

INTRODUCTION

On the basis of discussions with comrades of the different states connected with party education (3 to 10 April), the Party Education and Study Department of the Party Centre has drawn up these detailed lecture-notes for party schools to be attended by branch secretaries and other comrades of that level. These comrades must have gone through the schools for new entrants and those who have had no previous party schooling should not, generally speaking, attend these classes.

These detailed lecture-notes are meant to act as guidelines for the teachers, to indicate to them the scope and content of the classes and to act as easily available reference material. They will enable the standardisation of party education throughout the party. They are obviously not intended to be either read out or adhered to in a rigid manner. The comrades attending the schools would also find them useful. They should, therefore, be made available in different Indian languages. Reading material has been suggested at the end of each subject.

The aim of these classes is to give the comrades some grounding in the fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism and their application to Indian conditions and the practice of the Indian revolutionary movement. After these classes, the comrades should be able to read on their own some of the easier basic texts of Marxism, e.g. *The Communist Manifesto*, *Socialism: Utopian and Scientific* and popularisers like Emile Burns' *What is Marxism?* They should be able to have a preliminary understanding of the method and system of Marxism and to use these to critically approach problems encountered in their work. They should be able to engage in the ideological-political struggle that is continually proceeding.

The classes should be spread over 30 hours of lecture and question-answer sessions, preferably in the form of six-day camps.

Suggestions and criticism of these notes should be sent to us.

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