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## Thus Spake Ambedkar

### Hindus opposing every demand of Dalits : Rajagopalachari's example in cunningness

What are the political demands of the Muslims and the Sikhs? It is not possible to set them out here. But the general opinion is that they are very extravagant and the Hindus resent them very much. In contrast with this the condition and the demands of the Untouchables are just the opposite of the condition of the Muslims and the Sikhs. They are a weak, helpless and despised minority. They are at the mercy of all and there are not a few occasions when the Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs combine to oppress them. Of all the Minorities they need the greatest protection and the strongest safeguards. Their demands are of the modest kind and there is nothing in them of that over-insurance which may be said to characterize the demands of the Muslims and the Sikhs. What is the reaction of the Hindus to the demands of the Muslims, the Sikhs and the Untouchables? Notwithstanding the extravagance of their demands the Hindus are ever ready to conciliate the Mussalmans and the Sikhs, particularly the former. They not only want to be correct in their relationship with the Mussalmans, they are prepared to be considerate and even generous.

Mr. Rajagopalachari's political exploits are too fresh to be forgotten. Suddenly he enrolled himself as a soldier of the Muslim League and proclaimed a war on his own kin and former friends and for what? Not for their failure to grant the reasonable demands of the Muslim but for their not conceding the most extravagant one, namely Pakistan!!

What is Mr. Rajagopalachari's response to the demands of the Untouchables? So far I am aware there is no response. He does not even seem to be aware that there are 60 million Untouchables in this country and that they too like the Muslims are demanding political safeguards. **This attitude of studied silence and cold indifference of Mr. Rajagopalachari is typical of the whole body of Hindus. The Hindus have been opposing the political demands of the Untouchables with the tenacity of a bulldog and the perversity of a renegade. The Press is theirs and they make a systematic attempt to ignore the Untouchables. When they fail to ignore them they buy their leaders; and where they find a leader not open to purchase they systematically abuse him, misrepresent him, blackmail him, and do everything possible that lies in their power to suppress him and silence him.**

Any such leader who is determined to fight for the cause of the Untouchables he and his followers are condemned as anti-National. So exasperated the Hindus become by the political demands of the Untouchables that they in their rage refuse to recognise how generous the Untouchables are in consenting to be ruled by a Hindu Majority in return for nothing more than a few political safeguards.

The Hindus are not aware of what Carson said to Redmond when the two were negotiating for a United Ireland. The incident is worth recalling. Redmond said to Carson "Ask any safeguards you like for the Protestant Minority of Ulster, I am prepared to give them; but let us have a United Ireland under one constitution." Carson's reply was curt and brutal. He said without asking for time to consider the offer "**Damn your safeguards I don't want to be ruled by you**".

The Hindus ought to be thankful that the Untouchables have not taken the attitude which Carson took. But far from being thankful they are angry because the Untouchables are daring to ask for political rights. In the opinion of the Hindus the Untouchables have no right to ask for any rights. What does this difference of attitude on the part of the Hindus to the political demands of the different communities indicate? It indicates three things (1) They want to get all power to themselves, (2) They are not prepared to base their political institutions on the principle of justice, (3) Where they have to surrender power they will surrender it to forces of truculence and the mailed fist but never to the dictates of justice.

(Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings & Speeches, Volume IX, Rs. 50 1991, Govt., of Maharashtra, Bombay). The book may be had from Director, Government Printing, Stationery and Publications, Netaji Subhash Road, Bombay - 400 004

## We warn VP not to dilute Mandal but make it sole weapon to fight Aryans

**W**hat the upper castes/Aryans hate we must love and what the Aryans love we must hate. If we go by this single superb guideline, we have to love Mandal Commission because our oppressors hate it. Janata Dal (JD) was India's only party that was all-out for it and V.P. Singh lost his PM post for Mandal.

But now we hear disturbing reports about the upper caste glee over the JD "giving up this one-point programme" of Mandal and the entire "national" toilet papers going gaga over this "reordering of the Janata Dal agenda". This is a clear indication that our oppressors are happy over dropping the Mandal priority and this must naturally sadden our hearts. Since the rulers know their priorities, they have decided to strike at Mandal as it is sure to dig their grave.

We don't know yet if VP has succumbed to the machinations of these anti-Mandal maniacs in the party. If so, JD which has been our only hope among the several anti-people political parties given birth by our oppressors, will also have to be struck off. We have our own doubts and hence a final judgment on this will have to be kept pending.

**Fake self-immolations:** The party spokesman said the JD "decided that the Mandal plank will be one of the issues and not the main factor in the party programme". The decision was taken at the end of a meeting of senior party leaders in Delhi. He said "the party could not afford to remain a party with one-point programme that of job reservation for backward classes". (*Hindustan Times* Sept. 23).

How can Mandal Commission which assures the human rights (reservations) of over 65% of the country's population - endorsed by over 85% of the population and supported even by a section of the upper castes - be a one-point programme? It is only the upper caste nazi oppressors of the SC/ST/BCs and Muslims/Sikhs/Christians who are ridiculing the Mandal as a one-point programme. It was only this tiny nazi-minded Aryan upper castes who engineered the anti-Mandal war and violence and their fake self-immolations in the latter half of 1990 and toppled the VP Singh govt.

**VP greatest PM of India:** To the over 85% of the people Mandal is the most important programme because it assures the human rights of the deprived, dehumanised peoples of India. V.P. Singh became the darling of the people and hailed as the greatest Prime Minister of India because he implemented the Mandal report. How can such an all-important step be called a single-point programme? What the upper castes hate we must love.

Among the "top" leaders of JD, who is opposing Mandal and ridiculing it as "one-point"? The most important leader is the notorious Havyak Brahmin, R.K. Hegde, once described in the press as India's most corrupt politician (estimated at Rs. 1,300 crores by the *Hindustan Times*). This Karnataka "leader" is a leader only in the newspapers. He can't get elected from his own district of North Kanara and hence chose a Brahmin-dominated constituency in Bangalore. Just because he is an Aryan his *jatwalas* in the country's toilet papers give him all publicity, and keep him alive as a leader to destroy our human rights. He is a paper tiger meaning a tiger only in the newspaper. It is this Hegde acting as the agent of the Congress, country's original brahminical party, who is behind this sinister game of killing the JD so that the Congress can capture Bihar and for this help he will be given some berth in the Congress. We have many such black hearts in different political parties. To such traitors the country is not important but their *jati*. What they want is power to promote their *jati* interests.

**"Kalinga Kesari":** The other chap in the JD who too is opposing the Mandal is the "Kalinga Kesari", Biju Patnaik, the Kayasth Chief Minister of Orissa, who recently enacted a big drama. He resorted to a very sinister game of raising SC/ST reservations and then himself secretly engineered a violent upper caste student agitation against his own order and then blaming the violence withdrew order. Such cheap stunts cannot fool the people.

Orissa, which is an almost 90% Dravidian State must teach a fitting lesson to such fake leaders.

**Spineless Bommai:** The other "leader" is S.R. Bommai, a Lingayat from Karnataka whose community is the

deadliest enemy of Mandal. We wonder how V.P. Singh has selected such a spineless upper caste fellow and also an enemy of the Mandal to head the only party of SC/ST/BCs and minorities. The party needs a dynamic leader like Sharad Yadav, not Bommai.

George Fernandes, a Catholic Christian from coastal Karnataka, is also an opponent of Mandal though he is not as vehement an enemy as Hegde. But Fernandes with his urban trade union background and confused thinking, which is many a time deliberate, has not been wholeheartedly behind the Mandal.

Therefore, if VP wants to retain his place in the heart of the oppressed, he must revamp the party and kick out all these anti-Mandal maniacs. We had said this over one and half year ago (DV edit July 16, 1991: "Sack all anti-Mandals and build up a cadre-based Janata Dal party of SC/ST/BCs and Minorities"). VP perhaps does not want to take such drastic steps because, some critics say, his own Aryan/upper caste birth may be coming in the way. We don't know VP too well to come to such a drastic judgement. But there is this fear and we hope these fears will go wrong.

**Urban upper caste problems:** The other four issues of "national importance", as suggested by the anti-Mandalists, include (1) failure of the new economic policies, (2) corruption, (3) growing unemployment, (4) deterioration of law and order situation. But they are not a priority in our scheme of things. All these four are the by-products of the deprivation of the human rights of the over 85% of India's indigenous peoples by the urban-dwelling Aryan oppressors. All the four urban problems can be ended just like that once we recover our human rights (reservations). But the Aryans with the power of their toilet papers (media) are diverting our attention from issues to non-issues by magnifying the non-issues. *All the four subjects now added to the JD priority are the problems facing the upper castes who constitute not even 15% of the population. They are not our priority. They are the symptoms of the disease afflicting the country. It is not the disease but its symptoms.* The Aryans inside the JD are confusing VP and thereby trying to kill JD which is the only people's party the Aryans are afraid of today.

**Bihar's Lalloo:** As for the charge that "JD is going down because it is sticking to the one-point Mandal programme", this is again the perverted thinking of the anti-Mandalists. *Lalloo Prasad of Bihar has only one-point programme and that is Mandal. Is he not going from success to success and has become the darling of the Biharis?* How can the rule that applies to Lalloo does not apply to VP?

**Where VP failed:** This is because Lalloo has succeeded in explaining the Aryan upper caste tyranny under which the millions of Bihar are reeling. Did VP or his party do this? No. *The party would have surely won in the last general election itself, despite Rajiv Gandhi murder to help promote the Congress victory, if only VP and his party had brought out cheap pamphlets explaining the benefits of Mandal and why the Aryans are opposing it and the leaders went about explaining it. But not only he did not do it but allowed the notorious anti-Mandalists like Hegde, Biju, Bommai, etc. to be in charge of elections. The party failed to convince the people and as usual the Congress cashed in and got the added advantage because of Rajiv murder. Otherwise, VP would have been the PM instead of the Neogi Brahmin.* VP should have realised his mistake then itself but he allowed two years to lapse doing nothing.

**PMK Madras conference:** When he saw the massive 3-lakh PMK crowd on the Madras Marina Beach, which thanked him for implementing Mandal, we thought he would realise his mistake and take quick steps to remedy it. But now comes the report that "Mandal has been diluted".

JD today exists only because of VP and nobody else. He is in a position to take drastic action. Getting rid of few of these dead wood like Hegde would bring him millions of people behind him. He must act now before it is late.

**Parliamentary democracy:** Be that as it may, we have to reiterate that we have no hope in any of the existing political parties which feed on the fertile soil created by the parliamentary democracy. (DV edit: Oct. 1, 1992: "BSO killing Dravida leadership through corruption using parliamentary democracy"). We have said enough on parliamentary democracy and hence we don't want to add anything further.

Except V.P. Singh, Lalloo Prasad Yadav, Sharad Yadav and Ram Vilas Paswan, we don't find any other "top leaders" sincerely committed to Mandal.

**Mandal expands "reserved sector":** Mandal assures the human rights of over 85% and hence everything else goes to the background. As of today only SC/STs (30%) are entitled for constitutional reservations though its implementation is sabotaged by the Aryans. The Mandal seeks to include the BCs and minorities in the 'reserved sector'. We are well aware that the Aryan rulers, who sabotaged the SC/ST human rights, will sabotage this also. *But all the more in one stroke the "reserved sector" will expand to 85% by including the 55% - that is BCs (35%), Muslims (15%) and Sikhs and Christians (5%).* When 30% of the SC/ST and

55% of the BCs and Muslims plus Christians/ Sikhs join hands they make up a total of over 85%. They can unitedly fight their common oppressors. Hence Mandal is not just one-point programme but it is our one and the only programme. The rest of the programmes take second place.

**Social engineering:** The Mandal, therefore, is the most important and the most effective instrument in social engineering to combat the Aryan menace. *The Aryans know the dangers of Mandal and hence they are doing everything in their hands, including pressing their Brahmin-Bania toilet papers (media) to sabotage it.*

*The enemy is doing its duty. But are we doing our duty?* No.

VP must sack the anti-Mandal maniacs, purify the party and then he can see the surge of support he will get.

VP is warned. ■

## ONE MORE IYER JOINS SCAM

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** DV has proved right in saying that the scam is a wholesale Aryan scandal mainly the Madras Iyers as its brain. (DV Sept. 15 '92: "Will the frauds of the century be convicted?")

How can they be when the Govt. of India's topmost legal authority - G. Ramaswamy Iyer - is tendering legal advice to the culprits? The startling disclosures about the conduct of the Attorney-General of India came at the Joint Parliamentary Committee inquiring into the bank-stock scam. The Standard Chartered Bank, one of the several foreign banks embroiled in the murky scandal, advanced Rs. 15 lakh without any security to the country's highest law officer. ■

Mulayam realises mistake but too late

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Mulayam Singh Yadav, who lost his lustre by joining hands with that Aryan traitor, Chandra Shekar, at last realised his folly - though too late. Aryans are experts in confusing people and Mulayam fell a victim. Had he remained with VP Singh, he could have captured UP and continued as the CM. But he allowed himself to be brainwashed by the Aryans. They finished him one side and on another side they groomed a Backward Caste Lodha (Kalyan Singh) to help the Nazis to capture power in UP. Kalyan Singh is today paying the price for his folly. Of course, he deserves it. Under the Aryan rule every part of this country is facing tension and violence. ■

## DV proves right on Neogi Brahmin

R. GRANTI, MADRAS

*P.V. Narasimha Rao belongs to the Aaruvela Niyogi Brahmin sect. Aaruvela comes from the Telugu name Aaruvelanadu, the land of 6,000. The 6,000 denotes the shastahastravishaya of old inscriptions. Tenali, Guntur, and Repalli talukas of Andhra Pradesh constitute the "6,000 region". A group of Brahmins originating from this area is believed to have at one point taken up secular, administrative professions. Hence their identification as Niyogis.*

*Historians feel many Niyogis are descendants of Desatha Brahmins who migrated from Maharashtra's Desh region. At one time Rao maintained his ancestors were Kanyakubja Brahmins hailing from the north, presumably Uttar Pradesh.*

*This theory is unacceptable to many. At the peak of the Andhra movement in 1972 which dislodged Rao from the chief ministership, the late Tanneti Visvanatham told a press conference that Rao's ancestors belonged to Bapatla, a supposed Niyogi stronghold, and that they shifted to Vishakhapatnam and finally to the present Karimnagar district. Visvanatham hails from the (Aru) Velanati Vaidiki Brahmin sect. His ancestors must have migrated from Aruvelanadu.*

**RSS origin:** *Telugu people whose surnames indicate their village do not usually discard them once they leave their place of origin. Pamulaparthi, the first name of the prime minister, is actually a derivative of Pamulaparru. Roughly translated it would mean "place of snakes". It is often said Rao's original village is located somewhere along the Andhra Coast.*

*A well known RSS member from Nagpur derived great pleasure in telling people that his original village and that of Rao were both in Nalgonda district. Hedgewar and Deoras, it should be remembered, are Brahmins of Telugu descent. Recently, Indian Express carried an article saying Rao's native village was in Warangal district. A picture of his ancestral house was also published. I think Rao is romanticising his origins. It is possible he is related to the Kanyakubja Brahmins, but only by marriage. (Telegraph Sept. 16).*

## MANN BACKS PMK DEMAND

**Chandigarh:** The Shiromani Akali Dal (Mann) has welcomed the demand for self-determination for Tamils made at a conference organised by the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) in Madras. In a statement here the Dal said it supported the PMK resolution, as the Sikhs too were struggling for the right to self-determination. (Hindu Sept 20). ■

## Brahminical bid to rename street after Gandhi defeated

**Atlanta:** The International Dalit Support Group succeeded in shooting down India's BSO-inspired proposal to rename the city of Atlanta's Hogue Street as "Mahatma Gandhi Place."

The Dalit Group strongly opposed the idea at a public hearing organized by the city council. The Dalit Group came out with a document circulated in the town to show that the so-called "Father of Indian nation", Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, was a practising racist both in India and South Africa. The document quoted profusely the so-called Indian mahatma on his views on casteism and racism.

Indian upper castes advocated that the street be named after Gandhi but their views were turned down after hearing the Dalit group which had a strong backing of American African Black community.

**Brahminic lobby:** The Indian group was led by Subhash Razdan, a Kashmiri Brahman, which was dumbfounded by the unexpected opposition to the idea. Through sheer propaganda the Indian upper caste brahmanic lobby had sought to give an impression that Gandhi was as much anti-racist and pro-equality-of-races as Martin Luther King who was born in a house in Hogue Street.

According to the pamphlet, "India is organized in a caste system under the Hindu religion. In this system a small upper caste is considered by birth superior to the majority of Indians. The Dalits (also known as *Harijans*, outcaste and Untouchable) suffer oppression and discrimination in every area of life. They are relegated to worse jobs, Gandhi supported this system".

He then quoted Gandhi at the London Round Table Conference, 1931, as stating, "I would resist with my life the separation of the Untouchables from the Hindus". The problem of the Untouchables was of comparatively little importance.

**Gandhi defends caste:** The pamphlet once again quoted Gandhi to say "The caste system cannot be said to be bad because it does not allow inter-dining and inter-marriage between different castes".

**According to the group, "Gandhi fasted 21 times for several causes, but not once for the abolition of untouchability."** Even more vocal was the group's protest over Gandhi's role in Azania, South Africa, which they said was "one of violence and racism." According to them, Gandhi said on Sept. 26, 1896, "Ours is one continued struggle sought to be inflicted

upon us by the Europeans, who desire to degrade us to the level of the raw Kaffir (African) whose occupation is hunting and whose sole ambition is to collect a certain number of cattle to buy a wife and then pass his life in indolence and nakedness".

Other quotes of Mahatma Gandhi used by the group in backing up their objections were:

**Blacks called uncivilised:** "Clause 200 makes provision for registration of persons belonging to uncivilized races (meaning Africans)..one can understand the necessity of registration of Kaffirs who will not work, but why should registration be required for indentured Indians," (Editorial: *India's Opinion*, March 18, 1905).

"About the mixing of the Kaffirs (Africans) with the Indians I must confess I feel most strongly. I think it is very unfair to the Indian population, and it is an undue tax on even the proverbial patience of my countrymen." (Editorial: *Indian Opinion*, Sept. 4, 1904).

**Man of violence:** The International Dalit Support Group maintained that "Gandhi was a man of violence". According to them, *Gandhi supported the British troops during the Anglo-Boer War of 1899, and also during the 'Kaffir wars' in South Africa.*

It said Gandhi was decorated for "valuer under fire" as he volunteered to organize a brigade of Indians to put down the Zulu uprising.

"Do we want a street named after a violent racist?" the group asked in conclusion and added that the African community had several heroes that should be honored if the street was to be renamed, particularly since it was located in a predominantly Black neighborhood. It suggested the names of Malcolm X, Marcus Garvey or Kwame Nkumah.

The Indian upper caste group which is planning a big convention to celebrate Gandhi's birth anniversary on Oct 2, is still hoping that another street may be chosen and renamed by that date. (*World Sikh News* Sept.18).

*The Atlanta victory of the IDSG is a victory for India's vast Untouchables comprising 20% of its population and also to "Dalit Voice". Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the Saviour of Untouchables, had declared, Gandhi as the Enemy No.1 of the Untouchables. The IDSG has carried out the wishes of its Saviour. On behalf of DV and Indian Dalits, we congratulate the IDSG for establishing the truth and upholding our dignity and human rights. And to the WSN for publishing this truth. - EDITOR.*

## DV succeeds in internationalising Dalit issue: Atlanta event

CHAND PEER, BANGALORE

It is a happy news that the International Dalit Support Group nipped the attempts of the Aryan nazis in the bud to rename the Houge Street in Atlanta as "Gandhi Place". This protest of IDSG clearly indicates that you have succeeded in internationalising the Dalit cause and created a sense of fraternity among all the persecuted nationalities throughout the world.

The Aryan nazis noted for their eternal laziness are specialized in owning things which they have not produced. They have renamed many streets, localities and buildings after Aryans. These people who cannot even produce children on their own (conduct *puthrakameshti yaga* and hire others to produce children for them) boast of having a "glorious cultural heritage". Self-respect and dignity detests the idea of owning something which one has not produced.

But the Aryans are a different breed - a race of absolute moral and intellectual bankruptcy. It has nothing to claim as it's own. It has neither a language, nor land nor culture of it's own. Everything is borrowed. Hence, the best way of owning things is to rename others thing and loudly and shamelessly claim as if they produced it. I need not give instances to elucidate my argument because we the original inhabitants of India are witnessing it.

**Hyderabad Lake renamed:** Look, what they did to a beautiful lake in Hyderabad. They renamed Hussein Sagar as "Vinayak Sagar" and turned that lake of fresh water to a stinking cesspool. The ideally located Cubbon House on the top of Nandi Hills in Karnataka was renamed as "Nehru House". Mark Cubbon was a British officer who relentlessly served Karnataka for over 30 years. He was the one who laid the foundation for efficient civic administration and brought a lot of improvement in the field of education, finance and agriculture etc.

**Nagarahole Becomes Kaveri:** Another crucial renaming was that of the river of Nagas which flows in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondichery. They succeeded in renaming the Nagara Hole (the river of Nagas) as Kaveri fabricating some cock and bull story. Somehow, they retained the original name of the river i.e. Nagara Hole and began to call a nearby dense forest by that name. What an etymological treachery! Can a sane person call a forest as river? The historical truth is that Mysore and Coorg were once densely inhabited by the Nagas, ancestors of

the present-day Dalits. Since, the river takes its birth Coorg and in flows via Mysore it was called by other region people as "Nagara Hole" (the river of Nagas). When the Nagas were "defeated" by Aryans they fabricated a story of sage Kavera and produced a daughter to him and gave her a name called Kaveri. According to this cock and bull story, the river Kavery is a daughter of sage Kavera. Only the fools can believe that rivers are born to human beings. This kind of strange thing can happen only in the land of Aryans where deliveries can take place through mouth, shoulders, thigh and feet. From etymological point of view, calling a forest as river is totally illogical. At present, I do not go deep into this matter but call upon my Dalit brethren to do some research on this.

Well, Aryans have been doing such renaming ceremonies in India for many centuries and will be continuing to do so if they are not ruthlessly checked by the original inhabitants of India. They are very fond of naming and renaming ceremonies because that is the only one profession which they have truly mastered.

**Thiruvalluvar statue:** Apart from renaming ceremonies they are also erecting the statue of their 'heroes' in our land. Are they happy with the naming, renaming and erection circus? No, their work does not end there itself. Their most important work is to stop Dalits either from erecting the statue of Dalit leaders or renaming the structures which genuinely belong to them. To illustrate my view I will give an example.

When our Tamil brethren tried to unveil an already installed statue of great Dalit philosopher Thiruvalluvar in Bangalore sometime ago, Aryan forces opposed it saying Thiruvalluvar was not a Kannadiga. There is no dearth of Kannada leaders. But they did not destroy the statue of Tamil Aryans in Bangalore. What cunning creatures! If they can dub Thiruvalluvar as a non-Kannadiga and oppose the unveiling of his statue, on what moral grounds the American counterparts of these local Aryans can rename the Houge Street in Atlanta as "Gandhi Place"? Is not M.K. Gandhi a non-American? The counter argument of IDSG to these elements was really fitting. I salute IDSG for paying the Aryans back in the same coin. We are with IDSG as IDSG is with us. All these developments clearly indicate that persecuted nationalities are waking up to the realities they will no longer be fooled by the oppressors. ■

# Bihar Kurmis show the way: original inhabitants assn.

SHYAM PRIT SINGH, PATNA

We have created a history of sorts. "The All -India Original Inhabitant Kurmi Sabha" was formed on April 21, 1992 at Patna, to tell the people of India in general and the Kurmi community in particular - also known as Kunbi, Kulambi, Kulwadi, Vakkaligas, Kapu, Tirole, Titole, Vellala, Patidar, Kadwa, Lava, Patel, Reddy, Maratha etc. in all 1,488 subdivisions of a single race of Dravidian or primitive origin - that caste-system is a curse for the Indian people, society and the country.

That so many castes having professional names (like Barhi, Lohar, Teli, Chamar etc.) also belong to the same Dravidian race.

**That all the major and minor religions in this country are peopled by the same Dravidian race.** That caste system started with antipathy of the fair skinned immigrant race against the dark-skinned original inhabitants, also known as Dasyus, Asuras etc. in the Vedas.

That after 45 years of "independence" this caste system has proved to be not only detrimental to the life of the nation as a single whole but is also now the cause of all dirty politics that is being played in the name of caste or religion, backward or forward, Hindu or Muslim, Sikhs or non-Sikhs, Assamese or non-Assamese etc. and has brought us face to face against each other, as at the time of Mahabharata, to a point from which there is no return and engulf the whole country in what we may call a caste or class war,

That to save the country from disintegration, it is resolved to study Indian History in right perspective and with proper reference to so many books written by eminent scholars like H.H. Risley, R.V. Russel, Carnage, E.T. Dalton etc. and also with reference to the Puranas and Mahabharata and other documents prepared during the Muslim and British rule.

To guide our children and the coming cursed generation who may die not only for want of a handful of grain but also for a drop of petrol.

To inform the people of the major Indian caste known as Hindu about what Vyas and Vasishtha have said about Good and Religion in their famous books-Bhagwata Puran and Yoga Vasishtha - and not to fall into the trap of fake Shankaracharis, Dharmacharis and Yogacharis and to - tell them that **self-discipline is religion and self-study is knowledge.**

Having seen that the All-India Kurmi Sabha formed 98 years ago has failed to give a correct knowledge and understanding about origin and growth of Caste in India, and have thus compelled the right thinking people to form a new Sabha.

To achieve this objective, to form a study circle of eminent scholars at the all-India level as well as the State level.

## Dalits not inferior to BCs

To ensure that in future no person is discriminated against on grounds of racial or religious impurity and no body's progress is barred due to poverty or any other handicap.

And it invites Kurmis of all shades of thought or political inclination (except the communal parties like B.J.P., Shiv Sena, Muslim League etc.) to join in this grand all-India venture something like the Mahayan during the Buddhist reform movement and show the country the path to progress.

No member shall join this Association who considers himself superior to SC/ST.

No member shall be allowed entry who considers himself inferior to a Brahmin, a priestly class or a guru (for there can be no guru except God).

To give up at once and for all time to come the fake theory of creation as given in the *Purush Shukta* of the Rig-Veda that four categories of human beings were produced from the mouth, hand etc. of Brahma, and to accept only those portion of the Vedas or Upanishad that are in tune with present - day science and in spiritual matters follow the tenets of Buddha, Nanak, Kabir, Ravidas and Tulsi Das's Teachings.

## These two statements:

That (i) "80 to 85 % of Indian people are of Dravidian origin"

(ii) "*Tat Tvam Asi*" of the Vedanta

Shall be the watch word, the key word, the *Mahavakya* for guidance of this Association in matters of Caste and Religion in India.

The coming generation will face with confidence, joy buoyance and happiness with no sign of racial, caste or religious discrimination and inferiority.

Members of Kurmi community all over India may join this sabha and pay an annual membership fee of Rs. 100 (Rs.50 for students and workers). Receipt books may be had from the undersigned. Officebears will be elected at a meeting to be held soon at Patna.

The Hqrs. of the Sabha will be at: Vijaya Chandra Prasad, G-110, P.C. Colony, Kankarbagh, Patna - 800 020. Phone 58496. Or write to Shyam Prit Singh, Takiapar, Danapore, Digha, Patna-800 012 (Phone 427 266

# Signs of nazi govt. collapsing as Ram disappears

KAMRAN KHAN, LUCKNOW

Being the most densely populated State not only of India but the whole world, Uttar Pradesh has been always the blue-eyed boy of all political parties and therefore a cut-throat competition exists to lord over it. The latest governing party of UP, the Hindu nazis used its master card Ram and won the elections. But the real problem for the nazis starts now as people all over the State are getting disgusted by the nazi rule. The following is a peep into this burning lava inside this cowbelt volcano:

Four Sikh militants managed to escape from the barrack no.7 of Lucknow jail on Aug.22, 1992 courtesy N.N. Srivastava, heading the Lucknow district jail. He slackened the security and made the escape easy. Why not? After all he had allegedly received crores of rupees for this jecture.

As Srivastava was about to retire, he knew his act could lead to severe consequences.

**Another jail-break:** Although the jailor's connivance has been now established and he has been duly arrested, the police have not been able to trace the contact man who did the payment.

Three lifers had earlier escaped from Kishore Sadan Jail at Izzatnagar, Bareilly dt., in broad daylight, with the connivance of the jail staff on July 25, 1992. Facts in this case are yet to surface.

The police-politician-militant nexus in Pilibhit dt. of UP has been established by the CBI. The links between the Dy. SP and the "dreaded ultra" Sukhdev Singh Cheema, who is said to be behind the killing of 29 villagers of Chunchai and Shivanagar at Singhaghat. For this the Dy. SP received huge amounts of money from the "extremists".

Another militant, Satnam Singh, arrested in Ghuncha in Puranpur tensil in June last, said that the same Dy. SP once helped the militants to escape by sending the security forces in opposite direction of the militants camps.

Palvinder Singh, a Punjab militant, and his accomplice Billa were arrested from Raj Pal Singh's farm-house in March 1991 in a raid conducted by the then incharge of Puranpur Kotwali, Brijendar Singh, under the directions of the Dy.SP. But Raj Pal Singh was left untouched as he is alleged to have cordial relations with the police as well as the BJP MLA of Pilibhit.

**Rewriting of history:** Nazi views are now openly included in the revised edition of Indian history books meant for UP High School students. Eleven major changes are said to have been made, some of them are as follows:

i) Aryans are not foreign invaders but the natives of India. A nazi slap on the face of Dravidians who claim and in fact are the original inhabitants of India. Perhaps they also mean to say that Dravidians are the real invaders, by this change of theirs.

ii) The Indus Valley Civilisation has been renamed as 'Harappan civilisation' and that it extended from Indus to UP, MP and Saurashtra. This extension is probably a tactic to make their first claim more virile.

iii) Mir Baqi, lieutenant of Babar, destroyed temples in Chanderi and Ayodhya and built mosques at their place. This information is provided under the sub-heading 'Babur's religious policy' in chapter six. It goes on to add that although the 'structure is disputed, the Hindus consider it as a temple.

**Brain-washing of youth:** By mentioning their belief, the nazis are trying to brainwash the youth. This again shows that the Ram wave is fast receding as the nazis had to stoop as low as to pervert history to revive Ram wave and stabilise their tottering feet. But the chances are very dim as the people have now seen through their game and could no longer be misled.

iv) Life and Mission of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Nazi party founder, Keshavrao Hedgewar, are included in the revised edition, "Upliftment" of Dalits through Arya Samaj, Ramkrishna Mission and Brahma Samaj also find place in chapter 11.

**Dr. Ambedkar honoured:** Here again the nazi dual policy of honouring on one hand and disgracing on another comes to the fore, as on one hand they have shown reverence to the Father of India, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who fought for a casteless society and upliftment of the poor. Whereas on the other hand, they have extended the same honour to their nazi ancestors headed by Hedgewar, the father of Rashtriya Swayam Sewak (RSS) which considers Dalits as mere 'beasts of burden'. Thus it is nothing but an insult to Dr. Ambedkar who is equated with anti-national nazis.

## Ghost created by Aryans now devouring Aryans only

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Aryans, the founding-fathers of racism, fascism, nazism, are seriously worried that the ghost of their own creation is devouring them. As the time is nearing the Aryans in India are desperate. (DV edit July 1, 92: "Brahminism, the Enemy of the whole world".

Here is the proof:

**Varanasi:** A historian has demanded that the theory of the 'Aryan invasion and destruction of Indus cities by Aryans' should be removed from history textbooks at the earliest for the sake of truth and historical facts.

Professor Ajai Mitra Shastri, head, department of Ancient Indian History, Nagpur University, said the Theory of Aryan invasion has long been 'discarded' in view of the archaeological and linguistic evidences. It was unfortunate that it still continued to be repeated in Indian history textbooks.

A number of Indian and western scholars have refuted the contention that "authors of the Indus valley civilization were non-Aryans and were enemies of immigrant Aryans who destroyed them." These scholars said that this civilization was actually created by vedic people and it represented a certain phase of the vedic civilization.

Criticising the racial interpretation of words, "Aryan" and "Dravida" he said the word Aryan had no racial connotation but was employed in a cultural sense in Indian Literature. Likewise "Dravida" was originally a geographical.

The theory that the Aryan invasion was responsible for an abrupt end to Harappan civilization was totally untenable for several reasons. (Hindu Sept. 21)

## Aryans are invaders, say historians

**New Delhi:** History teachers in three Central universities of Delhi have strongly objected to the largescale alteration of contents of history textbooks by the Uttar Pradesh govt.

In a signed statement, over 50 history teachers from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jamia Millia and Delhi University, asked the govt. to intervene immediately. Their appeal came in the wake of massive revision of history textbooks on communal lines.

The new textbooks also say the Aryans were the

indigenous inhabitants of India, contradicting what historians of repute say in their books. According to historians like R.C. Majumdar and K.A. Nilakanta Sastri, the Aryans came from outside the ancient sub-continent. (Times of India, Sept.22)

## Dr. Ambedkar's opponent gets Ambedkar Award

**Gandhinagar:** Dalit organisations in Gujarat have succeeded in stalling the move of the govt. sponsored Ambedkar Centenary Celebrations Committee to confer its award on a Congressman who had actively opposed the late leader in his lifetime.

The govt. was forced to cancel the function in which Narasinh Makwana, the Congressman, and V.P. Parmar, president of the Gujarat unit of the Republican Party of India, were to be presented the Ambedkar awards by the Governor. The function was also to mark the 60th anniversary of the Poona Pact.

Parmar had rejected the award when it was announced stating that he could not accept it if it was also being given to Makwana who was opposed to Dr. Ambedkar. Other Dalit leaders, Valjibhai Patel, secretary of the Council for Social Justice and Naranbhai Solanki, vice-president of the RPI, ha also moved the Gujarat High Court challenging the Government's decision.

Naresh Revar of the Gujarat Dalit Youth Sangathana said Makwana had held a black flag demonstration against Dr. Ambedkar in 1965 and had even attacked a rally of the Scheduled Caste Federation. (Hindu Sept. 26).

## Naseef denounces media bias against Muslims

**Colombo:** The 10th World General Assembly of the Motamar, the World Muslim Congress, got off to a quiet start here on Sept. 28 with a call for a new world order, universal peace and war against poverty.

There was also the clear assertion that the voice of the Muslims, who constitute 23% of the world population, cannot be ignored, Leaders of the Congress were categorical in their denouncement of the western media for "motivated and mischievous propaganda against Islam". The conference president, Dr. Abdullah Bin Omar Naseef, regretted that Islam was being misunderstood and misrepresented", especially by the media. Dr. Naseef attributed most of the problems facing society to the unfair distribution of wealth and the imbalances created by it. Hence the theme of new world order for this conference. (Hindu Sept. 29). ■

## Judiciary violating Constitution : Maharashtra SC/ST reservation

Is the Bombay high court above the Indian Constitution? Scheduled caste and scheduled tribe employees of Maharashtra's judiciary feel that the answer to this question may be in the affirmative, given the court's attitude regarding the implementation of the reservation policy.

For the last many decades, the court has turned its face against implementing the policy for judicial employees in the state. Positive discrimination in favour of weaker sections is provided under the Constitution and has been embodied in various policy resolutions adopted by the Central and state governments.

**High Court opinion:** The high court's consistent position has been that the reservation policy, in terms of earmarking quotas in favour and other backward sections at the recruitment and promotion stages cannot be implemented in the state judiciary.

It was only in 1980 that the court wrote to district and sessions judges in the state urging them to reserve seats for the under-privileged in class III and IV posts. The circular mentioned that the question was raised in the state legislature and that the law-makers wanted to know why the policy was not implemented in the subordinate judiciary.

*Barring the provision of reservations in the lower judiciary at the recruitment stage, the court has opposed the policy in case of promotions. In the high court itself, there are no reservations at both the recruitment and promotion stages. The maximum concession the court has made is to say that, both informally and in "spirit" it would implement the reservation policy, wherever possible, at the recruitment stage. (Times of India Sept. 17)*

### Dalit team returns from Japan

**Bangalore:** The five-member *Tamate* team of Samata Sainik Dal returned here on Sept. 28, after its historic trip to Japan. The *Tamate* (drum) concert proved to be the biggest attraction at the International Human Rights Festival at Fukuoka. Its thundering beats made the participants dance with joy. The team was felicitated by the Dalits of Karnataka on Sept. 29 at a public function here. The team consisted of M. Venkataswamy Mrs. C.V. Lakshmi, Munivenkatappa, Narasimhaiah and Obalappa.

## Chaddi party bid to swallow "Indian Express"?

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** In continuation of our story, "Goenka empire collapsing" (DV Sept. 1, 92, p.5), more interesting things are coming to light:-

Blood seems thicker than water in the current battle between Saroj Goenka, the empress of the southern wing of the *Indian Express* group, and Vivek (formerly Khaitan) Goenka, the group's managing editor and recently anointed chairman.

Sameer Jain first took the initiative to bring peace between the two and put an end to this fratricidal war. His father, Ashok Jain, boss of the *Times of India*, followed to see that there was no further mess up.

But why did the Jains take such keen interest in the affairs of the rival newspaper group? Because Saroj is the daughter of the late Shiryans Prasad Jain, the patriarch of the *Times* group. Ashok is Saroj's first cousin and the son of Shriyan's younger brother. (*Deccan Herald* Sept.20).

It is not so simple. There is something much more in this "mediation efforts". Marwadi sources say that if this fight between the two is not stopped immediately, there is every chance of the *Indian Express*, Empire the Hindu nazi daily, passing into the hands of Brahmins. They say the person behind this move to swallow the *Express* empire is Gurumurthy, the Tamil Iyer of the *chaddi* party and "adviser" of the late Goenka. He engineered the fight goading Vivek to take on Saroj. But the bigger Marwadi empire, *Times*, is fully backing Saroj.

The battle is interesting and we will not be surprised if the Marwadis, the main financiers of the nazi parties, lose to the Brahmins.

## Beef-eaters to clean India's holiest river Ganga

**New Delhi:** The second phase of the Ganga Action Plan (GAP), which involves the cleaning up of three tributaries of the Ganges - the Yamuna, Gomti and the Damodar - over the next five years will be completely foreign funded.

A high-level meeting of the Central Ganga Authority (CGA), presided over by the Prime Minister has allotted Rs. 650 crore for the project. Of this amount, Rs. 401 crore will be provided by Japan as a soft loan and the remaining Rs. 149 crore by the Dutch, British and World Bank. (*Indian Express* Sept. 21)

## Letters to Editor

**G.B. Singh**, 112 - Auburn Road Dr., Waynes Ville, MS, 655 83 US : One thing for sure is your message to the western world must go through. Western world needs to know what is going on in India against the minorities. For that purpose, your publications are of vital importance. Had it not been for the *World Sikh News*, I would have never known the *Dalit Voice*.

**Murtain Billah Jasir**, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: I am regularly receiving my favourite journal, *Dalit Voice* - a true voice of the oppressed peoples all over the world coming out of the mouth of a great lover of humanity at large. The enormous service being rendered by you to the cause of fraternity, justice and humanity working in an environment as it is, remind me the stories of those great sons of Adam who became immortal for their outstanding contribution to furtherance of the human dignity. I would like to say, if you allow me, that in you, I find a classic example of such a personality. I often feel worried that hard work and hostile environment might cause any harm to your health and that is why I pray to God to give you a long life with excellent health. The present-day world is badly in need of a torch-bearer of human dignity like you.

**M.M.S. Salahuddin**, Doha, Qatar: I am a semi-literate and do a menial job in Qatar. I studied up to pre-university class (PUC) in Trichirappally, TN. Four years ago, when I visited an Islamic library here, I found your books. Since then I have been subscribing to DV. What I learnt from DV is that "socialist brahmins" are the enemies of the minorities and proportional representation is our human rights. The most important reason why I subscribe to DV is that I do not find any other Islamic journal as bold as DV. I would request you to kindly introduce short stories (like the oppressed vs. oppressor), questions and answer column, superstitious beliefs of Hindus epics etc. regularly. There are some 55,000 Keralites working in Qatar out of 75,000 Indian expatriates. English-knowing Kerala Syrian Christians. They do not support our cause because they believe that they are Namboodiri (*papans* of Kerala as EVR said it). I talk to whomever I meet about DV.

**Parwaaz Rahmani**, Editor "Dawat", Okhla, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-25: Your editorial, "*How to Exterminate Muslims in India*", was reproduced in our

paper of Aug.19.

**S.M. Rehman**, Manjeswar, Kerala- 671 323: Here Dalits (40%), Muslims (45%) and Hindus (15%) are living peacefully. But the situation is worsening. The "uneducated" Dalits "educated" in Hindu nazi ideology have started hating Muslims. Dalits do not know that they are not Hindus. So, they are joining Hindu nazi organisations. They are "enjoying their slavery". They avoid Muslims and even spurn Dr. Ambedkar literature. A lone Ambedkarite Dalit is facing boycott. They consider themselves as Hindus and Muslims as their enemy.

**Antony Vellara**, All-India Catholic Union, Bangalore - 52: Over 2,000 catholic nuns, priests, teachers of Mysore took out a march on Sept.20 to against the assault on a sister at Mandya recently. The procession was led by the Catholic Association President, A. Susairaj.

**Mohammad Riyazuddin**, 4-2-55, Kothoor, Hanamkonda, AP-506 001: I read some *Dalit Voice* issues and I am highly impressed by your scientific analysis of the society past, present and future. I fully agree on the Hindu nazi oppression of Scheduled Castes, tribes, minorities and other ethnic nationalities. I am an advocate associated with civil liberties and "left" activist groups for some time.

**Dr. M. Nuruzzaman**, Editor, "Al-Hilal", 2, - Ripon Square, Calcutta-16: Your idea of Dalit-Muslim unity is very much correct to fight the Nazis.

**M.M. Khureshi**, Brahmavar, Karnataka: With ref. to the debate on the Jamate-Islami, the piece of article in DV Aug. 1, 92 by Qurban Ali, Hamdardnagar, Delhi-25 is the correct articulation of what the Muslim masses in India feel. The Jamat can take note of it. It is not for the *Dalit Voice* to repair the Jamat. I want to thank Dr. Kaleem Siddique of London for his piece, "Muslims and the New World Order or "Why, the West is Afraid of Islam". (DV Aug. 16).

**E. Sadaq**, Kanchipuram, TN: 631 501: I have decided to get myself wholeheartedly involved in your fight for the upliftment of the oppressed in India. First, I want to make my friends and relatives DV subscribers.

**Md. Ghouse**, Yusufguda, Hyderabad-45: I read your article in the local Urdu daily, *Rahnuma-e-Deccan*, (Aug.31, 92) giving the real picture of India.

**S.P. Singh**, Patna: With reference to article of Nand Kishore (DV, June 16, 92, p.9) and letters of Mrs. Happy and Jasvir Singh (DV Aug.16), I have to add that Nanak's crusade was not against Hinduism or Islam or any religion as such but against what is false in every religion. I have not gone through the Guru

Granth Saheb but I know the spiritual depth of the Sikh Panth. The Untouchables who embraced Sikhism were soon sidelined as "Scheduled Castes". The depressed among Muslims are still called Momins - meaning lower strata. "Dalit Christians" have more or less the same fate. The days of conversion are over. Don't burden the new generation with a fresh load of ideas and new gurus. The tribal form of worship is neither inferior nor shall ever be inferior to any established religions of the world. Jasvir Singh may note that we have formed a separate Kurmi Sabha - to delink them from the evil designs of the nazis and the *brahmanvad* in general.

**Sant Isher Singh Rarewala Education Trust, 179 - Modle Gram, Ludhiana-141 002:** As for having a press for the oppressed Indians, our trustee, Principal Gurdial Singh, had been for long fighting for it. However, the people of US when he was there asked him to start a weekly from San Francisco which he did under the title *Suraj* (rising sun). But due to the death of his son in Phillipines he had to return to India after publishing some 32 issues. Now, even the volume II of his book, *Freedom Struggle of India by Sikhs and Sikhs in India*, contains good many pages on the need for a press. Again in 1977, the Principal had suggested the same. We fully agree with the your argument for a press for the persecuted Indians. In your struggle we are with you. I am grateful to Mrs. Happy, Solan, and Ms. Pritan, Rupa, for sending me their letters that are full of sympathy and sincerity. They are faithful followers of the path shown by the *Dalit Voice*.

**Andrews, 213-Pycroft Road, Madras - 5:** I belong to a backward caste and regular reader of *Dalit Voice*. I appreciate your sagacity and far-sightedness in correctly predicting matters relating to our society. On Sept. 6, the Hindu nazis took out a big procession here of, 1,501 Ganesh idols. Unfortunately, Dalits from 304 slums in Madras were in the forefront in playing the mischief near the Ice House Mosque before which the procession passed. They shouted ugly slogans to hurt and provoke the Muslims who refused to be provoked. The procession remained near the Mosque for over an hour shouting obscene slogans and firing a lorry-load of crackers. Luckily no anti-Muslim riot broke out as Muslims observed total restraint. On Sept. 10, when Muslims took out a peaceful procession of Meelad they threw stones injuring many and at the instigation of the Marwaries of Ellis Road and Hindu Munnani, they murdered three Muslims. I regret to find the SCs actually rejoicing over their 4,000 years of slavery imposed on them willingly, as you say. On Sept. 12, a small mosque on the Bells Road corner was stoned in the morning. The PMK procession

taken out on the same day has to be appreciated as its followers did not join the nazis unlike the Madras city SCs.

**Maj-Gen. Narinder Singh (retd.) Chandigarh:** I have not renewed the subscription to *Dalit Voice* after June 1, 1991. I do not recollect about the particular writings or comments which made me do so but as far as I remember the impression I gained from some writings was the Sikhs were anti-Dalit and you appeared to far too much concerned about the unity and integrity of the country. I may be entirely wrong having formed this opinion. Start sending *Dalit Voice*.

**B.K. Nag, Jeypore, Orissa:** Our prediction has come true. "Kaling Kesari" (Biju Patnaik) has once again proved to be a "Kaling Bakri". He declared 38% reservation in educational institutions for Dalits (SC 15%+ST23%) against the existing the 28% (SC 8% + ST20%) reservation. Upper caste students (including the BCs) protested violently which compelled Biju Pattanik to surrender. He quickly withdrew the order. Chintamani Majhi, Education Minister, however, exposed the hidden truth. He said the upper caste students need not be upset about the increase in the reservation quota as no SC/ST student is there even to fill up the old quota percentage. During the anti-Mandal agitation these very people were demanding "better education" to the SC/ST/BCs instead of reservation in service. Now, the same fellows are against the education of SC/ST. This they call as their *dharma*.

**N.G. Uke, New Delhi:** In DV (Vol.11 No. 18, p.18), Qurban Ali Zameenzad states "Dr. Ambedkar was of the view that one of the necessary pre-requisites to liberate the Dalits was religious conversion". There is lot of confusion on this subject. Lot of people take it that conversion to any religion as long as it is an abandonment of Hinduism was acceptable to Dr. Ambedkar. Dr. Ambedkar studied many religions in depth for over 21 years and found only Buddhism to be the right religion to which people should get themselves converted. No other religion was acceptable to him. If we even obliquely suggest conversion to any religion other than Buddhism, we will be doing a great damage to the Ambedkar mission. In the same issue on page 5, B.K. Ghatak writes about Namasudras who are a great people with a great past, and great future. Namasudras in Bengal were a strong Buddhist community. Some might have taken to a different course. It is time to revive Buddhism and provide the badly needed lead to the people.

**M. Aravind, Samata Sainik Dal, Dharwar:** After the admission season was over, I started listing the Dalit students. I was shocked to find that over 80% of the

Dalit students, who are in post-metric and undergraduate classes, have got admission only in arts and in that over 75% got only humanity subjects like history, political science, sociology etc. Why our students are not taking to technical course? Because most educational institutions run by the upper castes are cheating Dalits. Over 90% of such colleges are not at all implementing SC/ST reservations. The rule is the college must provide 18% of the total seats to SC/STs. It does not specify the subjects and Hindus take advantage of this lapse. After selling or providing seats to Hindus, the unwanted subjects are given to SC/STs. The govt. must direct that in each subjects taught, the college must carry a minimum of 20% SC/ST students. If this is violated the grant to the institute should be stopped.

**S. Rajhansa**, Rourkela: Most of our Dalits now-a-days prefer to have a Brahmin priest for their marriage purpose. But Ekka Garud, an Asst. Bank Manager of Rourkela, Uditnagar, refused to allow a Brahmin for his brother's marriage. This shocked other Dalits. We Ambedkarites of Rourkela are proud of Ekka Garud. A similar thing happened at Birmitrapur, about 30 km. away.

**Diman Singh**, Goraknath, Gorakhpur, UP: I am not competent to comment on your revolutionary work. I can only say that you have given a new line of action to Ambedkarites. But it is sad that most of our "educated" Dalits in service, have no taste for serious and thought - provoking literature like yours. Even then, it is sure that your hard work and sacrifice will not go in vain. Your literature will play a major and important role in transforming our society.

**Dr. Aruna Rajagopal**, T N Agri. University, Coimbatore-691003: To condemn Karunanidhi as 'Cut-Throat' is bit hurting. I do not object criticism but not with this term. Please unite Karunanidhi, Veeramani and Dr. Ramadoss. We look up to you, our great theoretician, for this work. We do agree that the three have both strength and weakness. Unless the three join hands, nothing could be achieved in TN as our enemy is stronger and hence our defeat should not be construed as failure of our philosophy.

*We are for the unity of all Adi-Dravidas and Dravidian forces in TN. Dr. Ramadoss wanted to join the National Front before the last general election to forge such a unity but it was Karunanidhi who refused to join hands with Dr. Ramadoss. It is up to him to forge a united front even at this stage. Veeramani has already joined hands with PMK - EDITOR.*

**Jogesh Sarkar**, Calcutta-63: Population, impurity caused during birth, menses, death etc. is freed after certain fixed days of religious rituals. But the stigma of Untouchability is irremovable, eternal. The system

of "Untouch" was skillfully introduced in the name of devine rules fabricated in the fictitious religious books to cripple, disable exploit, deprive us of education, shelter, wealth, land, livelihood, social relation, equality, fraternity, humanity. No god has the power to purify, emancipate the Untouchables.

*As long as the Untouchables, who are not Hindus and never Hindus, consider themselves Hindus this stigma will continue. Hinduism means racism and we are not part of this racist religion. The remedy is simple and assures quick action. - EDITOR.*

**Nani Gopal Das**, Calcutta: 64: Our Kayasth Chief Minister of West Bengal says with pride that there is no caste discrimination in his State. Here is a report from the *Ananda Bazar* (Sept. 11, '92): "One Brahmin (Banerjee) employee fell ill. His colleagues saw him at home. Among them there was a SC colleague. When the servant of the house came to collect the cups, the Brahmin gentleman (?) asked the servant to throw out the cup through the window in which the SC colleague took tea. At a function in his home, all his colleagues were invited except the SC one whose title is Sardar".

**Naseeb Singh Verma**, Saharanpur, UP-247 001: A Chamar of my village working as a farm labour was beaten and abused by the landlord. Although the farmer is a BC, in our area the BCs think they are upper castes and follow the brahminic traditions. The Chamar called a meeting at night and the Chamar youths were furious on hearing the story. They decided to seek the apology of the farmer, who when refused, was beaten up as by the SC youths. I admire these SCs. I want our SC brothers all over to follow this example. I belong to a Backward community and since 6 years I am active in journalism. Please appoint me as your correspondent here.

**Dr. Y.L. Mingthing**, Tangkhul Theological Association, Mission Ground, Ukhrul-795142: It was nice meeting you in Bangalore after a lapse of 13 years. Ever since we met in 1979 during the Christian Fellowship for Justice Concern in Delhi, you have been close in my mind. I am trying to interest some of my friends about your work.

**Jesudas**, C/o Catholic church, Assam-785 008: Thank you for the service you are doing towards awakening among Dalits. We Christians are terribly persecuted first by the govt. by denying all kinds of privileges allotted to Dalits. Secondly, we face all kinds of discriminations from upper caste Christians. Thirdly, we have been ill-treated inside the church. Even though the Bible says all are equal and all must be treated equally, the influence of brahminism in India is so much that the upper caste Christians even after conversion are not free from the influence of caste.

**V.B. Rawat**, New Delhi: I have seen the so-called Gandhians who are more hypocrites than M.K. Gandhi. I am now doing journalism and working for PUCL. I know that PUCL has failed to take up the Dalit issue and you are right in criticising it.

**Adv. U.N. Khobragade**, Pune: Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar fought for all minorities and Dalits. Nay, it was his life mission can very well be ascertained from the Central Legislative Assembly debates as reproduced in Vol. 10 of the *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches* under the caption 'Muslims have fared much better' (p. 352-3). He says, "I have no idea how many Hon'ble members of the Muslim League Party know what I played in the issue of this Communal Ratio Resolution. I think if any member of the Muslim League Party was present when the Round Table Conference was held in London, he would very well realise that among those who fought for securing these privileges to the minority communities, I claim that I have played a considerable part. It cannot therefore be said that I am out of sympathy with the demand of the Muslim or the demand of any other minority community. It is for this that I have fought, it is for this I have been fighting, and it is for this that I will fight".

**Abilash, K.B.** Calicut-673 601: I am a Dalit student now studying Communication Engineering at the Regional Engineering College, Calicut. I met you first at Mahabalikara (Kerala) at the first State convention of the Kerala Dalit Panthers. But when I started reading DV (and your DSA books) I was moved and got the real insight. Now, I bought some some volumes of our great Babasaheb's writings. We found Ambedkarism and Dalit ideology the most suitable tool. I have also studied your "cream theory".

**Y.K. Chandra**, Indian Airlines, New Delhi: I approached you with a promise to collect a big amount to reprint your valuable book, *Merit, My Foot*. But I could collect only Rs. 1,200 for which I am sending a cheque. This is due to lack of interest and indifferent attitude of our people.

**N.K. Sonare**, Secretary-Gen. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Association of Engineers, "Tushar", 19th Road, Khar, Bombay-52: I am preparing a report on the court case against Doordarshan TV serial on Dr. Ambedkar. The govt. announced on July 9, 1990 the decision to link post matric scholarship with dearness index and its monthly distribution. However, the govt. order in this regard has not been issued so far, although two years have already passed. SC/ST

students are facing enormous hardships in pursuing their post-matric and higher education due to meager amount of scholarship being given to them at present. Thus, a monthly scholarship of Rs. 1,200 is absolutely necessary to sustain the students. Chandrakant Tapkire studying in the Mahatma Phule Backward Class Hostel, Bombay, committed suicide because the amount of scholarship was very meagre and due to starvation and humiliation he committed suicide.

**Dwarika Prasad**, Ex-Chairman, All-India SC/ST Emp. Welfare Association, ONGC, Bombay-81: Happy to note for the first time a staunch and proven Ambedkarite was appointed Member (Personnel) in ONGC - a giant public-sector enterprise. Jauhari Lal is a proved manager with proved competence. His message to all SC/STs is (i) hard work to acquire professional competence and (ii) do not forget the society to which we belong.

**Sheikh Shumsuzzoh**, Bhagalpur city, Bihar-812 602: Your Hindi translation of the *Know the Hindu Mind* is wonderful. But the title of the booklet is not appropriate in the context of Bihar. The title should be changed to "Mentality of upper caste Hindus". This will have a better impact on the prospective readers as first impression is the best impression. I have been a subscriber of DV for the last six years.

**Mohd. Ashraf**, Lucknow: Its very heartening to learn that you started printing Hindi translation of several books. You have given a new turn to Babasaheb's thoughts. However, the good effort will be more effective if educated Dalits know that the Aryans and *Savarnas* have perpetuated their grip over the Dalits. If you do not promote conversion, there will be no revolution and DV movement will fail. The Dalits must convert as Babasaheb did. For this, all Dalits must change their names first. Their names must not have any words from Hindi, Sanskrit or Hinduism. Do like Babasaheb said but do in a manner that shocks the Brahmin-Bania combine and do what they hate most. Get out of the Hindu fold.

**Siddiq Ali Thamin Ansari**, Pallipadai, Chidambaram, Tq., TN 608 001: You predicted that the entire disillusioned DMK grassroot workers will soon jump to PMK, the revolutionary party based on the triple philosophies of Babasaheb Ambedkar, Periyar and Marxism. You proved right because I am one such example. I was a DMK cadre before the banning of LTTE. Today, I am in DMK. You are right in calling Karunanidhi a cut-throat. His party is not for Tamilians.

His party is only for his family.

**M.A. Mujahid**, Kerebilchi-577 218: This is a 100% Muslim village and I started reading DV when DV agency was started in my village. I like it. I want it. It is a book of Truth.

**A.R.M. Hakim**, Bombay-17: I suggest that *Dalit Voice* may be converted into a monthly instead of being a fortnightly and the annual subscription be retained at Rs. 90 as at present. Readers of *Dalit Voice* cannot afford to allow its closure at any cost.

**Arshad Kalliath**, Trivandrum: DV printing has improved much over the last few issues. It seems that you are using desk top publishing (DTP). To be perfect in any well meaning field of activity is welcome. Some suggestions: you may score off and rearrange the foreign air mail rate as printed on your front and back cover so as to read simply "Foreign Airmail US \$40". Also, as your reach is international, you may quote your Tel. No. 366 771 and STD code. You may list now and then all the DSA books available.

**Harish Chandra Mandal**, New Barrackpur, WB-743 276: I support Prof. Abul Qasem's proposal endorsed by Amulya Kumar Bal (DV July 16, p.7) that Islam has the capacity to kill brahminism. And as such, I also feel that all the indigenous peoples of India should convert to Islam to enable them to resist the tyranny of Hindu nazis. Islam has both the ideal virtues of social egalitarianism as well as revolutionary zeal in their religion. For these reasons, many great men converted themselves to Islam. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar has shown us the path.

**T. Louis**, Taliparambu, Kerala - 670 141: I am a Dalit Catholic. So many hurdles we are facing in North Kerala (Malabar Area).

**Khristo Jyoti**, Sason-768 200: As you have rightly said Orissa is predominantly a SC/ST/BC State. But unfortunately so far very little is done for their cause. However, the awareness of this gross negligence is already running high in some circles in these days. Orissa Christian Church is one of them. Keeping the above factors in mind, we decided to dedicate this academic year (1992-93) as Dalit year. It may be a fitting tribute to Babasaheb on his birth centenary. We plan to study the Dalit reality from their own perspective by identifying with them, by siding with their aspirations and struggles, by bringing to limelight the Dalit art, folklore, oral traditions and research into different areas of Dalit life. It is our maiden attempt. Perhaps with your vast experience and contact, you may be able to enlighten us with regard to resource persons on Dalit themes, writings on and by Dalits etc. We may be contacted on phone 21950. ■

## DV 10 YEARS AGO

Aug. 16, 1982

### Editorial: "RSS bare its fangs at Agra"

The national executive of the RSS meeting at Agra (July 10) has given the topmost priority to Tamil Nadu strengthening our conclusion that TN is turning into India's sociological laboratory. Entire India is watching the developments in TN. RSS is, therefore, right in expressing concern over what is happening there. The latest attack on Veeramani, the Dravida Kazhagam chief, the way the RSS boys rejoiced over it and the attacks on Brahmins that followed, the Dalit-Muslim solidarity with DK-qil these go to prove that TN is in the grip of a caste war and the RSS is doing its best to sharpen the contradictions.

In the neighbouring Kerala, RSS-Marxist (meaning the Ezhavas) clashes have resulted in over 100 deaths. In TN, the RSS is recruiting mainly the Backward Caste Thevars.

### India's national press and Dalits:

R. Vijayakumar, staff reporter, Deccan Herald, Bangalore, quotes Dr. Ambedkar saying "Indian press is dominated by the upper castes. They do not recognise even the huge number of Untouchables. They always have contempt for me for championing the cause of the downtrodden". Babasaheb also said "press is dominated by caste-arrogant South Indian Brahmins". What is the position today? Hardly any difference. What is depressing still is that while most of today's journalists call themselves "radicals" and "extreme leftists", when it comes to caste they raise their hood of communalism and strike.

### "Dalits in America look at India".

Dr. Velu Annamali and M.M. Kamble, Texas, USA, write on the latest violent "Gujarat Caste War" launched by the upper castes over the reservations to SC/STs.

### "Brahmins oppose reservations".

N. Kasiraman, president of the Tamil Brahmins Association, on July 11 threatened if reservation policy is scrapped his people will violently resist it.

"Letters to editor" by T.K. Naryanan, Trivandrum, Dr. S.S. Maran, Rajapalayam, TN etc. ■

### Sikhs not to observe I day

**Amrutsar:** The Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC), the apex body for running Sikh gurdwaras, has deleted Independence Day and Republic Day from its list of holidays. It has incorporated June 6, the day "Operation Bluestar" took place in 1984, as the "Ghallughara Holiday". (*Times of India*. Sept 22). ■

## How Aurangzeb brought justice to Hindus at Kashi temple

S.P. SINGH, PATNA

Here are some extracts (English translation) from the book, *Aurangzeb, EK Nai Drishti*, written by Dr. Om Prakash Prasad:-

Page 20-21: "P. Sitaram Nath has made mention of a revealing truth about demolishing of Kashi Vishwanath temple at Benares. B.N. Pandey has also given a place to it in his own writings. According to him eight queens of Kutch went to have a darshan in Kashi Vishwanath temple, out of which one beautiful queen was abducted by the *mahants*. Aurangzeb was informed about it by the King of Kutch. Aurangzeb did not pay any heed to it telling that it is a matter involving the Hindus themselves and that it would not be proper for him to take any action in the matter. When the king of Kutch made repeated prayers, Aurangzeb dispatched some Hindu soldiers to find out the truth but the hoodlums of the *Mahant* chided and beat the Hindu soldiers sent by Aurangzeb.

**Stinking idol:** "Aurangzeb did not relish it and sent some able soldiers to find out the truth but the *pandas* of the temple opposed them and challenged them bravely. Mughal soldiers also accepted the challenge.

"In the context of the battle that took place between the soldiers and *pandas* inside the temple, the temple was demolished, and such a consequence is natural in a battle.

"The soldiers succeeded in making an entry into the temple and they began to make a search for the lost queen.

In this connection, a tunnel was detected behind the chief idol out of which pungent smell was coming out. For two days chemicals were sprinkled to do away with the bad smell and the soldiers were guarding the place.

"Third day the soldiers were able to enter the tunnel and discover many skeletons (all of women) **The dead body of the lost queen was also found out. It was naked. Due to continued and collective rape she was dead.** The chief *Mahant* was arrested and he was given stringent punishment".

### Temple loot dept.

Page 12-13: "Hindu rulers were more engaged in looting the temples in comparison to the Muslim rulers. We have no information about creation of a temple-

loot department during the reign of any Muslim ruler, on the other hand, Harsha ruler of Kashmir, created a department called temple loot, in the 12th century. Its only duty was to loot the riches collected in the temples. Half the looted property was distributed among the soldiers engaged in the loot and the remaining half was usurped by the King.

*"To cover up revenue deficits, the tendency to loot the temple properties became stronger day by day. Apart from properties offered by the devotees he made Uday Raj the leader of uprooting the idols made of gold and silver.*

### Urine poured on gods:

"Before looting the idols, Uday Raj used to get urine and night soil sprinkled over them through naked beggars. The idols were dragged on the road by tying a rope in the legs of the idols. Not a single village or town was left in the kingdom whose idol was not uprooted.

Kalhan was made mention of Sri Ramswami and Sri Martanddev idols being saved from this indignity.

"Two idols of Bhagwan Buddha were also spared. Harsh brought under his own control villages given in gift for meeting the cost of worship in these temples.

### Gujarat temples:

"Parmar King Subhat Burman (1193-1230) attacked Gujarat and looted many Jain temples at Dabhoi and Khambhat. The rulers thought it fit to collect riches by looting the temples instead of looting thousands of families from many points of view because the riches collected in the temples has been the main source of corruption and loose morals."

### Hindu caretaker for Muslims:

Page 62: Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India writes in his book, *India Divided*: Munshi Sujan Rai, who was a historian during the reign of Aurangzeb, writes in his book, *Khulastul Tabarikh*, that there is a Majar of Shah Samsuddin Dariayi in village Deepaliwal near Kalanur. Both Hindus and Muslims are devoted to him. Right from his life time one Hindu named Deepali was so much devoted to him that after his death both Hindus and Muslims jointly made him the caretaker of his Majar. After many years some Musalmans, under the cover of

religion, wanted to remove him from the post of caretaker, but Aurangzeb did not allow this and today (when this book is being written) it is the third year of Aurangzeb's rule and the caretaker of the Majar is still a Hindu as before.

"Aurangzeb granted Zagirs to Giridhar, S/o Jagjiwan, resident of village Basti in the then Banaras district, Balbadra and Jadunath Misra of Maheshpur, Pargana Haveli. All these were priests of the temples.

"A sum of Rs. 100 was fixed for meeting the expenses of the Tutlamayee temple in Multan. This temple is extant".

**Conclusion:** We have to examine all these questions of temple and mosque in the light of past history. Christianity is not free from corruption and malpractices in churches. We of North India only hear about Devadasi system in South India. Only South Indian people can tell us about its present position. After having known so much, would you still like to visit a temple and offer prayer - especially through a *panda*?

## US breaking up Sudan?

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** The American ruling class in its bid to act as the owner of the world is trying to break up Sudan. Its south-central area is being cleared of non-Arab Nuba tribals. DV Sept. 1 '92 p.21: 'Bosnia: Latest victim of West's anti-Muslim hatred. Here is a report:

The US has admitted openly for the first time that it is not opposed to the division of Sudan into an Arab-Muslim north and an African-Christian south. The admission has come amid an orchestrated Arab propaganda campaign against the government of General Omar al-Bashir; it follows a call by Christian Churches and rebel leader Colonel John Garang for the establishment of an exclusion zone in southern Sudan. (*Crescent International*, Sept. 16).

### 67 CUSTODY DEATHS IN DELHI

**New Delhi:** There have been 67 deaths in police custody in the capital in the last 12 years, according to the People's Union for Democratic Rights (PUDR). This was stated in a report read out at a day-long workshop on human rights organised by the People's Rights Organisation (PRO) here on Sept. 19. (*Times of India* Sept 22).

### BHAGWATI ON BOGUS RIGHTS COM.

**Bombay:** Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court P.N. Bhagwati, who delivered several landmark judgments on human rights issues during his tenure, said that the National Human Rights Commission, proposed by the govt. would have no meaning unless it was put on the statue book. "A government order will not do". he said. (*Hindu* Sept 22).

## Caste war in UP village

**Lucknow:** Six persons, three women, two children and one man, were killed on Sept 22 in a caste war in Gaddi Dhatpura village under Raja Rampur police station in Etah district, when the village Rajputs and Dhobis (washermen) fought a bloody battle.

A local Rajput of the village took to task some Dhobis for not removing the garbage from the village bylane. The wordy duel soon developed into a full scale bloody violence with the Rajput, Thakur Harinath Singh, shooting one of the Dhobis from his gun. The victim died on the spot causing tension among other members of the same caste to launch a counter attack on the house of the Rajputs.

Soon a large number of Dhobis stormed the house of the Thakur and set it ablaze following which three women and two children who were inside the house were roasted alive. (*Hindustan Times* Sept. - 24).

## Ruling class using Army fight our own people

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** According to Ashok Mitra, a former West Bengal Finance Minister belonging to the ruling upper caste, says the Indian Govt. is using its armed forces against its own people instead of using it to fight external aggression:-

He says "the armed personnel on active duty in Punjab is about 115,000 and in Jammu and Kashmir is around 60,000. Troops posted in Assam is about 20,000. The army has also now been called in to flush out Veerappan, the alleged sandalwood smuggler, along the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border. Specially trained detachments are in Nagaland, Mizoram and Manipal.

It thus involves little exaggeration if the number of troops currently being used for non-defence purposes around the country is about 225,000. Since our standing army is estimated to be 1.1 million, over one-fifth of our soldiers are being utilised to put down what will be defined as civil disturbances". (*Deccan Herald* Sept. 23).

Does it mean India's Aryan ruling class, comprising less than 15% of our population, considers the country's over 85% of the non-Aryan peoples as enemies?

## Why Brahmins hate reservation?

PERIYAR E.V. RAMASAMI

Communal representation is the accredited right of every nation and its government. It is the common right of all citizens belonging to every community. The main motive of the principle of communal representation is to eradicate the unequal status amongst the citizens. Communal representation is a 'boon' to create a society of equals. When there are communities which are forward and progressive; hampering the well being of all the other communities; there is no other go but to resort to the system of communal representation. It is by this way the suffering communities could begin to have a sigh of relief. The need for the prolongation of the system of communal representation will automatically cease and it will be found absolutely unnecessary to continue the policy any longer, when all the communities are made as equals.

*Excepting the Brahmin community all other communities started demand for communal representation soon after the talk of representation of Indians in governance began. For a long time, except the Brahmin community all other communities carried on agitation urging the government to implement the policy of communal representation.*

**TN conspiracy:** The Brahmins, particularly the Brahmins of Tamil Nadu stooped to many ways to put hurdles and create obstacles against the implementation of the policy of communal representation. They pursued trickish methods and conspired many times against the communal representation policy which was a boon to all down-

trodden communities.

One could understand the Brahmins opposing the communal representation policy, if at all they had openly come forward to list out the evils of uplifting the downtrodden people. All those who oppose simply said 'no', and no one explained

*It is a known fact Thanthai Periyar E.V. Ramasami had to quit Congress in 1925 as the Brahmin-dominated Tamil Nadu Congress Committee refused to accept the principle of communal representation in Public Services. Till his last breath he safeguarded the reservation policy. His writings in "Kudi Arasu", "Viduthalai" and birthday souvenirs on the need to implement the reservation policy for all communities are given below in a nutshell*

why? So far no one has clearly listed out the reasons for opposing the policy of reservation. What is wrong in making all people as equals? What is wrong in giving equal opportunities for all? If there is nothing wrong in creating a socialist society, and if it is undeniable that the present society composed of unequals should be made progressive, what else can be done without creating reservations based on population through the communal representation policy? Could it be denied that there are weaker section in the society?

Moreover, when we have allowed the classification of the society based on religion, caste and community; we cannot stand in the way of the people demanding special rights, based on religion, caste, and

community. There is nothing wrong on their part or of any community in safeguarding their interests. I don't see anything dishonest in that.

### Brahmins only 3%

**The casteism made the people go backward. Castes spell more and more ruination. Castes have made us low and have-nots. Till all these evils are eradicated and everyone attains an equal status in life, the proportional representation policy based on population is indispensable.** Many communities have entered the field of education only recently. All should be enabled to read and attain a civilised stage. Our people should take to education and read well. Our people should get their due share in the public services and in all other fields according to their percentage in the total population.

**In this country out of 100 people only three are brahmins.** Sixteen percent of the population are Adi dravidas and 72 percent of the population are non-brahmins. Should not the jobs be given to all in proportion to the population?

### Merit and Efficiency

You find merit and efficiency amongst all people. All communities urge for concessions today. It is ensured to them by law. Even in the matter of merit the downtrodden are given concessions. Because of this concession given to the Backward and Scheduled people you do not see any danger. **It cannot be said that the standard of administration has fallen only on account of the concession extended.** It cannot be argued that good traits of humanity

as honesty had deteriorated. No community is discriminated. All communities are treated equally. **By the reservation policy based proportionately on the total population, all the communities derive their legitimate share.**

When a student passes the S.S.L.C examination, it is clearly stamped that he is eligible for college course. The educational authorities declare that he is fit for college course. But when he puts up the application to any college, once again his merit is judged by a separate test. Marks are taken into account to judge the merit. Higher authorities in the education department send orders to the principals not to admit students indiscriminately. Is there any meaning in all these? Who created this? Is it not the Brahmins? When once a student is declared as eligible for college courses, it is the duty of the government to give him admission, without any difficulty. Is it not to make the other community people get disgusted with education and ruin their future prospects that all these cumbersome, unjust and unwanted practices were created by the Brahmins?

### **BC & SC doomed**

By all these the Backward and Scheduled caste future is doomed. In the matters of education they are buried fathoms deep by these cunning Brahmin machinisation. The Brahmins are able to detain even those students who have a through knowledge of the lessons. Similarly they are able to detain even the few students who manage to get a pass by these tests and selections.

I am accustomed to watch closely the merit, ability and standard of all people all along. My considered opinion on all these matters is also known to you by my writings, speeches and publications. **I am one who is dedicated to work for the welfare of the Backward and**

**Scheduled caste people. That is the main reason why I strongly oppose the theory of merit and efficiency.** Why should you talk of merit and efficiency when once a student has passed a particular examination? What for such a thing? Is there any sense in doing so?

What are the benefits we have gained by the ministries composed of men with merit and efficiency? Is there any thing to be proud of? Think over!

### **Human rights**

Similarly what have we lost by the rule of those who are said to be inefficient and beneath the standard. Tell me.

**So, I proclaim that there should be no place for merit and efficiency in the realms of government.**

He who does not want rights for his community must be one who does not know his community. Otherwise he must be a suspect to the community he belongs. If a particular community demands certain rights for the said community, the vested interests condemn the community as unpatriotic and anti-national. I would say that any one doing so is a nomad not belonging to any nation or community. Our people have failed to assert their legitimate rights. It is on account of this serious drawback that we find only nomads over-riding us. When we become conscious of our rights we can easily put an end to the domination of the nomads.

### **Job Hunters**

There are others who go to the extent of condemning us as job hunters. I don't deny it. I am not ashamed of seeking jobs. What is there shameful in seeking jobs? **What do the Brahmins and Aryans do? Are they not seeking jobs? Are they not job hunters? Who are they?** If they have the right to claim for jobs, how ironical it is to call us

job hunters? Please think over, who really has the legitimate right to seek jobs. I would say that our people alone have the right to hunt for jobs.

If many community neglects to seek jobs I would say that the community is an irresponsible community. I would condemn them as unpatradic and anti-national. They are traitors to the country.

### **Population - wise share**

Not only that. If any particular community is differentiated or ignored it will be disastrous to the society. *If it is objected that jobs should not be given to a particular community based on its proportion to the total population, that would amount to putting that community to disgrace and injustice.* No community would be willing to continue as cowards devoid of self-respect for ever. Any community that fails to assert for its legitimate share in the field of employment will be considered as degraded and shameless community. **(Kudi Arasu, 30-11-1934)**

In a country with various caste distinctions if opportunities are denied for every caste to get education, jobs, and representation in the administration according to their legitimate share based proportionately on the population there will be no end to the enmity, vengeance and fraudulent activities in the society. **(89th Birthday Souvenir of Periyar)**

As a measure to put an end to the evils of caste in India, particularly in South India, it is absolutely essential to get things done by proper legislation. It is necessary to agitate for claiming representation in the legislatures through the government. I deem this noble task as a part of the revolution for the dawn of socialism. **(Kudi Arasu, 18-8-1935)**

### **Tension increasing**

The communal tensions and cleavages are day by day increasing

due to many factors. There is no mutual trust between one community and the other. There is increasing hatred amongst communities. One community wants to dominate over the other. The community that has somehow become dominant do not like to compromise. Those who enjoy more rights are not willing to forego anything. They are adamant in their attitude towards the downtrodden sections with the result, you find more and more bitterness amongst communities. (*Kudi Arasu* 26-5-1935)

Please think over whether there is any fairness and justice on the part of those who have gained a lot in the name of their community, passing scathing remarks on others as communalists. They lost their legitimate share by their community identity. (*Kudi Arasu* 19-7-1936)

#### Upper caste hatred

On one side attempts are made to safeguard the religion, castes and communities. On the other side the demand for proportional representation in the name of religion, castes, and communities is condemned as unfair, unjust, ridiculous. I would say that it is one thousand times unfair and unjust to say so. It only reveals the low standard and vendetta against the traditionally exploited communities. (*Kudi Arasu* 8-11-31)

#### Jail for sacred thread

The government which proclaims to root out communalism should have made the practice of putting caste marks as *Naman* on the foreheads as an offense and imprisoned the offender for one year. Similarly a law should have been passed to imprison those who wear the thread yarn (*Poonul*) for two years. Are not these symbols indicative of the distinct communities? **A government determined to eradicate castes ought to have given scissors to the policeman**

**to cut away the tufts and Poonul.** Simply saying that the government is not communal and yet permit the wearing of *poonul*, keeping tufts, chanting mantras, declare holidays for the birthdays of gods is condemnable. *Under these circumstances one cannot but condemn the government of being a government for upholding the communalism of Brahmins.*

In the story of Ramayana it is said that Vali would acquire the entire strength of all those who opposed him. I say to those who oppose the communal representation policy, that they would only be strengthening the demand for communal representation by all their actions. The more and more they oppose, the more and more would be the need for communal representation. The demand will go on gaining momentum. That is what is going on now. (*Kudi Arasu* 1-9-1935)

#### Crush Aryan monopoly

I might have changed many times in politics. **But so far as my social life is concerned, I continue to be opposed to Brahmins. My hatred towards Brahmins is always constant.** I became a rationalist and an atheist by this. To my dream of social reform *I strongly insist on crushing the Brahmin monopoly in the public services.* I deem it as the very first step for social revolution. It is the ABCD of social reform. Because of this I am criticised as a communalist. I continue to be the embodiment of communalism of a peculiar nature. (*Viduthalai*, 5-3-69)

#### Mohini Avataram

For anything and everything the Brahmins are insisting on Merit and Efficiency. It is an invention by the Brahmins as the "Mohini Avataram" in the epics. The only motive with the Brahmins is to spoil the prospects of the non-brahmin communities, who are now only at the threshold of progress.

In the days of the Britishers and during the days of the Justice Party rule in the Pre-independence days jobs were given to all qualified persons. Now mere degrees are not considered as the stamp of merit and efficiency by Brahmins. People were trained before giving them jobs. Their fitness is not now taken as stamp of merit and efficiency by the Brahmins. The only thing emphasised as the stamp of merit and efficiency is the highest marks scored in examinations. He who obtains the highest marks gets the job, on the basis of merit and efficiency. However intelligent one may be, however experienced one may be, he will not be considered as one with merit and efficiency if he gets the marks for a pass. **I like to point out how foolish and mischievous the doctrine of merit and efficiency is.**

Is there any record to show that those selected on the basis of merit and efficiency have exhibited their talents in their work with merit and efficiency?

Is there any means to find out how the employees belonging to Backward Class execute the work entrusted to them? Is there any such record to show that those who acquired very high marks in the examination alone were able to execute the work efficiently in a diligent manner? This is the way in which the merit and efficiency policy is being worked. Many people are holding posts as though they alone have the merit and efficiency to do the work.

#### Bogus merit

Take the case of teachers. You find many teachers appointed on merit and efficiency basis. Is there any system to assess their work based on the number of students passing examination and the marks secured by the students? Do we have any means to judge the merit and

efficiency of teachers on any basis after appointing them? It is so in the case of other professions as doctors, engineers, judges, collectors and so on. Is there any means to assess their merit and efficiency while they are in service.

If it said that securing very high marks in the examination alone is the determining factor and if we agree that only those who have succeeded in getting high marks are alone to be given high posts. I would like to ask one thing. Are the presidents, governors and chief-ministers posts given to those people taking into consideration any high marks they have secured in any examination?

There is another lacuna in this bogus merit and efficiency theory. If a particular person had secured very highmarks in a particular field or subject, is he given a high post in the same field or subject? Does the high marks secured in a particular subject help him in the job he undertakes? Is there any relevance or relation between these two things? Are the selections of candidates made by considering the subject in which one is proficient and the subject he has to deal with, in service.

Children are sent to schools and colleges to acquire knowledge. What is the fun of admitting them after considering their merit and efficiency? This is absurd. *It is not right to talk of merit and efficiency even for admitting students to various courses of study.* I would say it is meaningless, unwanted and highly objectionable. (17-9-1965 Birthday Souvenir)

### **Brahmin Monopoly**

Really speaking the people who have very few posts in the government services, the communities which have low representation in the government services—those castes which are enjoying only a few posts in the government services, should be treated as the minorities. They

should be given adequate protection by the government. Special concessions should be extended to these minorities in the services.

*How does India look like? It looks as a thick forest of various castes.* Naturally the legislatures and offices too are flooded with castes. The State Assemblies and the Parliament also present the same look. But what about the staff in the State and Central Government offices? And that too what is cognisable, particularly in the Central Government offices, which has very many high salaried posts?

If you take the pains to analyse closely, you will very easily find out that **Brahmin community alone is monopolising almost all the posts in the States and the Centre.** This may be tolerable when other communities were not keen on claiming the posts. It might have been acceptable when other communities were not adequately qualified for holding posts. No one would criticise the Brahmins under such circumstances. But, things have changed.

**The Backward and Scheduled Castes are today adequately qualified as the Brahmins to hold any post equally.** They are demanding their legitimate share in all the fields. They demand their share in proportion to their percentage in the population. What should the Brahmin monopolists do under these changed circumstances? Should they not silently yield to the reasonable demands of the Backward and Scheduled Castes? Instead of behaving in a just and reasonable manner they are raising loud cries, and indulge in threats. What do we understand from this? Is there any reason or meaning in their behaviour?

### **Freedom for whom?**

*What for did we wage a bitter struggle to drive away the British imperialists. Is it to give the right exclusively for*

*the Brahmin Community alone to sweep the posts held by the Britishers? Unless we enable all communities to take part in the governance of the country, we cannot really have a representative government for all the people.*

It is unjust to provide all the jobs to the Brahmin community. How could one particular community alone be the inheritors of all the benefits of the government? Today many communities are deprived of their share. Similarly many people belonging to other religions are also ignored. Is not India a land of many religions and communities?

### **Aryan are robbers**

*The behaviour of the Brahmins in opposing the reservation is inhuman and unfair.* I like to cite an example.

Imagine that the thieves have entered and robbed away the valuables of the dwellers in the house. The owners of the stolen property lodged a complaint with the police. The police traced the robbers and restored the stolen properties to the real owners. Supposing the robbers raise a cry and protest with threats, what would any sensible man think? Are not the Brahmins like those robbers?

### **Monopoly of govt. posts**

There is an adage that the beggar who came for alms had become the son-in-law of the house. Are all the Government departments rightfully relegated to the Brahmins alone? How is it right to allow the Brahmins alone to occupy almost all the high salaried posts? From whose money are they paid? Could it be denied the major portion of the taxpayers are the Backward and Scheduled Caste people as Gounders, Vanniyas, Mukkulathors, Naidus, Pillais, Pariahs and Chekkilis?

Why are we demanding our legitimate share in the government services? In India, if a job in the government ends with mere salary

and bribes, the Backwards and the Scheduled Caste people would quietly go on with their own traditional work. They would be disinterested in the government jobs. They would remain content with their own usual occupation. *But all posts in the government carries with them specific powers. Even an ordinary small job carries with it little power.* Don't you think such powers would be exploited by the individual to safeguard and enrich his own community? After all they are also human beings.

After all, the government employees are also human beings. Naturally they would look after the interests of their own community. No one could claim that they are more than human beings.

### **Equality in all spheres**

If every community and caste is able to share the posts and powers in proportion to the entire population the chances of serving their own community would be abundant.

What factors lead us to determine whether the country advanced or not? How to say that the people are civilised? How are we to come to a conclusion that wisdom, discipline, honesty are being developed? **To determine all these things there must be equality, equal shares, equality in possession, equality before law, similar outlook, understanding and experience amongst all sections or communities in the society in all spheres.** We should create such a state and it must be done. Don't you think it absolutely indispensable to attain the goal of creating an ideal socialist state?

### **Three divisions**

What is the nature of our country? You have Brahmins, Sudras and Panchamas as different and distinct communities.

Taking into consideration religions you find three different and distinct religions. Under no circumstances will these three divisions come

together as belonging to only one community or nation. Look at their behaviour in the society.

### **Proportionate representation**

When the actual facts are like these, wisdom lies in determining the legitimate share for each and every community in the field of politics, public life, posts and education, failing which they will have no other go than to lead the life of a dog and a cat. There will be lack of mutual trust and understanding. There will be scope only to wreak vengeance. One would try to suppress the others. One would defraud the others. One would cheat the others.

**In the matter of appointments and in the matter of extending concessions, the total number of people in every community should be awarded their due share, based proportionately on the population of the country.** The merit and efficiency is a common feature in all castes and religions. As such whoever is separated under a particular caste or religion or community must be assured of his right to claim posts based proportionately on the population.

When I say that the Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes should be given posts in the government services. I do not mean that any Tom, Dick and Harry walking in the street should be recruited for government services.

### **Minimum qualification**

For every post minimum educational qualification, is fixed if that qualification is there, I insist that the job should be given to the downtrodden people.

After having prescribed the minimum qualification for the posts there is no need to choose the candidates on any other basis as merit and efficiency.

It cannot be proved with facts and figures that those selected on the basis of merit and efficiency alone are efficient, diligent, brilliant, and honest in the discharge of duties. At

the same time there are no records in evidence to prove that those who were given jobs by reservation are dishonest and inefficient in the discharge of duties.

### **Minority holding majority posts**

If we just take the pains of analyse, it is the so-called high caste forward community, which is monopolising the high posts in the government who are found to be dishonest in their dealings, particularly the Brahmin minority community holding the majority of posts are seen to top the list.

**Their dishonest dealings and corrupt actions are generally hushed up because of caste feelings.** The accused and the high court judge or senior official belong to one and the same caste invariably. There is scope for pressure through higher recommendations and chances to seek concession. That is why many malpractices are not let known to the public.

### **Corruption at the top**

If every community is adequately represented in the government services, it would bring to light all the malpractices and maladministration. **Reservation is a must for improving the standard of administration.** Reservation is a must to counteract the malpractices by the monopolists in all the spheres of activities of the government.

**Proportional representation of all communities in the government service is the only solution for achieving social and communal justice for all communities.**

The talk of merit and efficiency is a bogus one. It is a hoax played on the innocent people. Not only that; it is a big fraud to deter the Backward and Scheduled Castes from achieving any progress, peace and happiness. Collected works of Periyar EVR, Vol.1, 1992 Periyar Thidal, pages 380 Rs. 100. ■

**KERALA MUSLIMS (Long Struggle)**

PROF. K.M. BAHAUDDIN Formerly of the Aligarh Muslim University

A call for unity of all oppressed sections to recover their lost human rights and the reasons why the 85% of the oppressed should do that. The Portuguese hatred against Muslims and their atrocities turn Muslims into "militant brotherhood". A Christian professor at the Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, writing the "Introduction" to this book praises the author's "sincerity and dedication". Deals with the cruelty of the Kerala caste system against the oppressed SC/ST/BCs. Aryanisation of Kerala started in the 7th century with the coming of Namboodiri Brahmins, who propagated the false story of Parasurama. By the 11th century, Kerala became a caste-based society. The Mopla rebellion was caused by the British who wanted to suppress the Muslims with the support of Brahmin and Nair landlords and middlemen. The non-Malayali Brahmin was inducted into Travancore in the 19th century as officers who became more cruel than Namboodiris. Though Nairs, Ezhavas and Christians jointly revolted against the Brahmin domination, the Nairs took advantage of this by compromising with Brahmins. Says just two communities are dominating Kerala today. Over 73% Ezhavas, 75% of Muslims, 87% of SC/ST and 89% of Christian converts come under the category of day labourers and petty traders in Kerala today.

Though the book is titled *Kerala Muslims*, it is of all-India interest.

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Kautilya, also known as Chanakya, wrote this book not later than 150 AD though the date is not established. He was a master strategist and the brahminical rulers of India today copy mostly from this book on statecraft. *Artha* in Sanskrit means wealth and the book is the quite for Aryans as how to loot other's wealth. The book shows the way to Aryans to acquire wealth by destroying non-Aryans.

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**Latest book on the Sikh problem and the bleeding in Punjab****INDIA COMMITS SUICIDE**

DR. G.S. DHILLON DEPT. OF HISTORY, PUNJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH.

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