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The PWP is an important regional party in Maharashtra as up to 1977 it was the main opposition party in the state assembly. It continued to enjoy support among peasant communities of Maharashtra and represented aspirations of these classes. The party could not become popular in other parts of the country and it could strike imagination of Marathi speaking people only. The place of the party in political history of first independent Maharashtra is important.

The PWP was a Marxist-Leninist party and it was not uncommon among the Marxist groups in India to establish the peasants and workers parties after 1920. It is a known fact that several left minded individuals and groups established peasant and workers parties and several peasants workers parties were formed in late twenties and early thirties to give some sort of shelter to the communist workers as the communists were prosecuted by the British government. But the All India Peasants and workers party established in Maharashtra did not get dissolved and it continues exist since 1950.

The PWP enunciated its basic philosophy in Dabhadi thesis which was accepted by the party as its main ideological document in 1950. Subsequently, the thesis was often talked

about by the people but rarely anybody could get hold of its copy. But the people continued to have their interest in the famous Dabhadi thesis as it was viewed as a unique document by the people.

Present study is an attempt to make a critical study of Dabhadi thesis. The thesis runs into 82 pages and it discusses most of the national and international events in the light of philosophy of Marxism Leninism. In the present study, political philosophy of the PWP which is essentially Marxist Leninist is studied with special reference to the Dabhadi thesis. The main limitation of the work is that it does not take into consideration the earlier and subsequent resolutions of the party to study its political philosophy and concentrates on the Dabhadi thesis, considering it as an authoritative version of the ideology of the party. The second purpose of the study is to make a critical study of the thesis. ( The main purpose of the work is to make critical analysis of the thesis which is available in Marathi.)

As far as method of the study is concerned it is essentially Library research project and to understand policies and programs, different resolutions, theses and publications of the party are consulted. The emergence of the PWP was studied through the historical perspective. The textual analysis of the Dabhadi thesis made in the light of some sort of comparative perspective. Secondary data is also

consulted. Thus the present work tries to study political philosophy of the PWP with reference to the Dabhadi thesis of the party and through critical perspective.

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