

## People's power triumph

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Sir,

It was disheartening to hear the news of the ouster of Mr Gorbachev when he was putting his best efforts to extricate the Soviet Union out of its economic crisis. He brought about many changes in the basic structure of the Communist Russia as first steps towards democracy. Important among these changes was the introduction of glasnost and perestroika, which enabled the people to speak out openly against Government policies.

By expressing satisfaction over the ouster of Gorbachev who was trying to democratize Russia, the CPI & CPM did not give the impression that they were responsible democratic parties. A number of countries, which were under Communist rule, are now moving towards the democratic form of Governments. But the Communist parties of India have shown that they are for the Communist form of Government. People should be cautious about such parties.

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