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## WHY O.B.C. MOVEMENT IS FAILING ?

Our fears are coming true. The Mandal Commission Report on the Backward Classes (DV - May 16) is thrown to wastepaper-basket and the Ruling Class is in no mood to pick it up. And if the Mandal Report fate

is sealed nobody else is to be blamed except the Other Backward Classes (OBCs), its very beneficiaries, themselves. The report is kicked from one dustbin to the other. The Cabinet appointed a Secretary's Committee which submitted its report and this is now dumped into a Cabinet Sub-Committee. The Hindu genius is when it doesn't like a thing, appoint a committee Killing by delaying. Justice delayed is justice denied. This is what is happening to such a beautiful, scientific Mandal Report which got unanimous support of all MPs when it was debated in Parliament on Aug. 19. But the Prime Minister herself is opposed to the Mandal Report. And she is speaking on behalf of 10% of India's Ruling Class which will throw her out if she doesn't throw out the Mandal Report.

What makes us conclude that the Mandal fate is sealed is the election fever that has gripped the country. The moment this fever begins everybody in India stops thinking, let alone working. All energy is concentrated on this one single object. The Govt. machinery comes to standstill. Guessing game begins. The Press begins its favourite sport of speculating and its readers take pleasure in gobbling columns and columns of shit produced by the Press. Politics in India is a very entertaining sport. And the Press publishes what the public nourishes—shit. The whole thing is meaningless in India. The Ruling Class has destroyed our very brains. The Prime Minister is busy back at her favourite game of discovering a "foreign hand" behind every violence. Indians are such weaklings that any "foreign hand" can push

them around. So the Khalistan, tribal unrest, are all engineered by a "foreign hand". Pakistan and "Muslim agents" are training Sikh militants in Kashmir and Pakistan. Hindus are too happy to hear all this propaganda. Because the beef tallow issue has rattled her and the RSS-sponsored cross-country chariot tour to spark off anti-minority violence has added to her worries, she has to manufacture a suitable cock and bull story to take the wind out of the sails of the RSS. So the only thing that can save her is to scare the people of a foreign aggression, accusing Pakistan. That is what she is now doing. And our spineless Opposition parties, urchins before this master strategist, are made to dance to her tunes. When the Ruling Class and its running dogs are busy with beef tallow, "foreign aggression", Ganga water, which fool will think of Mandal Report ?

Scoundrels rule a society where its intellectuals are corrupt. This is our position today. People get the Govt. it deserves.

The Ruling Class knows the exact weakness of the OBCs. It knows full well that the OBCs are not aware that they are backward and hence poor and suffering. No doubt, the OBCs are only occasionally angry with Brahmins but they love Brahminism more. Nay, they are the watchdogs of Brahminism. And the Ruling Class always wins as long as OBCs guard Brahminism. The problem of India is its oppressed classes are cultivating the very values of its oppressors. This is what we often call as the "Slaves in India enjoying their slavery".

We tried our best to impress this to the OBC leaders and their all-India organisa-

tion headed by Brahm Prakash. The weakness of this organisation is it is packed with politicians of Opposition parties. What is the aim of a politician in India? The only aim is to come to power. As these Opposition parties are not in power they make use of the Mandal Report to beat Mrs. Gandhi's party. Some among them made use of this to jump into the ruling party. Some others are waiting. We had expressed this (DV May 16) and our fears have come true. That means the National Union of Backward Classes (Address: 8-F, Vandana Bldg., Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-110001) can never be effective. The problem of the OBCs is not political but cultural and social. The Mandal Commission has made this clear in its report. The poverty of India is not so much due to economic reasons as due to social and cultural reasons. The OBCs—like the Untouchables, tribals, minorities—are today suffering not because of their poverty but due to caste and religious discrimination imposed by Hindu religion. Over 85% of India's 800-million population is the victim of Brahminism. But do the OBCs know this? Go to the office of any OBC community, like the Yadavas (cow-rearing caste of Aryan Sex God Krishna), you will find any number of portraits of gods. OBCs are more fanatically Hindu than the Brahmins. They are greater defenders of Brahminism than Brahmins. Go to any Hindu temple, only a handful of Brahmins control it but all the temple work is faithfully done by scores of *shudras*—these OBCs. The *shudras* are a servant class and they serve the Brahmins loyally.

In fact, the RSS gets its muscle power to kill Muslims, Christians and Dalits

mainly from OBCs. In all communal and caste clashes, OBCs are used. They are the villains. If Brahminism is the philosophy that is responsible for the sufferings of the Muslims, Christians and Untouchables, it is the OBCs who enforce this philosophy that is responsible for the sufferings of over 85% of the Indian population. This is so all over India. The latest wave of mass conversions of Untouchables to Islam in Ramnad dt. (Tamil Nadu) was caused by the OBC atrocities on them. While the OBCs are being used to kill the Dalits and minorities, OBCs are no better. In many places they are poorer than Dalits. They are as much victims of Brahminism as others. But they are totally ignorant of this fact. This is because the OBCs have not identified their Enemy. They think Dalits, Muslims and Christians are their Enemy. Can we find bigger idiots than OBCs? And the Ruling Class knows that OBCs are damn idiots. How to make the OBC leadership understand this is our main worry.

This major weakness in the OBCs has led to serious repercussions. Their false caste pride that they are touchables (Hindus) and the Dalits are Untouchables, and hence superior to the latter, has brought about an unending strife in the countryside. It is a daily warfare in every Indian village. To them Untouchables are a greater Enemy than their real exploiters. They hate Dalits more than their real exploiters. And since OBCs are the people who kick, kill, burn and rape the Dalits, naturally the Dalits are angry with the OBCs and not with the brain behind this violence. The leg kicks

because the brain has ordered the leg to kick. The leg cannot think and, therefore, it can't be blamed. The brain is more dangerous than the leg. But the poor, uneducated and culturally deprived Dalits cannot make out this subtle difference between the leg and the brain. The Dalits are angry with the leg and want to cut the leg. The dog hit by a stone does not chase and bite the stone but the person who has thrown the stone. The dog has better brains but the Hindu religion has made its followers brainless. Hence this eternal hostility between the Dalits and OBCs and this unending rivalry is very useful to the high caste Hindus led by Brahmins who will go on telling the Dalits that they are being attacked not by them but the OBCs and on other tell the OBCs that because of the reservations given to Dalits (SC/STs) they are made to suffer in Govt. services. The Oppressed Employees Unions that have sprung up all over India are intended to make OBCs fight the Dalits. So the Brahmins and other high castes keep these two suffering sections divided & rule the country. Every office, every village is today a battlefield. What a great misfortune! So much so what is going on in India is a fight between the poor and the deprived. Where do we find the poor fighting the rich? The "class struggle" theory of Marx is nowhere in evidence. We are sorry that a noted non-Hindu sociologist like Andre Beteille is not able to see this Hindu game of keeping the poor divided. Otherwise, he would not have argued against reservations to OBCs. Besides this essential weakness in OBC movement, it is suffering from another handicap. It is leaderless. Dalits have a leader in

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and his philosophy of Ambedkarism. But OBCs have none. Dalits, at least the conscious lot of them, have realised that they are the victims of Brahminism. But not so the OBCs. Because of this lack of leadership and ideology to guide them, they are between the devil and the deep sea. That is why we have said: "The problem of India is the problem of its vast backward classes. Not only the OBCs are creating all our problems, they are a problem unto themselves." (DV May. 16). Tamil Nadu Dalits have criticised our support to Mandal Report. Some are angry for our support to Dravida Kazaghham of Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy. They say DK is a backward class organisation. It is these OBCs who are the main oppressors of Dalits in TN. At the Madurai conference of the Dalit Panthers, the target of attack was two OBC castes, Thevars and Nadars, whose atrocities on Dalits led to their latest mass conversions to Islam. Dalits are furious with OBCs which is the backbone of DK. They say Veeramani, general secretary of the DK, does not invite any TN Dalit leader to DK conferences but only outsiders like Ram Vilas Paswan MP, or Basavalingappa from Karnataka. Veeramani does not convene Dalit conferences nor does he support Dalit interests, they say.

Such a caste contradiction is a speciality of TN because that is the only State where the OBC and Dalit movements are strongest. But Dalits are supporting OBC movement all over India. Ram Vilas Paswan, a top Dalit leader from Bihar, has taken the leading part in the agitation in Mandal Report. The Dalit Panthers headed by Prof. Arun Kamble has passed

resolutions demanding implementation of the Mandal Report. So also BAMCEF headed by Kanshi Ram. Karnataka Dalit Action Committee has already supported the OBCs. All over India, Dalits have supported the OBCs and the Mandal Report because they know that the Enemy of the OBCs and Dalits happen to be the same. But it is the OBCs who are not supporting Dalits and minorities. And once the OBCs get reservation they will be forced to join hands with Dalits and minorities as the upper caste opposition will increase against the OBCs as well. Such a unity of Dalits and OBCs will alone help "caste struggle" to graduate into "class struggle".

While the Dalits are wise enough to realise at least this much, the OBCs are foolish not to understand this simple fact. And as long as OBCs don't support Dalits and minorities they will not get the Mandal Report. The Ruling Class will play the Dalits against the OBCs and the OBCs against the Dalits and continue to rule. This is what is called the Hindu game of divide and rule. This is how the Ruling Class got the courage to throw the Mandal Report to the dustbin. The only way the OBC leaders can save the situation is by making Mandal Report an election issue. Now that all the Opposition parties, except the high caste Hindu-controlled Marxist Communist party (CPM), have demanded implementation of the Mandal Report, all of them can jointly force Mandal Report as their main election plank, asking the voters to reject the Congress Party and punish it for the treatment given to the Mandal Report. All the Opposition parties can issue a common appeal that when they come to

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## THE GHOST DEVOURING ITS OWN CREATOR

(Our correspondent)

**Bangalore :** *The Indians are pastmasters in making an issue out of a non-issue. And one such non-issue, which is rocking the whole country, its "national Press", its people excited, is the tallow that has become the talk of the town. A Hindu (Jain) business-*

man mixed beef tallow in his vegetable ghee (*vanaspati*). Adulteration of food (even poison) is nothing new to India. But what brought front-page headlines was such an adulteration had hurt the "religious sentiment" of the non-violent Hindu to whom cow was equal to his mother. The cow was held in such high esteem that even old rotten animals were prohibited from being slaughtered. Hundreds of Muslims were killed in Ahmedabad to save a cow. The cow-lovers whipped up the frenzy and as Mrs. Indira Gandhi was preparing for a Parliament election to bolster her sagging image, the Hindu Nazis thought that beef tallow would be the deadliest stick to beat her with. Mrs. Gandhi who since a few years was markedly becoming pro-Hindu and kicked up quite a lot of Hindu dust creating almost a Hindu ghost, was now becoming the very victim of the ghost she had so fondly created. The Indian Press reported her telling a Hindu conference at Ajmer in the first week of Nov. that Hindu religion was in danger. This was perhaps the first time that the Prime Minister of India openly spoke on behalf of the country's majority religion. No doubt every PM belonged only to the Hindu religion but so far none acted as a Hindu leader. When she said Hindu religion was in danger it meant that other religions—Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Sikhism—were endangering it. It was for flirting with Hindu communal forces that the RSS

Hindu Nazis gave her a good conduct certificate saying she was a better Hindu than Vajpayee, the chief of the BJP, the political arm of the RSS. Her opening a Hindu temple built by the RSS at Hardwar in the company of the Nazi Party chief, Leoras, her offering prayers at different temples and prostrating before Brahmin religious leaders had very much pleased the orthodoxy. That was how more & more Hindus were shifting their loyalty to her party. This became evident in all the recent elections. And when it paid her political dividends, she rightly thought that her tactics of becoming a Hindu leader had succeeded. The Muslims (15%), Christians (less than 3%) put together formed less than 18%. Dalits, though forming 30 per cent, could be bought over and many of them were under the illusion of Hinduism. So she rightly thought that her pro-Hindu tilt paid her a rich bonus.

Just as she was basking in the Hindu sunshine, she was struck down by the tallow controversy. And at the time of writing this Mrs. Gandhi was in a terribly confused state—frantically trying to be saved from the tallow taibot chasing her.

Beef-eating was not new to India (DV Nov. 16) and in fact during the Vedic period cow was reserved for the Brahmin stomach. The *Rig Veda* and the *Brihadaranyak Upanished*, and the *Brahmanas* said beef was the exclusive food of the Brahmins. It was "Mahatma" Gandhi who un-

leashed the cow mania by declaring "that the central fact of Hinduism is cow protection". (*Young India*, Oct. 6, 1921). But this "Mahatma", who did so much for Hinduism and its holy cow, was finally shot dead by a Hindu Nazi, Nathuram Godse, denouncing the "Mahatma" as anti-Hindu (*Why Godse killed Gandhi?* DSA publication no. 7-1983). Gandhi created the Hindu ghost which finally devoured him. Would history repeat?

Like her father, Mrs. Gandhi was initially treading a "secular" ground though the Dalits and minorities had never trusted her secularism. In every recent election they expressed their protest by voting against her party. When her "vote banks", the Dalits and Muslims, deserted her she realised that blood was thicker than water.

The RSS policy of whipping up Hindu communalism against the Dalits and persecuted minorities would fetch her more votes. And with full confidence she was preparing for the election. Right then she suffered this tallow stroke. And she was seen sinking. It was a Hindu backlash to which she would have to give her neck. Her best efforts to mobilise the Brahmin leaders in her party did not pay. She got hold of one lone Shankaracharya and made him condemn this tallow controversy but at this moment RSS seemed to be riding the waves. All other Brahmin leaders were with RSS. And this might force her to rethink on the elections unless she diverted the country's attention by raising the bogey of Pakistani aggression on India. Right now that appeared to be her only hope and the speeches of different leaders indicated that she was manufacturing a situation of external danger to India. Zia, equally in trouble

with the Movement to Restore Democracy (MRD) in Pakistan, were to oblige both might enter into a secret pact of a week-long stage-managed war which would do good to both. Right now this was the only hope for Mrs. Gandhi.

As a shrewd politician, Jagjivan Ram, wanted to throw a stone at the drowning Mrs. Gandhi. He issued a statement supporting RSS and putting the blame on her for the tallow import. According to Left and even Dalit political leaders she was the only impediment to any solution to India's problem. Hence a total political chaos in India. Every party, including the two communist parties, had become irrelevant. Almost everybody was waiting for the exit of Mrs. Gandhi from the political scene. If the tallow could throw her out why not back the tallow controversy, Ram was reported to have told his confidants. But Mrs. Gandhi being a more shrewd politician and one up in the job of making an issue out of a non-issue might pull the carpet under the feet of RSS and start a "war".

Be that as it may, India today presents a picture of utter confusion—all-round. And in this fight of unscrupulous politicians aided by the capitalist-owned, upper caste-managed "national Press", the Dalits and persecuted minorities are being trampled upon. □

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### *The Untouchable Soldiers*

[The Mahars & Mazhbis]

by Mrs. Ardythe Basham

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2nd stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10

## FRESH MASS CONVERSIONS OF DALITS IN TAMIL NADU

[Our correspondent]

Bangalore: Our Madurai correspondent proved right (DV Oct. 16) and the RSS and other Hindu leaders wrong. The *Indian Express* & *Deccan Herald* (Nov. 3) reported largescale conversions of Untouchables in Ramnad dt. of Tamil Nadu to Islam.

The report said: 990 families belonging to a cluster of 10 villages or about 3000 persons have decided to embrace Islam on Jan. 14, 1984. The conversion of 86 persons—37 men and 49 women and children—from 19 Harijan families of Seiyalur on Oct. 25 was only a prelude to this. Seiyalur is 11 km north of Ramanathapuram, near Uthara-Kosamangal. There are 153 families in the village of whom 90 are Harijan, 35 belong to the Thevar (Marava) community and 28 to the Yadava class.

After the Meenakshipuram (Tirunelveli district) conversions, Harijans in Ramnad district were becoming Muslims gradually and in small groups. In 1982, 93 Harijans of Perumacheri in Manamadurai police limits became Muslims. And now comes the report about mass conversions at Seiyalur.

UNI says: Mrs. Indirani is one of the 80 Harijans from 19 families in Seiyalur who recently embraced Islam. The conversions negate the popular assumption that the tide which rose in Meenakshipuram in Tirunelveli district in 1982 has subsided. Inquiries revealed that about 4,000 Harijans in this district alone have

embraced Islam in the aftermath of the caste clashes in Ramanathapuram town 2 years ago.

The *Statesman* adds: Notwithstanding the recent TN govt. order that "any person getting selected under the SC quota for public service changes his religion any time after his entry into service, he should have his selection cancelled" in an obvious attempt to discourage *Harijans* from embracing Islam, set in motion in 1981 when the entire *Harijan* population of Meenakshipuram, a village in Tirunelveli district, embraced Islam, the process of conversion goes on merrily, though with less fanfare and publicity. The conversion bug has bitten the people of Ramanathapuram district where about 5,000 people, belonging to a cluster of 10 villages, are undergoing catchism on the basic tenets of Islam. They are planning to renounce the faith of their fathers on the festive occasion of Pongal, January 14. Already, 4,000 people in the district have joined the Islamic fold during the past two years. The man behind the new wave of conversions is Ahmed Khan, formerly S. Karuppiah. This 26-year-old *Harijan* young man who, after discarding his dhoti in favour of lungi and cap, found himself socially a transformed person. The recent Sri Lanka ethnic violence in which Tamil Hindus were butchered and not the Tamil Muslims, was another contributing factor in making Islam socially attractive. □

## CRITICISING RESERVATIONS TO DALITS IS A FASHION WITH HINDUS

(R. Surin, Vice-President, Jharkhand Mazdoor Sangh, Dhanbad, Bihar)

There was an unholy seminar on reservation policy for SCs/STs on 28-8-1983 at Calcutta. It has become customary for the officials of Bureau of Public Enterprises, Commissioner for SCs/STs and Public Enterprises to organise and participate in regular seminars / programmes on Reservation Policy for SCs/STs, to draw TA/DA and enjoy costly palatable dishes and to ultimately attribute the failure to the inadequacy of candidates against reserved vacancies. Like-wise, the three-day seminar on Reservation Policy for SCs/STs, concluded on 28-8-1983 at Calcutta was attended by Rastogi, Training Officer Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation, S. S. Sammadar, Dy. Secretary, Bureau of Public Enterprises, Dy. Commissioner for SCs/STs, Rozaiika, Research Officers of the Commission for SCs/STs, most of whom attributed the failure to the inadequacy of SCs/STs candidates against reserved vacancies with the sole intention to cover up their deliberate negligence and lapses.

There is no dearth of candidates from SC/ST in Chotanagpur tribal belt of Bihar. On the one hand, representation of SCs/STs is chronically much below the reserved quota in all groups/grades/cadres in the services of Bokaro Steel Plant because of officially deliberate negligence and lapses and on the other, candidates mostly of upper castes have always secured employment through corrupt and unfair means with the false and fake qualification and experience certificates. It is important to mention that though Vigilance Department of Bokaro Steel Plant has been partly successful in detec-

tion of fake and false certificates of qualification and experience, there are still huge number of fake and false experience and qualification certificate-holders employed in Bokaro Steel Plant.

### Dalit Action Committee

[Our Correspondent]

Bangalore : The Karnataka Dalit Action Committee, the premier Dalit organisation of the State, which inspired us to launch the Dalit Sahitya Akademy, had for the first time a full-fledged election and D. M. Thimmarayappa was re-elected convener at a general body meeting held here on Oct. 9. He represented the Untouchables of India at the Asian Racial and Minorities conference in New Zealand (1978) and later at Amsterdam. A. Narayanswamy of the Bharat Electronics and our colleague in the DV office, was elected organising secretary. Those interested in forming district and taluk committees in Karnataka may contact the convener at No. 50, Palace Lower Orchards, Bangalore-560 003 □

### Revivalism of Buddhism in Modern India

By Dr. R. L. Ramteke

[noted Dalit scholar on Ambedkar and Buddhism]

Rs 125 - pages 303 - 1983

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D/1-24, Rajouri Garden  
New Delhi-110 027

## Letters to Editor :

*Basheer K., Medico, Mangalore :* Bhagwan Das is wrong (DV Oct. 15) in saying Muslims have caste system. The examples that he cited of Syed, Sheikh etc. are only sects among Muslims. Caste has a special connotation and denotation which sociologists have cited. If this test is applied castes can't be found in Islam.

*Syed Aminuddin, Madras :* According to T. W. Arnold (*Missionary Review of the World* N. S. Vol. XIII— pp. 22-23, New York, 1900): "The escape that Islam offers to Hindus from the oppression of the higher castes was strikingly illustrated in Tinnavelli at the close of the 19th century. A very low castes, Shanars, had in recent years become prosperous and many of them had built fine houses; they asserted that they had the right to worship in temples from which they had hitherto been excluded. A riot ensued in the course of which the Shanaras suffered badly at the hands of Hindus of higher caste, and they took refuge in the pale of Islam. Six hundred Shanaras in one village became Muslims in one day and their example was quickly followed in other places".

*Desmond A. D. Abreo, DEEDS, Mangalore :* DV is very interesting. The Dalit issue is foremost in our reflections as it has to be tackled with great urgency. Caste problem must be seen as a major aspect of the class struggle. Hence we are trying to build up critical awarness among Dalits so that they may stand on their own legs to fight it out. If they are given the self-confidence and are trained to practice several skills, they will gradually manifest their worth.

*Mohan Singh, Lucknow :* Indira Gandhi during her recent visits to US, Europe emphasised that the Haves of the world have been exploiting the Have-nots. But she has hidden the fact that in India the very same thing is happening. As long as she is part of the Haves of India, what right has she to accuse the Haves outside? As long as the Brahmins and other high caste Hindus in India go on treating us as Untouchables, the Haves of the world will go on treating the Brahmins and other Hindu rulers as Untouchables.

*Ainaut Pinto, Jesuit House, Panaji, Goa :* May god bless your efforts for truth and justice.

*Dr. R. K. Moris, Jalandhar :* I have come to know of DV for the first time and found it an urgently required journal for all Dalits. We have from here *Jantak Lehar*, a Punjabi weekly, which is also doing a good service. Both must have close contact.

*Miss. Valasala Kumari, Kottarakara, Kerala :* My thanks to that "great man" who came forward to pay my DV subscription. The "Railway Platform Speech" (DV Oct. 1) must make every Dalit think deeply. If they don't understand it now, they will soon do so and realise the importance of your writings. I shall pledge to serve DV. The only handicap is I am a girl. I admire your courage to speak the truth.

*Shaik Hyder, Islamic Centre, Toronto :* I came across DV here and I find it a true spokesman of the persecuted minorities of India. Originally from India, I migrated to Pakistan thinking that there will be justice but I find there are "Brahmins" in Pakistan also— called Vaderas, Zamindars, Colonos, Generals etc. Hope DV will

grow and prosper as the true representative of the suppressed people of India and the world.

*Mustafa Tahan*, Secretary-General, International Islamic Federation of Student Organisations, Kuwait : We like the informative and valuable DV which is very useful to us and publish some items from it in our journal, *Al-Akhbar*.

*S. K. De*, Quaker International, New Delhi : We follow DV with great interest.

*Dr. B. K. Basu*, Kotnis Memorial Committee, Calcutta : I was seriously ill since returning from China and had to undergo a major surgery. Consider me as an ardent supporter of your noble cause.

*Fr. Palatty M.*, Catholic Mission, Salana, Assam : On the occasion of DV's birth anniversary (Oct.16) I want to express few words of gratitude and encouragement. Gratitude because any minority community has to thank DV for voicing the suppressed feelings of the suffering minorities. Encouragement because you have numerous difficulties. One who fights for the poor has to suffer. Much more so in India which has been always in the clutches of high classes. India is basically in the hands of the anti-minorities. After 36 years of "independence" we find the country's poor remaining poor. DV is educating the oppressed minorities. Over 85% of India's suppressed population will be with DV which should reach every educated Dalit and minority. Even DV-based study classes should be started in every place. You should contact all Catholic institutions in India because most of them are also suffering minority suppression. May DV become an established, national voice of the

minorities in line with the Amnesty International etc.

*H. Volken*, Nagpur : DV is much appreciated in our team involved in strengthening leadership among Dalits in MP and Orissa. We appreciate DV for being the voice of the voiceless.

*A Dalit* IPS officer from Tamil Nadu : I am extremely happy that you have devoted your services to the cause of India's poorest of the poor. Hence we admire you and appreciate you. Dalits should extend full support to DV. As an Ambedkarite I feel that such literary works should grow with speed.

*K. Chellappa*, II Year student, IIM, Bangalore : Dalit students (25) in IIM-B are getting Central Govt. scholarship of Rs. 150 (monthly) per head but others are given Rs. 170. But IIM-Calcutta gives Rs. 170 to all students. Why this discrimination based on caste in IIM, Bangalore, only ? When this was pointed out to the authorities here they said they found "no logic" in our demand. Do Hindus know logic ? Will somebody take up our demand with the Union Education Ministry ?

*Muthu Srinivasan*, Bombay : Mrs. Indira Gandhi sent troops into Bangla Desh and became a hero. But she is not prepared to do so in Sri Lanka despite persecution of Tamils because it is the non-Brahmins who are suffering there. She fears that their demand for a separate State might lead to separatism in India. Look at her double-standards. But what happened to our Hindu heroes (RSS) who proclaim that wherever Hindus suffer India's Hindu Govt. must intervene ? Are the Sri Lanka Tamils not Hindus ?

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## TRIBAL GIRLS TRAPPED IN BOMBAY

(Miss Laru Janko, Mahila Samaj, Banka, Bihar)

Young tribal girls from here are being exploited as cheap bonded labour and exported to Bombay, Punjab, Vizag and Bengal. Singhbhum dt. is the recruiting ground. Associated Cement factory's chimney dust is spreading over 30 miles from Jhinkpani. ACC exploits our rich minerals. So also the Hyderabad Asbestos. Vast tribal areas have become unfit for cultivation. The tribals thus uprooted from their lands become paupers and then become bonded labour for outside market. Will your readers help us rescue these girls from the clutches of contractors? These girls are working in Gammon India Ltd., OCK Nagar, Castle Bridge, P. O. Box. 103, Thane, Bombay-406 001. Will our human rights organisations, women and Dalit organisations in Bombay write to me at Banka, Chakradharpur P.O., Singhbhum dt., Bihar? In all 17 girls are working as bonded labour in the Bombay factory and they need to be rescued immediately. The contractor has kept muscle men to guard these girls. They are paid Rs. 20 a week per head and are not allowed to go out. They are also beaten up. In winter they are not given

clothes. Sometimes they go naked. Our union can cooperate. The Dalit Panthers and the Kashtakari Sanghatana, Thane, can also help us. The matter is urgent.

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power the first thing they will do is to implement the Mandal Report. They can also politicise the Mandal Report and start an agitation.

But will these Opposition parties do it? We doubt this because in Hindu India every party including the Communist parties, are led by Hindus. The Communist parties are formed in India to prevent any communist takeover of India. That means Mandal Report has no hope. The OBCs have no guts to start a virulent agitation. Nor have they any leadership or an ideology. Besides, they are in love with the very values of their oppressors. And unfortunately these OBCs constitute such a large chunk—over 50% of the Hindu society. That is why we say the problem of India is the problem of the backward classes. How to solve this contradiction should engage our immediate attention.

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