is fixed should be strictly implemented.</li> </ul>	Will strictly implement laws relating to equal pay for equal work	Minimum wages legislation is to be implemented without any dilution, in all sectors of the economy. The minimum wage itself will be kept under constant scrutiny.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is urgently needed to enact and implement the Model Co-operative Societies Act to enable co-operatives to grow as self-reliant grass root democratic organisations owned, managed and controlled by members for their economic and social betterment operating their business on co-operative principles.</li> </ul>	No mention	Will bring legislation is to be designed to ensure constitutional protection for cooperatives to function as democratic, autonomous and voluntary organisations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The pension scheme must be implemented immediately.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is need for carrying out a fresh working class Income and Expenditure Survey for constructing and compiling a new series of Consumer Price Index numbers for industrial workers.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
Provision of a needs-based minimum wage for workers.	Provision of a needs-based minimum wage for workers, and revision of the statutory minimum wage in that direction, with provision for automatic linkage of emoluments with the price index.	No mention	No mention
Strengthen various co-operative movements among farmers and work for expansion of cheap credit facilities to farmers.	Strengthen various co-operative movements among farmers and work for expansion of cheap credit facilities to farmers	No mention	No mention
Expand and extend the old age pension scheme for all deserving cases, both in rural and urban areas. Upgrading pensions by linking them with the cost of living. 'One rank one pension' for ex-servicemen. The 33 years conditionality for drawing pension of 50% of salary for non-commissioned ranks is to be removed	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The 22 varieties allotted for the handloom sector must be protected and all efforts should be made to implement this notification.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strict norms for safe working as well as for removal of hazards in every industrial activity needs to be implemented.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Second National Labour Commission should be constituted in such a manner that all sectors of unorganised labour including agricultural labour, fish workers, domestic workers, home based workers, self employed. Etc. are adequately included.</li> </ul>	No mention	<p>Laws that have been made in respect in respect of labour in the unorganised sector will be implemented vigorously, and where necessary, new laws will be formulated.</p> <p>Start new middle-level technical institutes in clusters where, for example, weavers and artisans are concentrated.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ESI coverage should be extended to all the workers including the seasonal and unorganised workers. Hospitalisation facilities should be extended to the family members also.</li> </ul>	No mention	<p>Special social security and insurance schemes for weavers, handloom workers, fishermen, toddy tappers, leather workers and plantation labour will be introduced.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A comprehensive Domestic Workers Act, which guarantees among other needs minimum wages, the setting-up of creches and provides for remedies against sexual assault should be enacted.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A comprehensive Agricultural Workers Act, that regulates employer-employee relations, provides for remedies in case of dispute and provides social security, living wages and work guarantee should be enacted.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Comprehensive legislation for unorganised workers.	Comprehensive legislation for workers in the unorganised sector and home-based workers.	Enactment of a comprehensive central legislation to improve the conditions of agricultural labourers.	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A comprehensive legislation and welfare schemes for construction workers should be urgently enacted. The enactment should provide for job security, pension, safety, wages and other social security measures along with bonus.</li> <li>● Anganwadi workers should be treated as regular employees and paid full wages and other service benefits at par with government employees.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
		Facilities in all existing industrial Training and vocational Training, Institutes and in Polytechnics will be upgraded to international standards. Private industry will be actively encouraged to participate in the running of these institutes.
		New Industrial Relations Bill that reflects the contemporary needs of the economy will be introduced.

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Protection of employment and emoluments.	Rejuvenate labour and social security law enforcement machinery, with amendments in the laws to provide for stringent punishment for violations and expanded coverage.	Resisting world bank attacks on workers' rights, raising of labour standards in deprived areas like tea gardens, SSI Units, and informal sections and monthly subsistence allowance of Rs.1,000/- for workers of sick and closed industries.	
Recognition of trade unions through secret ballots and protection of TU rights.	Recognise trade unions through secret ballots, and protect trade union rights and right to collective bargaining by a truly representative forum.		
Schemes for workers' participation in management and observance of collective bargaining.	Effective scheme for workers' participation in management in both the public and private sector.		



PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<p><b>3.2 Women</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In all decision-making institutions, from village panchayat to Legislative Assembly and Parliament, 33% to 50% reservation should be made for women.</li> <li>● Further among women 50% reservation should be made for women from among dalits, adivasis, most backward classes &amp; minorities.</li> <li>● In all political parties 33% to 50% reservations should be for women.</li> <li>● Joint patta is to be issued in the name of husband and wife for house sites and land. House sites with patta should be given to single women, women abandoned by their husbands, Dalit women, Adivasi women, Devadasis and to women who lost their homes in communal clashes.</li> </ul>	<p>Legislation for reservation of 33% of seats in Parliament and state assemblies for women.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Amend the Constitution to provide for 1/3 reservations for women in the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Vidhan Sabhas and Vidhan Parishads.</p> <p>Increases across the board in the number of women in government services. Launch a drive for increased women's representation in primary schools as teachers, in the police force and in the judiciary at all levels.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Schemes for distributing assets such as house sites and land either jointly or singly in the name of women will be introduced.</p> <p>The name of the mother will be made acceptable in all forms and applications.</p> <p>Women-headed households will be covered under special programmes. With the growing population of widows in the country and the social, cultural and legal prejudices, a programme for their social, economic and legal emancipation and empowerment will be introduced.</p>

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
<p>Adopt the Constitutional amendment providing for 1/3 reservation for women in the legislature.</p> <p>Equal legal rights for women of all communities.</p> <p>No Mention</p> <p>Issue join pattas in the name of husband and wife.</p> <p>Equal rights in property and joint matrimonial property rights.</p>	<p>Implement 1/3 reservation for women in legislatures.</p> <p>Equal legal rights for women of all communities.</p> <p>No Mention</p> <p>Issue join pattas in the name of husband and wife.</p> <p>Equal property and inheritance rights for women and joint matrimonial property rights.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Increased participation of women in local self-government; Ensuring equality both in spirit and letter of the law;</p> <p>No Mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Women should be guaranteed vocational / technical training, credit facilities and employment. All efforts should be taken for women to get equal rights.</li> <li>● All hazardous contraception and drugs detrimental to women's health should be banned.</li> <li>● Strong legal measures should be undertaken to prevent violence against women.</li> </ul>	<p>Institute plans to provide free education for girls up to college level, including professional courses. Set up a Development Bank for women entrepreneurs in small-scale sector.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>The Indira Mahila Yojana will be recast. The IMY, based on mahila sabhas and comprising the entire adult female population of a gram panchayat area, will provide village women with a forum to present their concerns to the panchayats via the women members of the panchayat. Will also be able to select from among themselves saathins, who will interact with the administration to ensure that programmes targeted to women and children are oriented towards the priorities determined by the Mahila sabha.</p> <p>Special social security schemes for women working in the unorganised and informal sectors will be launched. Special credit and micro-finance programmes for women will be introduced.</p> <p>More hostels and facilities for working women and students in cities and towns will be provided</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Special courts dealing with women-related issues will be established all over the country. Launch a massive political campaign to end discrimination and atrocities against women and girls through a process of education, empowerment and the provision of legal rights.</p>

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
<p>Special schemes for female-headed households in rural areas and increasing employment opportunities for women.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Strict measures against atrocities on women. Special Act dealing with atrocities against women, with provision of special courts to hear these cases.</p>	<p>Special schemes for female-headed households in rural areas and increasing employment opportunities for women.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Legislation against domestic violence and the sexual abuse of children.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Improving the economic status of women; Party is fully committed to the empowerment of women by providing good quality education and employment opportunities and introduce reservations for women at all levels, reflecting the social and demographic reality.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Steps to eliminate violence against women;</p>

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Penalising women under IPC for Infanticide should be stopped as it amounts to victimising the victim. The Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques Act which bans sex-selection tests should be strictly enforced. All scan centres should be made to register and a more independent monitoring mechanism evolved with powers to search, seize documents in scan centres and summon medical professionals accused of violating the law.</li> </ul>	No mention	Strict measures will be taken against female infanticide and foeticide. Special insurance and social security schemes for the girl child among the weaker sections will be launched.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Supreme Court judgements prohibiting and punishing sexual harassment in the work place must be published and strictly enforced.</li> </ul>	No mention	Laws to combat sexual harassment in the workplace will be enacted and strictly enforced.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To prevent indecent, obscene portrayal of women in Films, T.V. serials, Press coverage, etc. the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act 1986 should be strengthened.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All government policies and programmes should include the provisions of CEDAW.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stringent efforts to check increasing alcoholism must be initiated.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

### 3.3. Children - Child Labour

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is important for political parties to detail the party's commitment to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child, since India has acceded to this Convention.</li> </ul>	Will present a National Charter for	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The practice of child labour should be eradicated. All Child Labour below 14 years of age should be prohibited in all forms of employment. As mentioned in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the child the work of children between 15 to 18 years old should be regulated.</li> </ul>	Will take measures to eliminate child labour.	Laws against child labour will be strictly enforced and special educational facilities will be created in areas where child labour prevails.

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	A comprehensive media policy to check the growing trend of commodification of women.	No mention	Appropriate use of media.
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Comprehensive national policy guidelines to end indiscriminate issuing of liquor licenses.	No mention	No mention	No mention

No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Abolition of child labour.	Abolish child labour and enforce the rights of children subject to such exploitation.	Implementation of Supreme Court guidelines on abolition of child labour/ bonded labour and contract labour system.	No mention
Universal provision of childcare services.	Universalise childcare services and end privatisation of anganwadis and other such social services.		

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 1986 Child Labour Act should be accordingly amended, specifically the proviso that exempts household based labour to employ children.</li> </ul>		A Special programme to prevent growing number of street children.

### 3.4. Dalits

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the SC &amp; ST Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 should be strictly implemented and the offenders should be penalised. The victims of these violence should be compensated adequately under the SC &amp; ST Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 and the special courts should be established immediately.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Party will present a National Charter for Social Justice (Samajik Nyay) based on the principle of social harmony (Samajik Samkarasata)</p> <p>Safeguard the interests of SCs, STs and BCs by appropriate legal, executive and societal efforts and by large-scale education and empowerment.</p>	<p>Special Courts will be set up under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act to ensure speedy justice to victims of atrocities.</p> <p>Special coaching and educational facilities for SC/ST/OBC students at all levels will be expanded.</p> <p>Finance and development corporations set up for SC / ST / BCs, and also for safai karamcharis, will be strengthened and made more effective instruments for providing financial and technical assistance.</p>
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CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
<p>Legislation to check sexual abuse of children.</p> <p>Elementary education with provision for vocational training and healthcare facilities for working children; end exploitation of child labour.</p>			Adequate resources would be provided for the supplementary nutritional programme.

<p>Demand full protection for dalits and tribal people via the provisions of the Prevention of Atrocities Act.</p> <p>Ensure quotas for reservation for SCs / STs are filled up.</p> <p>Reservations for OBCs to be implemented.</p>	<p>Stringent action against untouchability and atrocities against SCs / STs via the provisions of the Prevention of Atrocities Act.</p> <p>Ensure that quotas for SCs / STs reservation are filled up.</p> <p>OBC reservation to be implemented.</p>	<p>Will struggle to abolish the practice of untouchability.</p> <p>For SC/ST &amp; OBC party will ensure reservation for jobs in all the sectors including private industries dominated or studied by foreign capital.</p> <p>Like election commission, a commission will be set up to ensure the implementation of reservation for SC/ST and OBCs.</p>	No mention
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
	<p>Provide legal protection to existing percentages of reservation in govt., employment and educational institutions at the centre and state level. If required, amend the Constitution to maintain the system of reservation.</p> <p>Party is committed to extending the SC/ST reservations for another 10 years. Reservation percentages, above 50% as followed by certain states, shall be sanctified through necessary measures.</p>	<p>The policy of reservations in public employment for dalits, adivasis and OBCs will continue and be implemented vigorously. All reservations quotas, including those relating to promotions, will be filled on a time-bound basis.</p> <p>Clarity regarding the implementation of existing reservations for SCs / STs will be provided by having a separate Reservation Act.</p> <p>Special recruitment drives, particularly in relation to Class I and Class II vacancies, will be launched.</p> <p>Land reforms in areas where dalits are in confrontation with other sections of society will be expedited.</p> <p>A comprehensive national programme for minor irrigation of all lands held by dalits and adivasis will be launched.</p> <p>Strict implementation of the identification, release and rehabilitation programme for bonded labour.</p>

### 3.5. Fishing Community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fishing community should be categorised as scheduled tribes and accorded statutory status at the earliest as per the Mandal Commission Report.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
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CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
			<p>All the constitutionally guaranteed rights of SC/ST will be upheld.</p> <p>Committed to extending the SC/ST reservation for another 10 years.</p> <p>Reservation parentage, above 50% as followed by certain states shall be sanctified through necessary legislative measures.</p> <p>In favour of bringing out central legislation for proper implementation of the Mandal Commission Report in every state.</p>

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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A new deep-sea fishing policy, which centres around encouraging and developing the fisher people to enhance their deep-sea fishing operations at a sustainable level with appropriate technologies, should be advocated and implemented.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We appeal to all political parties to take a stand, rejecting any dilution of the 1991 CRZ regulation including recent recommendations to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority as this amounts to a gross violation of the traditional rights of the Coastal People and their ecology.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Common coastal lands along the coast and upto the habitation of the fishing village must be vested solely with the fishing village and their panchayats.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is the need for an Inland Fisheries (organic) Promotion and Development programme which restores the traditional practice of employing fishermen for reservoir fishing under the control of the State Fisheries Department.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Free house sites should be given with joint ownership rights for all fishing families based on actual usage keeping in mind their special needs. A detailed plan for provision of drinking water, community centres, electricity, roads, sanitation, street lights, afforestation of coastal forests, prevention of erosion, etc should be implemented in all fishing villages.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A Fisheries Bank to cater to the specific credit needs of the artisanal fishermen and marketing needs of fishing women should be established. Fishing co-operatives need to be rejuvenated based on an amended status and function as multipurpose co-operatives including facilities for storage and marketing the catch of the fishing community.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
Will work towards ending deployment of the deep-sea, and protecting the rights of fishing communities.	Will work towards ending deployment of the deep - sea.	No mention	No mention
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Though women constitute 50% of the adult fishing population their interests and needs do not figure in any significant manner in policies, programmes and budgets. We urge political parties to recognise the contribution of women to fisheries development through their extensive marketing and involvement in processing of fish products.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<b>3.6. Disabled</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The concerns of the disabled should also be included on the social development and human rights agenda.</li> <li>● The People with disabilities (equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation) Act 1995 must be made a reality.</li> <li>● Right to work is a very important right for the disabled. Job and special facilities at the work place has to be provided for people with disabilities. The 3% government reservation for only some categories is highly inadequate.</li> </ul>	Will enact a National fund for the displaced.	National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) with focus on the aged and the disabled, and for those in the unorganised sector, is to become fully funded in the next 2-3 years.
	No mention	No mention
<b>3.7. Minorities</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Constitutional provision for the protection and promotion of the rights of the minorities should be strictly implemented.</li> </ul>	No mention	Substantial legislation will be introduced for the effective implementation of the rights conferred on minorities under Articles 29 and 30 of the Constitution.  Will not support nor initiate amendments in the personal laws of the minorities.

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	Protect the rights of minorities and implement provisions of the Constitution to prevent discrimination.	No mention	Party will work for the uplift of religious and ethnic minorities by providing better education and employment opportunities in a secure environment.

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Constitutional rights given to minority institutions should be protected and guaranteed.</li> </ul>	No mention	The Constitution will be amended to establish a Commission for Minority Educational Institutions and to provide direct affiliation for minority professional institutions with central universities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Minorities Commission should be made an independent statutory body with representatives of various experts among the minorities.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organisations, films, Newspapers and other mass media that portray minorities, especially Muslims, as anti-social and anti-national should be prosecuted.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Government of India should immediately amend the Constitution to provide reservation for all Christian dalits.</li> </ul>	No mention	All those born in SC/ST communities will be accorded the same reservation and other facilities as are available to Scs/STs presently recognised under the Constitutions. This will be done without prejudice to those SC/ST communities presently recognised under the Constitution.
	Committed to the economic, social and educational development of the minorities.	Pursue the Congress 7-point Intensified Programme for the Protection and Promotion of the Minorities.  Measures to increase the representation of minorities in all public, police and para-military services, both in the central and in state governments.

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
Formulation and implementation of schemes for economic, social and educational upliftment of the minorities, particularly the artisan communities. Statutory status to be given to a Minorities Commission at centre and at the state level.	Special schemes for promoting educational facilities for deprived minorities, and provision for equal opportunities for employment.	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Reservation to be extended to dalit Christians and dalits belonging to other religions.	Reservation to be extended to dalit Christians.	No mention	No mention
Create appropriate mechanisms to end discrimination in employment and other economic affairs.			



PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
		<p>Constitute a National Commission to examine the question of the backwardness of the minorities, in line with relevant provisions of the Constitution, in particular Articles 15 (4) and 16 (4).</p> <p>The National Minorities Development Corporation and the State Minorities Development Corporations will be made direct-lending institutions.</p>

### 3.8. Urban Hutment Dwellers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strictly enforce ULCRA and the necessary amendments to delete exemption clauses and loopholes. All the surplus land acquired under ULCRA must be used only for hutment dwellers.</li> <li>● The development of hutment dwellers should be left with the elected bodies and not with Slum Clearance Board.</li> <li>● Women hutment dwellers should be granted interest free loans for self-employment and joint pattas for the house sites.</li> <li>● Keeping in mind the interest of hutment dwellers the master plan of Town and Country Planning Act and Development Control Rules should widely be debated.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention

CPI	CPI (M)	CPI (ML)	RJD
<p>Concrete steps to ensure due representation in government and public sector services, including police and security forces. Quota system in employment for minorities on Kerala pattern.</p> <p>Adequate funds for minorities finance corporation and proper functioning to ensure success of self-employment schemes.</p>	Protection and encouragement of the Urdu language.	No mention	

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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	NDA (BJP)	CONGRESS
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### 3.9 Adivasis

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All land transfer from ST to non-ST should be immediately banned.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displacement of adivasis from forests using various reasons should be necessarily and immediately stopped.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>A Vanavasi fund for the benefit of Vanavasis shall be established.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Implement the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act 1996.</p> <p>A separate, statutory National Commission for STs will be set up, which, along with the National Commission for SCs, will be equipped with administrative, judicial and financial powers.</p> <p>State govts. will be urged to enact legislation conferring ownership rights in respect of minor forest produce on dalits, adivasis and OBCs who work in the forests.</p>

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<p>Protection of the land rights of adivasis and restoration of land alienated from them illegally</p> <p>Demand full protection for dalits and tribal people via the provisions of the Prevention of Atrocities Act.</p>	<p>Protect land rights of Adivasis and restore land alienated from them illegally.</p> <p>Stringent action against untouchability and atrocities against SCs/STs via the provisions of the Prevention of Atrocities Act.</p>	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
<p>Ensure quotas for reservation for SC/STs are filled up.</p> <p>Right to access to forests and forest produce; the Forest Act to be amended for this purpose.</p> <p>Regional autonomy provided to tribal compact areas wherever necessary.</p> <p>Development of the languages and culture of adivasis.</p>	<p>Ensure the rights of access to forest and forest produce. The forest act to be amended for this purpose.</p> <p>Regional autonomy should be provided for tribal compact areas wherever necessary.</p> <p>Foster the development of the languages and the culture of Adivasis</p>		

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### 3.10 Repatriates and Refugees

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The educational and employment reservation facilities extended to repatriates from Srilanka and their children have been completely stopped. The concessions given in education and in employment must extend at least for a period of 10 years.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The human rights of Srilankan refugees should be respected and they should be treated on par with the other refugees from other regions like Bangladesh, Burma, Bhutan, Vietnam etc according to accepted International human rights standards. All facilities like adequate food, shelter, and health care must be provided. Treating refugees as anti-social elements or militants violates their rights and must be stopped</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
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## **PART - II REGIONAL PARTIES**

	PARTY	ALLIANCE
1.	Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)	NDA
2.	Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK)	NDA
3.	Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK)	NDA
4.	All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK)	CONG
5.	Tamil Maanila Congress (TMC)	TMC
6.	Pudhiya Tamizhagam (PT)	TMC

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<b>1. ECONOMIC TASKS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>1.1 ERADICATION OF POVERTY</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The poverty alleviation programmes must be improved and strengthened.</li> <li>The identification and implementation of the programmes should be by panchayats and peoples' committees and not left to be decided by the bureaucracy.</li> </ul>	<p>Mobilise resources by restructuring priorities and mainstreaming these priorities into new programmes of pro-poor growth and redistribution towards poverty eradication within the first decade of 21<sup>st</sup> century.</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>
<b>1.2 BASIC HUMAN NEEDS FOR ALL</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic needs must be guaranteed in the Indian constitution as fundamental rights.</li> <li>All people should be guaranteed safe drinking water, safe environment, sanitation, waste management, public transport, electricity, cooking fuel.</li> <li>Local government bodies should be empowered to guarantee and provide the basic needs for people.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>
<b>1.3. CONTROL PRICE RISE - STRENGTHEN PDS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prices of all essential commodities in the open market also must be kept curbed.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
<b>1. ECONOMIC TASKS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b>			
<b>1.1 ERADICATION OF POVERTY</b>			
No mention	No mention	Total eradication of Poverty within the year 2020 by following rapid economic reforms.	Will struggle to provide 3 meals a day, shelter, cloth and medical facilities for toiling mass on free of cost.
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
<b>1.2 BASIC HUMAN NEEDS FOR ALL</b>			
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
<b>1.3. CONTROL PRICE RISE - STRENGTHEN PDS</b>			
No mention	Take effective measures to curb rising prices.	No mention	No mention

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Public Distribution System should ensure food security for all. The PDS should be expanded bringing into its ambit 14 essential commodities. Prices of these commodities should be reduced by 50%.</li> <li>Eternal vigilance of the PDS by strict enforcement of the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and other laws and by nominating members of the voluntary organisations of proven track record to the PDS vigilance committees.</li> </ul>	No mention             No mention	<p>Ensure essential commodities are adequately available with nominal prices for poor people in the public distribution system.</p> <p>Construct huge cold storage plants in the FCI godowns in order to protect perishable foodstocks.</p> <p>No mention</p>
<b>1.4 PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new Agricultural Policy which stresses mono-culture cash crops, Horticulture and floriculture for export and leads to a decreasing production of food grains needs to be reversed.</li> <li>To ensure Food security for all, people's rights on and access to agricultural land, water, common resources, seeds, traditional agricultural techniques and strategies should be fully guaranteed.</li> <li>Eco-friendly technologies, our traditional and indigenous bio-agricultural practices should be protected and promoted for enhancing the productivity, profitability and sustainability of Agriculture.</li> <li>Taking immediate steps to protect our bio-diversity is the need of the hour.</li> <li>To protect and promote the interests of dry land farmers, alternate land management and appropriate agricultural practices should be implemented.</li> </ul>	Active encouragement of rapid growth in agriculture through liberalisation policies.  No mention  No mention  No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention  No mention  No mention  No mention

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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<b>1.5 IMPLEMENT LAND REFORMS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Land reforms should be implemented in right earnest. Cultivable lands should be distributed to landless agricultural labourers.</li> <li>● Alienation of farmers' lands by private commercial interests and by finance companies should be put to an end.</li> <li>● The practices of the real estate business buying up agricultural lands, irrigation tanks, village common lands and converting them into residential flats should be banned.</li> <li>● Any move to amend the land laws to permit TNCs to buy agricultural land should be resisted.</li> </ul>	No mention  No mention  No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention  No mention
<b>1.6 PROTECT WATER SOURCES</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Irrigation programmes and projects are to be speeded up. There should be greater fund allocation for de-silting of existing lakes, irrigation tanks, and ponds. They should be regularly monitored.</li> <li>● Steps should be taken to protect all those lakes and ponds in the cities to prevent the depletion of ground water and also to improve the quantity of ground water. The use of ground water resources for agro-business, commercial farms, industries should be strictly regulated.</li> </ul>	No mention    No mention	No mention  Ensure the speedy implementation of linking of Ganga - Cauvery projects.  No mention

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
Abolition of Benami titles, and acquisition and distribution of the above lands to the landless.  No mention  No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention  No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention  No mention  No mention	Free lands for the working class  No mention  No mention  No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Urge the Centre to protect and enrich inland water resources and bodies, groundwater and surface water.	No mention	Protection of Inland and coastal water bodies.	No mention

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The representatives of the farmers of both Karnataka and Tamilnadu who benefit from cauvery waters should come together for a dialogue and find a permanent solution for the fair distribution of Cauvery water.</li> </ul>	No mention	Implement award of the interim Cauvery Tribunal.

### 1.7. Conserve Natural Resources : Protect Environmen

		Implement environmental laws to protect drinking water and air.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The present Forest Bill should be withdrawn immediately and substituted by the People's Forest Bill with provisions for joint forest management, regenerating forest lands; the control and power over the forests to be vested with the adivasis; restoration of lands alienated from the local tribals.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The destruction of forests by the big industrial houses, contractors, politicians and forest department officers, should be halted immediately. Growing diverse species of trees and cultivating in the natural condition of the forests should be preserved for the forest dwellers.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aquaculture based Shrimp Industries all along the coast which, despite Supreme Court orders banning their functioning, continue to function, should be closed.</li> </ul>	No mention	Promote sustainable and traditional aquaculture.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Tamilnadu Aquaculture Regulation Act should be amended. The Tamilnadu government order reducing the coastal regulation zone to 200 mts from HTL must be revoked and MEF's notification of 500 mts from HTL should be rigorously followed.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All initiatives in the guise of development projects that affect the coastal eco-system, the marine resources, livelihood of the coastal people and degradation of cultivable lands and mangrove lands, should be stopped with immediate effect.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
Divert western rivers of the country to the eastern part and thereby enrich the irrigation system.	Will urge that all of India's rivers be nationalised. As a first step, for rivers and waterways flowing in the Southern Region, necessary steps will be taken to set up a Grid Authority for the Southern Region.  Implementing the interim award of the Cauvery Tribunal.	Nationalisation of all Indian rivers.  Implementation of Interim award of Cauvery Tribunal.	No mention

Implement the Forest Act 1980 with the participation of people.	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	Protection of the life resources of the forest.	Protection of the life resources of the fores.
	No mention	No mention	No mention
Promote sustainable and traditional aquaculture.	No mention	No mention	No mention
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
● Trawling should be completely banned in the inshore Area as it destroys the marine eco-system and marine life causing depletion of fish resource and even extinction of some species.	No mention	No mention
● The anti-people developmental projects such as the East-Coast Road project, should be given up. The displaced families should be adequately compensated and alternative land resettlement should be given to them.	No mention	No mention
● Chemical and Petro-chemical industries, pharmaceutical industries, atomic energy and defense related industries, which drain large amount of toxic wastes into the sea should not be permitted.	No mention	No mention
● Such existing industries should install pollution treatment plants with latest technologies within a time-frame and thus environmental well-being should be safe-guarded.	No mention	No mention
● All licenses given by the Ministry of Food Processing for foreign vessels for joint ventures and charter vessels to fish in Indian waters must be cancelled.	No mention	No mention
● The State Pollution Control Board should be restructured in such a way that it ensures scientific and impartial way of functioning.	No mention	No mention
● Hazardous industries affecting the livelihood and environment and those technologies that are outdated are encouraged and permitted to enter Tamilnadu.	No mention	No mention
● The Sterlite Industry, injurious to the people and to the environment, should not be given a green signal here.	No mention	No mention
● The Dupont Thaper Nylon 6.6 factory at the Gummidipoondi Sipcot campus, should be stopped at all cost.	No mention	No mention

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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
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No mention	No mention	National rehabilitation policy for people who are either displaced or affected by the development project.	National rehabilitation policy for people who are either displaced or affected by the development projects.
Services of NGOs for monitoring the judgements against polluting industries.	No mention	No mention	No mention
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
● The Clean the Waterways project in Chennai is resulting in displacement of more than 1 lakh urban poor on the banks of the waterways in the immediate phase. This must be halted as the proposal is to build commercial complexes below the MRTS rail project after evicting the poor who have lived here for several decades. We demand that no family should be evicted. Instead, all the families on the banks should be granted tenurial rights and financially supported for achieving adequate housing and improving their living environment.	No mention	No mention
● The Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and sewerage Board, who collects and pumps sewerage into the canal from corporate houses, industries, commercial office complexes, residences, hospitals, hotels etc, must first answer how it is going to manage its sewerage, if the canal is to be cleaned.	No mention	No mention
● We demand that all constructions of the North Chennai Thermal Power Station & the Ennore Satellite Port. They are causing immense destruction to the water bodies and marine life between Ennore estuary and Pulicat and seriously affect the lives of all coastal communities.	Will take speedy measures to construct the industrial complex and Ennore port.	Speedy implementation of the Ennore Industrial Complex Project.
● All swampy areas, barakish water areas, mangrove forests and internationally protected wetlands like Pulicat lake should be preserved under the most stringent joint supervision of the Fisheries department and the fishing community.	No mention	No mention
● The proposed Petro-chemical Park & LNG Terminal etc., to come up on Kattupalli (island) Panchayat must be abandoned. It will lead to uprooting the villages, damaging the coastal ecology and to grave pollution and destruction of marine life.	No mention	No mention
● The acquisition of nearly 25,000 acres of agricultural land near Thiruperumpudur for handing over to foreign industrial ventures must be stopped.	No mention	No mention
● The chemical industrial estate at Cuddalore is already a death zone because of the highly toxic effluents pumped out into the Uppanar river and the sea. Added to this, now the Tamilnadu Government is acquiring nearly 30,000 acres of additional land for SIPCOT II Phase to establish more polluting companies including tanneries. We condemn these efforts.	No mention	No mention
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We urge the DMK Government to reverse its decision to allow a private power plant Cuddalore Power Corporation and the Pennar Refinery both of which will suck up the ground water, damage fresh water aquifers and displace and livelihood of hundreds of farmers, agricultural labourers and fishing communities.</li> <li>Many of these projects are without prior sanction or licence from panchayat bodies. And they violate several environmental laws and rules and exhibit little or no respect for the Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<b>1.8. TOURISM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Tamilnadu government's policy that by 2020AD tourism would be one of the major economic activities of Tamilnadu is highly objectionable and deserves downright condemnation.</li> <li>Coastal tourism spreading dangerously and affecting very livelihood of fishing communities and natural resources and marine resources needs to be curbed.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<b>1.9. SELF-RELIANT INDUSTRIAL POLICY NEEDED; STRENGTHEN INFORMAL ECONOMY</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need an industrial policy that is employment oriented, that respects ILO labour standards, natural resources, the environment, traditional knowledge and skill of the people and abolishes child labour. We need to strengthen our indigenous industry.</li> <li>Halt the implementation of the present package of economic policies influenced by IMF-World Bank and characterised by an open door policy to transnational companies.</li> <li>Entry of foreign capital should be decided on State's priorities and technology needs and the industry's environment track record. A strong regulatory framework has to be put into place for these issues.</li> </ul>	Priority for generation of employment in economic policy	No mention
	No mention	Resist new Industrial policy and evolve a policy better suited to the conditions of India.
	No mention	No mention

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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
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No mention	Incentives to labour intensive industries and at the same time giving thrust to technologically developed industries.	Will promote kind of economic growth that generates employment.	No mention
Resist new industrial policy. Resist liberalisation policies including amendments to the patent and copyright Act and WTO agreements.	Will implement appropriate relief programmes and schemes to curb the excesses of economic liberalisation.	Welcome to liberalisation policies and economic reforms.	No mention
No mention.	Make India a destination of FDI	Encourage industrial technology suitable to our industrial development	No mention

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reservation of products for exclusive production of Small Scale Industries must continue. The policy of reservation, exemption from excise duty and other fiscal benefits should be continued.</li> </ul>	No mention	<p>Encouragement of small scale and medium industries.</p> <p>Urge the centre for raw materials for the match industry.</p>
<b>1.10. STOP DISMANTLING PUBLIC SECTOR</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All efforts to dismantle the public sector must be halted. The policy of withdrawal of budgetary support and reducing orders to public sectors units must be reversed.</li> <li>● Political Parties must give an assurance that the Public Sector will not be privatised including the employment of labour.</li> <li>● We express our anguish over the move to sell away the Salem Steel Plant to private corporations without giving workers their first right to the management of plant.</li> <li>● Similarly we condemn serious efforts to sell the mines and power plant of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation piece by piece to foreign industrial interests.</li> <li>● We urge political parties to take a stand on the corruption and Privatisation in the banking and Insurance sector. There must be a halt to permitting any more private banks and the insurance sector should be protected against multinational insurance giants.</li> <li>● The need of the hour is promotion of social banking and not merely mobilising poor peoples' savings through self help programmes and using these savings for financing the rich.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Find new ways to integrate PSUs and private industry.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	In certain inevitable circumstances, PSUs may be handed over to private industries.	No mention
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<b>1.11. FISCAL POLICY AND MONETARY CONTROL</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Our fiscal policy of raising budgetary revenues mainly through indirect taxes, which badly affect the poor needs drastic changes. Taxes on property, wealth, income, excise and professions etc should be drastically increased and enforced.</li> <li>● Tax holidays and tax concessions given to multinationals and joint ventures in core sectors, export-oriented industries, hotel industry, shrimp industries and deep-sea fishing vessels should be withdrawn.</li> <li>● Similarly income and wealth of rich farmers, plantations, agro-business and finance companies engaging in commercial tree planting should be heavily taxed.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
<b>1.12. ALTERNATIVE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Our science and technology policy should be directed towards development of modernised and appropriate technology, protection and support for research in organic agricultural practices and technologies.</li> <li>● All Science and Technology, Research and Development must be implemented with respect for the sustainable livelihood of people, land, environment, water and other natural resources.</li> <li>● Science and Technology should augment rather than displace human skills and should include the integration of traditional knowledge, utilization of renewable energy resources and methods which are environmentally appropriate and non-destructive.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
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PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	More funds for research and development.	More funds for research and development.
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There should be no amendment of the Indian Patent Act of 1970 which will erode India's sovereign right to develop domestic Research and Development.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<b>1.13. EDUCATIONAL FOR ALL</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Political parties must express their commitment to bring forward a comprehensive legislation guaranteeing free compulsory quality education for all children upto std X and detail a mechanism to ensure that the state governments adhere to this for ensuring all children the right to education in any school free of cost.</li> </ul>	No mention	Take efforts to transfer education from concurrent list to the state list. Make appropriate reforms in the educational system for inculcating social justice in the younger generation. No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The attempts at privatising the existing educational institutions for higher studies should be stopped.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strict monitoring should be there to check whether the existing self-financing colleges adhere to the guidelines set forth by the University Grant Commission and of the rules and regulations of the Universities in question.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The high court verdict regarding capitation fee should be given due respect in Tamilnadu and its guidelines enforced.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	Education for all and literacy for all within specific period goal. Compulsory education for ten years for every child.	Education will be directly linked with production.
No mention	No mention	Compulsory education for ten years for every child.	No mention
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Yashpal Committee Report's recommendations to improve the quality of education should be implemented. The teacher student ratio should be 1:30.</li> <li>● In all schools playground, toilet facilities, drinking water, library and such other facilities should be made available.</li> <li>● Sufficient quality hostel facilities should be made available to the poorer students.</li> <li>● In all schools primary level education should be imparted through Tamil medium only. In all schools only one common curriculum should be adhered.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
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	No mention	No mention
<b>1.14. Strengthening Public Health</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The government should take steps without delay to realise its goal of "Health for all by 2000 A.D."</li> <li>● In government's fund allocations, just 1.5% is set aside for the Health care. As per the World Health Organisation's guiding principle this should be raised to 5%. We demand that at least 8% GDP should be spent on Public Health Care.</li> <li>● Corporatisation and Privatisation of medical care should be stopped. Legislation should be enacted for issuing license and regulating private hospitals and nursing homes.</li> <li>● A Central/State legislation to provide for banning of private practice among doctors in Government service with adequate compensation to the doctors, compulsory licensing of all hospitals, nursing homes and medical diagnostic centres so as to live up to the standards set by the Bureau of Indian Standards for such services.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
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No mention	No mention	More funds for primary health centres	Free medical facilities for toiling masses.
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All attempts to close existing health care institutions should be stopped. The basic infrastructure facilities to these hospitals should be made available along with sufficient supply of medicines.</li> <li>● Government hospitals should stock and use only those medicines that have the basic 160 generic formation as recommended by the World Health Organisation. Also permission should not be granted to pharmaceutical companies to use medicines which have ingredients other than the prescribed 160 generic formulations. Pharmacies also should be keep in stock and sell only such medicines as prescribed by the World Health Organisation.</li> <li>● To avoid crudest violation of human rights, the Human Organs Transplantation Act should be strictly implemented.</li> <li>● There is a need to bring into effect a National Charter on Patients' Rights, particularly the right to information and a National Drug Policy regarding purchase of drugs as per the WHO regulations.</li> <li>● The national tuberculosis programme should also be strengthened in view of universal upsurge of this disease.</li> <li>● In the family planning programme the emphasis should be on vasectomy.</li> </ul>	No mention  No mention  No mention  No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention  No mention  No mention  No mention
<b>1.15 Housing as a Basic Right</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Housing should be made a Fundamental Right of people to live in a place in security and dignity.</li> </ul>	No mention	To right to housing to be placed in the Constitution as a fundamental right.

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
● There should be detailed re-settlement policy based on Supreme Court judgements regarding right for adequate housing, fair re-settlement.	No mention	No mention
● Traditional, modern, low cost building materials must be provided by PDS with subsidy.	No mention	No mention
● Low cost, good quality house construction materials should be supplied at subsidised prices, through a public distribution system managed by Dwellers Co-operatives. The policy of the government to resolve the housing crisis through mere substandard house construction programmes should be reviewed.	No mention	No mention
● Dwellers Unions of the inadequately housed should be formed and registered at the village Panchayat and municipal ward levels. The Dwellers Unions together with local government bodies should be empowered to hold in trusteeship and to regulate and manage the entitlement provided under this act.	No mention	No mention
● The Govt. of Tamilnadu should immediately enact a comprehensive Housing Rights legislation to guarantee and provide adequate housing for all.	No mention	No mention
● A fresh survey of all hutment areas in urban Tamilnadu needs to be conducted and all hutment areas needs to be regularised.	No mention	No mention

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No mention	No mention	No mention	Free Houses for working class

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<b>2. POLITICAL TASKS FOR DEMOCRATIC POLITY</b>		
<b>2.1. State Autonomy is Constitutional and Essential</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Genuine Federalism at the Centre and genuine autonomy to Tamilnadu and all States – political, legislative, economic, fiscal and administrative – alone can broaden and deepen the bonds of unity and integrity among the people of various regions in India. The Indian constitution has to be amended accordingly.</li> <li>● Greater powers and financial resources to Tamilnadu should be devolved as recommended by the Sarkaria Commission.</li> <li>● The arbitrary use of Art. 356 of the Constitution should be stopped. If this is not possible, Article 356 should be repealed.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Will make Tamil one of the official languages of India.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Pledges to remove Article 356 of the Indian Constitution</p>	<p>Party will raise in the Lok Sabha the issue of the need for transparency in administrative decisions of centre and state Governments.</p> <p>Will make Tamil one of the official languages of India</p> <p>Urge the centre to give a share in foreign exchange accrued out of state exports.</p> <p>Removal of Article 356</p>
<b>2.2. Decentralised Democracy should become a Reality</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Real decentralisation needs to be carried out by conferring more power and financial resources to elected bodies at all levels of Panchayat. As per the objective of the Constitutional 73rd and 74th Amendment, serious efforts should be made to enable people at the grassroots have the right to governance.</li> <li>● The 1994 Tamilnadu Panchayat Raj Act should be redrafted to wholesomely achieves the objectives of panchayat raj.</li> <li>● 40 to 50 % of state budgetary resources at least must be vested with local - government.</li> <li>● State governments must devolve several of its powers accompanied by required financial resources to local government bodies – urban and rural</li> <li>● All matters of education and health care including the related institutions and personal should be brought within the control of panchayat bodies.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>Review of 3 tier local administrative structures and implement appropriate legal reforms.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>

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<b>2. POLITICAL TASKS FOR DEMOCRATIC POLITY</b>			
<b>2.1. State Autonomy is Constitutional and Essential</b>			
<p>New constitutional law to establish a genuine federal system.</p> <p>Will make Tamil one of the official languages of India.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Set up a Federal Republic at the centre, with full autonomy for the various states constituting the Indian Union.</p> <p>Making all 19 national languages, including Tamil, official languages of India.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Greater share for the states of the revenue derived from taxes imposed by the centre</p> <p>Amendment in the constitution to ensure more powers to the States. Effort to make Tamil as a Classical language.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Proper safeguards for not misusing Article 356 in the Constitution.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>
<b>2.2. Decentralised Democracy should become a Reality</b>			
<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>A part of the amount derived from the share out of tax revenue, will be paid to local administrative structures.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planning must begin from the Gram Sabha and their voice should be final.</li> <li>● Decisions regarding land sale and transfer, land alienation, setting of large projects – power, irrigation, defense etc, location of industry, hotels, agro-business, marine processing etc must first of all be discussed in concerned grama sabha and their decision should be prior and final.</li> <li>● The Gram Sabha's right to information must have statutory sanction in the Tamilnadu Panchayat Act.</li> <li>● The control of rural development agencies with the district administration over the Panchayati institutions found in chapter 10 of the Tamilnadu Panchayat Act is violate of the spirit of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment and thus must be immediately amended.</li> </ul>	No mention No mention No mention No mention	No mention No mention No mention No mention
<b>2.3. Clean and Sensitive Public Administration</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The present Public Administration system with its in-built colonial institutions and procedures needs a radical overhaul.</li> <li>● A new orientation to the role of the civil servant needs to be provided. Honest civil servants at all levels should be protected from harassment and high handedness. Every senior administrator must make public his or her gross wealth annually.</li> <li>● Simple institutional mechanisms should be set in place for ordinary citizens to file complaints or initiate legal proceedings against corrupt or insensitive administrators.</li> <li>● A comprehensive legislation should be immediately enacted as a Constitutional Amendment under Article 19, guaranteeing the right to information to individuals and organisations from government bodies, Indian and foreign companies, government aided institutions, public and private hospitals etc.</li> <li>● Government should mandatarily place all public information with the local bodies offices (rural &amp; urban) to enable people to access it.</li> </ul>	No mention No mention No mention No mention No mention	No mention No mention No mention No mention No mention

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No mention No mention No mention No mention	No mention No mention No mention No mention	No mention No mention No mention No mention	No mention No mention No mention No mention
No mention Establishment of an Ombudsman's office with autonomy to try offences and omissions committed by public servants, including the Prime Minister. No mention No mention No mention	No mention No mention No mention No mention No mention	No mention Will strongly support Lok Pal Bill to be enacted as an Act in Lok Sabha. No mention No mention No mention	No mention No mention No mention No mention No mention

<p><b>2.4 Electoral Reforms for Fair and Free Elections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Electoral Reforms are urgently needed.</li> <li>● Political parties and their candidates should strictly follow the revised code of conduct by the Election Commission of India.</li> <li>● Political parties should not field candidates with records of criminal and economic offence or with known communal and caste bias and those who have committed offence against women and weaker sections of society.</li> <li>● The Election Commission should strictly monitor the election process with independent citizens committee in each constituency. The material collected should be scientifically documented.</li> <li>● Political parties should not be exempt from following the Income Tax Act. All Political parties must submit a detailed account of income and expenditure to a public auditor, preferably a representative of the Controller and Auditor General of India and a certificate obtained. Such certificates should be submitted to the Election Commission and only then should a political party be allowed to contest.</li> <li>● The right to recall elected candidates must be given statutory sanction.</li> </ul>	No mention	Remove the anomalies and malpractices in the electoral system.
	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
	No mention	The centre has to bear the expenditure of the candidates.
	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
	Party will urge the centre not to reduce the number of constituencies of Tamilnadu based on population size, due to Tamilnadu having achieved the target in family planning and population control.	Equal representation for all states in Rajya Sabha.

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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Push for creation of a law for right to recall election representatives such as MLAs and MPs.	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	Polling booths at the locality where SC/ST people reside.

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<b>2.5 Promote Secularism and Defeat Communalism</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Constitutional values of secularism should be upheld and widely propagated.</li> <li>● All State institutions and public sector institutions including banks, insurance firms, etc should stop promoting the dominant religion through display of portraits, organising poojas, religious meetings etc.</li> <li>● Apex Research Institutions have been converted into places to promote obscurantist and communal ideas for political parties especially the Indian Council of Historical Research, Indian Council of Archaeological Research; NCERT, IIT's and several Apex Universities. Political parties must make an open declaration accepting not to politicise and communalise Apex Educational and Research bodies funded by State Resources.</li> <li>● No Political party should be permitted to use religious sentiments for canvassing votes.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
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	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
<b>2.6. Protect and Promote Human Rights</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Report of the Justice Ahmadi Committee for strengthening the National Human Rights Commission should be immediately accepted by Government and tabled for public debate before amendments to the Protection of Human Rights Act is enacted.</li> <li>● The provision to institute a state level Human Rights commission should be implemented. Its functioning should be democratic, transparent and accountable to the people. Its investigation team must be headed and operated independent of the police. The Commission should have the powers of summoning and even prosecuting in cases of gross violation of human rights.</li> <li>● We seek that the National Commission for Women and State Commissions and the National Minorities Commission and State Commissions be given statutory status on the lines of the National Human Rights Commission.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention
	No mention	No mention

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
No mention	No mention	Will resist linking politics with religion.	Will co-operate to install a pro-people, pro-minorities, pro-oppressed castes, progressive Govt. at the centre.
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
<b>2.6. Protect and Promote Human Rights</b>			
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	Human Rights Education and Training will be given to police.	Human Rights Education and Training will be given to police.
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

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● The Human Rights Courts but should be independent and imbued with human rights values and jurisprudence, in line with international human rights standards.	No mention	No mention
● The human rights model curriculum drafted by NCERT and NHRC should become a compulsory course curriculum in schools and colleges.	No mention	No mention
● All persons detained under TADA should be immediately released unconditionally. All other repressive detention laws like the Goondas Act should be repealed.	No mention	No mention
● There is urgent need for redrafting prison legislation to bring in appropriate changes in the outmoded Indian Prisons Act 1894 and State Jail Manuals. The NHRC has recently prepared a Draft Prison Bill which the commission should circulate widely and organise state level discussions.	No mention	No mention
● The courts system must be restructured so as to make justice accessible to the common people. Ways must be developed for all judicial officers to be sensitized about human rights jurisprudence and international standards.	No mention	No mention
● The Supreme Court should reject the 1982 petition challenging PIL and should instead expand and deepen the operational strategies opened up by this radical jurisprudence.	No mention	No mention
● Political parties must take their stand clear about their support for dalit politics and specifically against human rights violence against dalits. To prevent discrimination, abuse and atrocities against Dalits and to punish those who perpetrate crimes against Dalits, the SC & ST Prevention of Atrocities Act 1989 and Rules should be strictly implemented.	No mention	Monitoring team will be created to prevent human rights and consumer rights violations, and enlarge the bases to ensure the protection of human rights.

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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	Ensure the independent functioning of judiciary.	No mention
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### 3. SOCIAL TASKS AND THE RIGHT TO LIVELIHOOD

3.1. Workers :	DMK	MDMK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The right to social security should be made a fundamental right. A comprehensive and integrated social security law should be enforced.</li> </ul>	No mention	Will urge for the amendment of the constitution to make right to employment as fundamental right.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In accordance with the norms set forth by the Standing Labour Committee, the minimum wages under the Minimum wages Act should provide a decent standard of living for the workers and his/her family to be able to live in security and dignity. Central and State Governments must suitably revise the notified wages in different industries and occupations and what is fixed should be strictly implemented.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is urgently needed to enact and implement the Model Co-operative Societies Act to enable co-operatives to grow as self-reliant grass root democratic organisations owned, managed and controlled by members for their economic and social betterment operating their business on co-operative principles.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The pension scheme must be implemented immediately.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is need for carrying out a fresh working class Income and Expenditure Survey for constructing and compiling a new series of Consumer Price Index numbers for industrial workers.</li> </ul>	No mention	Ensure provision of 22 varieties for handloom weavers. Implement Handloom Weavers Protection Act
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The 22 varieties allotted for the handloom sector must be protected and all efforts should be made to implement this notification.</li> </ul>	No mention	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strict norms for safe working as well as for removal of hazards in every industrial activity needs to be implemented.</li> </ul>	No mention	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Second National Labour Commission should be constituted in such a manner that all sectors of unorganised labour including agricultural labour, fish workers, domestic workers, home based workers, self employed. Etc. are adequately included.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ESI coverage should be extended to all the workers including the seasonal and unorganised workers. Hospitalisation facilities should be extended to the family members also.</li> </ul>	No mention	Take appropriate legal measures to protect unorganised workers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A comprehensive Domestic Workers Act, which guarantees among other needs minimum wages, the setting-up of creches and provides for remedies against sexual assault should be enacted.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

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No mention	No mention	New schemes for workers who lose their jobs due to lockouts or closures.	New schemes for workers who lose their jobs due to lockouts or closures.
No mention	No mention	Will struggle for the equal wages for men and women workers and minimum wages.	Will struggle for the equal wages for men and women workers and minimum wages.
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	A National Handloom Policy to bring relief to handloom weavers.	Subsidies for the Handloom weavers throughout the year.	Subsidies for the Handloom weavers throughout the year.
No mention	A Special national scheme for women weavers to equip themselves professionally.	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A comprehensive Agricultural Workers Act, that regulates employer-employee relations, provides for remedies in case of dispute and provides social security, living wages and work guarantee should be enacted.</li> <li>● A comprehensive legislation and welfare schemes for construction workers should be urgently enacted. The enactment should provide for job security, pension, safety, wages and other social security measures along with bonus.</li> <li>● Anganwadi workers should be treated as regular employees and paid full wages and other service benefits at par with government employees.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Take appropriate legal measures to protect unorganised workers.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Give 1/3 representation for labourers in the management of PSUs. Ensure the secret ballot system for recognised trade unions.</p>
<b>3.2. Women</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In all decision-making institutions, from village panchayat to Legislative Assembly and Parliament, 33% to 50% reservation should be made for women.</li> <li>● Further among women 50% reservation should be made for women from among dalits, adivasis, most backward classes &amp; minorities.</li> <li>● In all political parties 33% to 50% reservations should be for women.</li> <li>● Joint patta is to be issued in the name of husband and wife for house sites and land. House sites with patta should be given to single women, women abandoned by their husbands, Dalit women, Adivasi women, Devadasis and to women who lost their homes in communal clashes.</li> <li>● Women should be guaranteed vocational / technical training, credit facilities and employment. All efforts should be taken for women to get equal rights.</li> </ul>	<p>Legislation for reservation of 33% of seats in Parliament and state assemblies for women.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Institute plans to provide free education for girls upto college level including professional courses. Set up a development bank for women entrepreneurs in small scale sector.</p>	<p>Ensure 33% reservation for women in Lok Sabha and in Legislative Assemblies.</p> <p>Increases across the board in the number of women in government services. Launch a drive for increased women's representation in primary schools as teachers, in the police force and in the judiciary at all levels.</p> <p>No mention</p>

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
<p>Take appropriate legal measures to protect unorganised workers.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Take steps to protect Indian workers working in foreign countries.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Will remove discrepancies and contradictions in the Act for the protection of Construction workers</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Will exalt laws to conduct elections for Trade Unions based on secret ballot system.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Will exalt laws to conduct elections for Trade Unions based on secret ballot system.</p>
<p>No mention</p> <p>Implement the 33% reservation for women belongs to OBC, SC/ST in Parliament and in Legislative Assemblies.</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>Will ensure that 33% reservations for women becomes the law of the land.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>33% reservations for woman.</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>



PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All hazardous contraception and drugs detrimental to women's health should be banned.</li> <li>● Strong legal measures should be undertaken to prevent violence against women.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
	No mention	Penalty provisions in the laws against sexual violence and dowry atrocities will be made more stringent. Disqualification of officials, MPs, MLAs and councilors who have been convicted of offences against women and maximum punishment for the offenders. Establish courts that will render justice within 90 days, against those who have committed sexual offences against women.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Penalising women under IPC for Infanticide should be stopped as it amounts to victimising the victim. The Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques Act which bans sex-selection tests should be strictly enforced. All scan centres should be made to register and a more independent monitoring mechanism evolved with powers to search, seize documents in scan centres and summon medical professionals accused of violating the law.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Supreme Court judgements prohibiting and punishing sexual harassment in the work place must be published and strictly enforced.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To prevent indecent, obscene portrayal of women in Films, T.V. serials, Press coverage, etc. the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act 1986 should be strengthened.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All government policies and programmes should include the provisions of CEDAW.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stringent efforts to check increasing alcoholism must be initiated.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	Will struggle to put an end to the violence against women, whether it is sexual violence or psychological violence, discrimination, strict laws against eve teasing will be implemented.	No mention
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<b>3.3. Children - Child Labour</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is important for political parties to detail the party's commitment to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child, since India has acceded to this Conversion.</li> <li>● The practice of child labour should be eradicated.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All Child Labour below 14 years of age should be prohibited in all forms of employment.</li> </ul> <p>As mentioned in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the child the work of children between 15 to 18 years old should be regulated.</p> <p>The 1986 Child Labour Act should be accordingly amended, specifically the proviso that exempts household based labour for employ children.</p> <p>It is important to compile status Report of children in Tamilnadu by an independent Committee of experts.</p>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the Tamilnadu government's 15 point programme and State Plan of Action are mostly not implemented.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Kerala and the Tamilnadu governments should take immediate measures the agricultural production which will lead to the eradication of child labour in this region.</li> </ul>	No mention	No mention

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	Eradication of child labour. The existing child labourers will be rehabilitated and they will be given educational and vocational training.	Eradication of child labour. The existing child labourers will be rehabilitated and they will be given educational and vocational training.
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PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
<p><b>3.4. Dalits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the SC &amp; ST Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 should be strictly implemented and the offenders should be penalised. The victims of these violence should be compensated adequately under the SC &amp; ST Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 and the special courts should be established immediately.</li> <li>● Govt. should take efforts to undertake a study to identify panchami lands in TN and to hand over the lands to the dalits. Government must provide all facilities including finance to cultivate these lands.</li> <li>● Traditional "Nadu", a system of governance and control, which existed in medieval times as means to oppress dalits, exists in some districts. This should be immediately banned.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>In deciding the reservation, party will urge the centre to remove the creamy layer concept which is based on economic criteria.</p> <p>Urge the centre to implement reservations in central Govt. and educational institutions.</p> <p>Will make effort to implement 69% reservation in all professional colleges including medical colleges.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Necessary amendments in the Indian Constitution to protect the 69% reservation.</p>

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Make the appropriate amendments in Indian Constitution for the protection of 69% reservation.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Make necessary amendments to the Indian Constitution for special legislation for 69% reservation in all other states.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>Will ensure that all the reservations based on the recommendations of Mandal Commission given to OBC in Central Govt., Departments and also in educational institutions.</p> <p>Will make all efforts to continue the present reservation system for SC/ST</p> <p>Priority will be given to OBC/SC/ST in the government leases.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>For SC/ST &amp; OBC party will ensure reservation for jobs in all the sectors including private industries dominated by foreign capital.</p> <p>Like election commission, a commission will be set up to ensure the implementation of reservation for SC/ST and OBCs.</p>

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### 3.5. Fishing Community :

● The fishing community should be categorised as scheduled tribes and accorded statutory status at the earliest as per the Mandal Commission Report.	No mention	No mention
● A new deep-sea fishing policy, which centres around encouraging and developing the fisher people to enhance their deep-sea fishing operations at a sustainable level with appropriate technologies, should be advocated and implemented.	No mention	End deep sea fishing by foreign companies.
● We appeal to all political parties to take a stand, rejecting any dilution of the 1991 CRZ regulation including recent recommendations to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority as this amounts to a gross violation of the traditional rights of the Coastal People and their ecology.	No mention	No mention
● Common coastal lands along the coast and upto the habitation of the fishing village must be vested solely with the fishing village and their panchayats.	No mention	No mention
● There is the need for an Inland Fisheries (organic) Promotion and Development programme which restores the traditional practice of employing fishermen for reservoir fishing under the control of the State Fisheries Department.	No mention	No mention
● Free house sites should be given with joint ownership rights for all fishing families based on actual usage keeping in mind their special needs. A detailed plan for provision of drinking water, community centres, electricity, roads, sanitation, street lights, afforestation of coastal forests, prevention of erosion, etc should be implemented in all fishing villages.	No mention	No mention
● A Fisheries Bank to cater to the specific credit needs of the artisanal fishermen and marketing needs of fishing women should be established. Fishing co-operatives need to be rejuvenated based on an amended status and function as multipurpose co-operatives including facilities for storage and marketing the catch of the fishing community.	No mention	No mention
● Though women constitute 50% of the adult fishing population their interests and needs do not figure in any significant manner in policies, programmes and budgets. We urge political parties to recognise the contribution of women to fisheries development through their extensive marketing and involvement in processing of fish products.	No mention	No mention
● The coastal management plan for Tamilnadu has to be thoroughly redrafted after reconstituting a fresh committee of independent experts, representatives of organisations of the fishing community and representatives of NGOs.	No mention	No mention

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No mention	Institute plans for fishermen's debt recovery and implement many schemes for their upliftment.	No mention	No mention
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No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention

PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO	DMK	MDMK
	Allocation of funds for projects preventing sea erosion in coastal villages and will implement suitable programmes to prevent sea erosion along Chennai - Thiruvotriyur Road.	Create transport facilities for coastal cities in Tamilnadu. Costruct export facilities in fishing areas. Speedy implementation of Sethu Samudram Project.
<b>3.6. Disabled</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The concerns of the disabled should also be included on the social development and human rights agenda.</li> <li>The People with disabilities (equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation) Act 1995 must be made a reality.</li> <li>Right to work is a very important right for the disabled. Job and special facilities at the work place has to be provided for people with disabilities. The 3% government reservation for only some categories is highly inadequate.</li> </ul>	No mention  No mention  No mention	No mention  No mention  No mention
<b>3.7. Minorities</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constitutional provision for the protection and promotion of the rights of the minorities should be strictly implemented.</li> <li>The Constitutional rights given to minority institutions should be protected and guaranteed.</li> <li>The Minorities Commission should be made an independent statutory body with representatives of various experts among the minorities.</li> </ul>	Will safeguards rights of Minorities.  No mention  No mention	Will safeguards rights of Minorities.  No mention  No mention

PMK	ADMK	TMC	PT
		Will include Sethu Samudram Project in the Five Year Plan	Will include Sethu Samudram Project in the Five Year Plan.
<b>3.6. Disabled</b>			
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
No mention	No mention	No mention	Homes for the aged and orphanage children.
<b>3.7. Minorities</b>			
Will safeguards rights of Minorities.	Will ensure for the minorities their "right to live in all its true dimensions.	Will ensure that all the benefit are reached to minorities.	No mention
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organisations, films, Newspapers and other mass media that portray minorities, especially Muslims, as anti-social and anti-national should be prosecuted.</li> <li>● Government of India should immediately amend the Constitution to provide reservation for all Christian dalits.</li> <li>● The arbitrary use of detention laws against Muslims in Tamilnadu is strongly condemned.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>The feasibility of providing reservation for Muslims will be considered after the Supreme Court judgement this regard.</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>
<b>3.8. Urban Hutment Dwellers</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strictly enforce ULCRA and the necessary amendments to delete exemption clauses and loopholes. All the surplus land acquired under ULCRA must be used only for hutment dwellers.</li> <li>● The development of hutment dwellers should be left with the elected bodies and not with Slum Clearance Board.</li> <li>● Women hutment dwellers should be granted interest free loans for self-employment and joint pattas for the house sites.</li> <li>● Keeping in mind the interest of hutment dwellers the master plan of Town and Country Planning Act and Development Control Rules should widely be debated.</li> <li>● The Tamilnadu Slum Clearance Act needs to be amended so that the Tamilnadu Slum Clearance Board is made to protect the interests of slum dwellers and not indiscriminately evict hutment dwellers.</li> </ul>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p> <p>No mention</p>

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<b>3.9. Adivasis :</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All land transfer from ST to non-ST should be immediately banned.</li> <li>Displacement of adivasis from forests using various reasons should be necessarily and immediately stopped.</li> <li>All Adivasi hamlets in Tamilnadu with 50% or more Adivasis should be declared as 5th Schedule Areas of Article 244. These scheduled areas should be suitably reorganised into appropriate administrative units of self-governance.</li> <li>The T.N Panchayat Raj Act should not be applied in these scheduled areas. Instead the recommendations of the Bhuria Committee Report should be implemented.</li> <li>Legislation should be enacted in Tamilnadu to restore alienated Adivasi lands since 1960 (as in the state of Kerala) to the Adivasis. These lands should be under the control of adivasis only.</li> </ul>	No mention No mention No mention No mention No mention	No mention No mention No mention No mention No mention
<b>3.10. Repatriates and Refugees :</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The educational and employment reservation facilities extended to repatriates from Srilanka and their children have been completely stopped. The concessions given in education and in employment must extend at least for a period of 10 years.</li> <li>The human rights of Srilankan refugees should be respected and they should be treated on par with the other refugees from other regions like Bangladesh, Burma, Bhutan, Vietnam etc according to accepted International human rights standards. All facilities like adequate food, shelter, and health care must be provided. Treating refugees as anti-social elements or militants violates their rights and must be stopped</li> </ul>	No mention No mention	No mention Will work for protecting the interests of Srilankan Tamil refugees.

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