

Parliament not with you, tell US to scrap N-deal: CPI to Govt

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The CPI on Friday said the UPA Government should pull out off the India-US civil nuclear agreement in an "honourable way" by telling the US Administration that "India is a democracy, and its Parliament is not supporting the deal."

The central secretariat of the party, which reviewed the debate on the deal during the Winter Session of Parliament ending Friday, vehemently criticised External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee's statement that "The Government will consider the Sense of the House only after all steps to operationalise the deal have been taken."

The central committee of the CPI noted that almost all political parties, including the Left front, the BJP-led NDA as well as several non-NDA parties, opposed the deal.

It said: "It is not merely the Sense of the House but almost a clear verdict of the Parliament that the Government should not go ahead with the deal."

Noting that the Congress stood isolated on this issue, the CPI said the only honourable way to stall the deal was to tell the US Administration the outcome of the parliamentary debate.

CPI(M) general secretary Prakash Karat also took a similar stand on this issue in an article in this week's People's Democracy.