

INTRODUCTION

Today there are two programmes before the country—of the Communist Party of India and the Communist Party (Marxist). Hot debate about the two is going on in the press, inside both parties, among their sympathisers and sometimes even in the mass organisations under their leadership.

The press of the Marxist CP, in the name of fighting revisionism, has let loose a tearing campaign against our Programme, often distorting its formulations in the name of criticism, and utilising the opportunity to vilify and slander individual leaders of our Party.

The Communist Party of India is interested in the debate and discussion that is going on because it feels that the line chalked up by it is correct and will ultimately triumph. Meanwhile in order to help those taking part in the controversies we are reprinting in the form of a booklet some articles that Comrade Mohit Sen wrote for the *New Age Weekly* bringing out what is new in the present Programme of the CPI, theoretically justifying it as well as criticising the major postulates of the programme of the Marxist CP.

It is hoped that the patient and principled manner in which various questions are dealt with here will help the understanding our Programme better and answering all hostile criticism of the same.