



Kamal Sandesh
Fortnightly Magazine

Editor

Prabhat Jha, MP

Executive Editor

Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi

Editorial Team

**Ram Prasad Tripathy
Vikash Anand**

Creative Editor

**Dharmendra Kaushal
Vikas Saini**

Subscription

**Annual Rs. 100/-
For 3 years Rs. 250/-**

Contact

Phone : +91(11) 23381428

Fax: +91(11) 23387887

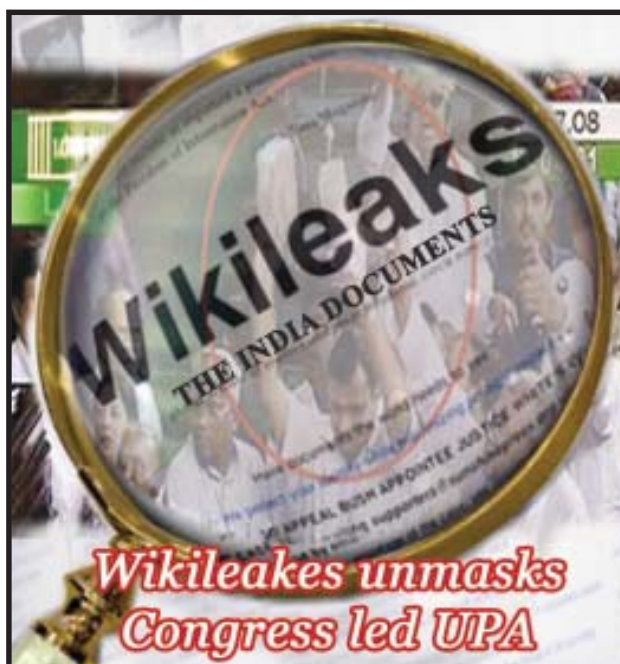
Subscription : +91(11) 23005798

e-mail

kamalsandesh@yahoo.co.in

Publisher and Printer : Printed by Dr. Nandkishore Garg for Dr. Mookerjee Smruti Nyas, at Excelprints, C-36, F.F. Complex, Jhandewalan, New Delhi-55 and Published by Dr. Mookerjee Smruti Nyas, PP-66, Subramanya Bharati Marg, New Delhi-03. Editor : Prabhat Jha.

CONTENTS



COVER STORY

Wikileaks unmaskes the misdeeds of Congress led UPA government

By Ram Prasad Tripathy..... 7

Article

PM's indefensible defence of bribery

By L. K. Advani..... 15

Special on BJP Foundation Day

BJP Brief History

By Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi..... 16

Cell

Cooperative Cell submits Memo..... 10

Rally

BJP rally in Mumbai..... 11

Others

Two day BJP State Executive meeting, Ujjain MP..... 12

BJP National Office Bearers & State Presidents Meet..... 20



Dr. M M Joshi..... 21

Ravi Shankar Prasad..... 24

Prabhat Jha..... 26

Piyush Goyal..... 27

States

Madhya Pradesh, Kerala..... 28

Delhi, Uttar Pradesh..... 29

Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand..... 30

Nitin Gadkari extends greetings on the occasion of Holi

Bhartiya Janata Party National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has conveyed his greetings and best wishes to the countrymen and all non-resident Indians abroad on the occasion of Holi.

Shri Nitin Gadkari has hoped that the festival of Holi and the spectrum of multiple and varied colours will bring in joy, happiness and prosperity to all of us and motivate us to work towards establishing universal brotherhood.



Letters to the Editor...



Dear Sir,

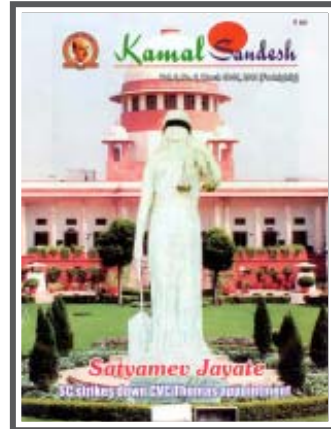
The BJP and other Opposition parties have raised their voice in both the houses of Parliament following the publication of US cables put out by WikiLeaks, which deserves to be applauded.

The leaders of BJP echo the outrage of countless Indians when they ask whether New Delhi's foreign policy under the Congress led UPA government is drafted in Washington, DC.

As an Indian, I feel ashamed at the way the Congress government is behaving and following the diktat of US on matters of foreign and economic policies as well as the nuclear power issue.

Our media made a hero of Julian Assange when he exposed the true colours and real face of UPA government. Why is it so silent on the expose of our own Government?

Shivnarayan
Ranchi, Jharkhand



Write to us

The Editor,

Kamal Sandesh

We welcome
Your views & Suggestions

Editor,
Kamal Sandesh

Dr. Mookerjee Smruti Nyas,
PP-66, Subramanya Bharati Marg,
New Delhi-110003

e-mail: kamalsandesh@yahoo.co.in



Avoiding discussions in parliament will not help Congress led UPA government

It has become the habit of the ruling party not to allow discussion in the parliament. Can it be said to be fair in democracy? Should Congress led UPA indulge itself in such activities? After all what will be the fate of the parliament if discussions are not allowed? Congress is in dock on almost all the issues. It is busy saving its chair by running away from the discussions. The country has no hope from the alliance of the opportunists who in stead of distributing the ministries among themselves prefer to sell them.

We all know that the winter session of parliament was sacrificed due to non-acceptance of the demand for JPC. And now the Budget session is proving to be a mere ritual as no discussions are allowed in the parliament. The UPA could not have stalled discussions on Motion of Thanks on President's Address and Budget, so somehow this ritual was performed. But the Congress led UPA which is in the dock now on the issue of payoffs to MPs is running away from discussions. Why it is running away from the discussion is now an open secret.

Why the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh gives wrong statements in the parliament? Never before in the history of India the office of the Prime Minister was offered to anyone for nothing. Dr. Manmohan Singh had never ever dreamt of becoming the Prime Minister of the country. He never made any effort in this direction. He could never win any election to Lok Sabha. He was not a born leader and neither had he worked tirelessly in political field. He is a product of political situation that prevailed in the country. He has neither any reputation of a political leader nor does he possesses the political acumen to lead the country. He was a bureaucrat and to compare him with the former Prime Ministers of India is ridiculously senseless. It is just due to sheer luck and not due to his personality or leadership acumen that he today occupies the office of the Prime Minister of India. What does a *majboor* Prime Minister think of himself cannot be guessed but what the people think of him might be an issue to ponder over by those in the government.

The Indian parliament is always known for its dignity and honesty. A government fell by a single vote but the then Prime Minister never engaged himself in purchasing votes to save his government. He was a worshipper of the spirit of democracy. He knew that the office earned through rightfully facing the Vote of Confidence might only provide him the required moral strength in the democracy. Therefore when the government fell by one vote he did not wait for even one minute to leave the office. But what is happening today? What is the condition of Dr. Manmohan Singh who managed to win Vote of Confidence through payoffs to the MPs? He is the best person to judge. The manner in which he secured the Vote of Confidence has failed to give him the moral strength; his position has weakened since then. India today is passing through the rule of such a Prime Minister who has lost the confidence of the people. Not only this, he has even lost the faith of the parliament. If someone continues in the government even after losing credibility then he can never have the moral courage to act on crucial issues. It is therefore the Manmohan Singh government which secured Vote of Confidence through immoral acts has today lost the confidence of the people. If elections are held today then the Congress is sure to touch a new low from where it may take years to recover. The Congress led UPA government is somehow trying to save its *gaddi*. But for how long, after all the people of this country will deliver their verdict by teaching a lesson to the Congress. ■

Editorial...

Vote of confidence through dubious means has tarnished India's image

The Prime Minister has made a statement on the "Cash for votes" scam wherein the Vote of Confidence succeeded on 22nd July 2008 on the strength of Members of other political parties lured to support the UPA. The CBI changed its affidavit in the disproportionate assets case against Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. This led to the Samajwadi Party reversing its position and announcing its support to the UPA. Further attempts were made to lure a number of Members of Parliament belonging to the Opposition Parties to support the vote of confidence. It is now conclusively established that MPs were bribed. The evidence of bribery to support the Government is as under:

- a. The Prime Minister and the UPA Government were the principal beneficiaries of the cross voting.
- b. Several Members complained that they were being approached by certain members/persons with large sums of money persuading them to vote in favour of the motion.
- c. One MP visited three Lok Sabha MPs in order to persuade them to cross vote. The Parliamentary Committee enquiring in to

this matter stated "the Committee still feels that a person of Shri Revati Raman Singh's stature should not have involved himself in such



Joint Press Statement by Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition (Lok Sabha) and Shri Arun Jaitley, Leader of Opposition (Rajya Sabha) regarding clarifications from the Hon'ble Prime Minister on the Cash for Votes Scam

- shenanigans... the very thrust of the conversation has a tendency to raise doubts over the conduct of Shri Revati Raman Singh vis-à-vis endeavors to facilitate the defection of Samajwadi Party Members in violation of Schedule X to the Constitution...". These incidents are captured on Camera.
- d. Thereafter, MPs who were being sought to be influenced visited another senior leader who was mobilizing support in favour of the Government,

This is also captured on camera.

Monies were sent by one intervener to be paid to the three MPs. This intervener's name is Sanjeev Saxena. The Enquiry Committee has held "The Committee has already commented upon the unconvincing nature of Sanjeev Saxena's testimony before the committee... Shri Saxena might not be telling the truth that he is no longer in the employment of Shri Amar Singh... Shri Saxena was a bribegiver wittingly or unwittingly. He therefore does not enjoy the immunity under Article 105 of the Constitution... On whose behalf Shri Saxena was operating... therefore his role in the matter needs to be investigated further."

The offer to cross vote, the factum of the meetings, the delivery of money is all captured on camera. The factum of conversation is established by the telephone call records.

The Parliamentary committee was split 4 against 3. Even the majority has opined on the role of the bribegivers and held that all these matters mentioned above require to be investigated further. The 3 dissenting members out of a total of 7 have completely established the role of bribe givers.

The latest expose by Wiki leaks adds three additional

Wikileaks unmask the misdeeds of Congress led UPA government

By Ram Prasad Tripathy

The contents of a diplomatic cable disclosed by Wikileaks on March 17, reveals that the Manmohan Singh led UPA I government openly bribed the MPs to survive a crucial vote of confidence in 2008. As reported in the *Hindu*, the cable describes how a senior Congress aide showed a US embassy official "chests of cash" to pay off MPs ahead of the vote of confidence. The leak exposes the real face of Congress party and shows how the close aid of the Prime Minister and Sonia Gandhi were deployed right before a crucial vote of confidence to secure a majority in the Parliament. The disclosure made by the WikiLeaks has only given more credence to the issue, which the nation is already aware of. Infact, this reminds of similar tricks used by the Congress Party in the early 90s during the time of Narashima Rao to buy the survival of its minority government.

The PM's belated defence in the parliament that no bribe was paid to the MPs during the 2008 trust vote has contradicted the stand of the Parliamentary probe committee, which believed otherwise. The Kishor Chandra Deo committee on the cash-for-votes scam has clearly stated that 'bribe was paid' to MPs before the 2008 trust vote. These contradictory views prove that the PM is misleading the nation. Again, the head of WikiLeaks [website on March 21](#) accused

April 1-15, 2011 ○ 7

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of deliberately misleading the public by claiming that leaked US diplomatic cables allegedly pointing to payoffs to MPs during a 2008 parliamentary trust vote were not authentic.

In an interview to NDTV Wikileaks Editor-in-chief Julian Assange told that, "The comments I have been hearing from Prime Minister Singh these, to me, seem to be a deliberate attempt to mislead the public by suggesting that governments around the



world do not accept the material". Assange further asserted that there "is no doubt, whatsoever, that the cables are authentic", which was the reason why the US government has been very upset over the leak of the diplomatic cables.

While David C. Mulford who sent many of the secret U.S. embassy cables, undoubtedly said, "The cables are generally accurate reports". The opposition also rubbished Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee's poor defence that the offence has

PM lost moral right to govern: Advani

Interacting with media persons BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L.K. Advani on March 17, 2011 asked Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh to quit forthwith and said he had lost the right to govern after leaked US cables revealed that the Congress paid money to opposition MPs to win a parliament trust vote in 2008. Accusing the Congress-led government of political immorality, he said, "UPA I survived on the strength of political sin." Shri Advani pointed out that the 2008 parliament trust vote related to the controversial India-US civil nuclear deal that threatened to topple Manmohan Singh's government when he headed the first UPA alliance.

He further said, "The American embassy was interested in the vote of confidence," and described the Congress as a friendly party in American view. The cable has already been released to the public. The diplomatic immunity does not extend to protect an Indian offender who has committed an act of bribery in India he said.

nothing to do with the 15th Lok Sabha as it occurred during the 14th Lok Sabha and that the bribery was committed outside Parliament.

After a string of corruption scandals like the 2G, CWG, S-Band Spectrum scam and Adarsh society scam, the leaked cables through Wikileaks further raises questions on the integrity and innocence of the Prime Minister and each leaked line clearly demonstrates how the entire Congress party was involved to save a minority government before the crucial vote of confidence on the Indo-U.S. nuclear deal in 2008.

The U.S. embassy cables accessed by The Hindu through WikiLeaks revealed some shocking truths on the U.S influence on the Congress-led UPA government. The cables clearly indicate that the Congress led UPA I government bribed some of the legislatures to win the trust vote in 2008. As reported in the Hindu, the cable said, "Five days before the Manmohan Singh government faced a crucial vote of confidence on the Indo-U.S. nuclear deal in 2008, a political aide to Congress leader Satish Sharma showed a U.S. Embassy employee "two chest containing cash" he said was part of a bigger fund of Rs. 50 crore to Rs. 60 crore that the Congress party had assembled to purchase the support of MPs. The aide also claimed the four MPs belonging to Ajit Singh's Rashtriya Lok Dal had already been paid Rs. 10 crore each to ensure they voted the right way on the floor of the Lok Sabha".

Further, "In a cable, dated July 17, 2008, sent to the State Department, U.S. Charge April 1-15, 2011 O 8

NDA demands PM's resignation

Press Statement on behalf of the NDA on Wikileaks disclosure about Cash for Vote scam on March 17, 2011

The NDA had contemporaneously maintained in July 2008 that the vote of confidence in favour of the UPA-I was influenced by bribery. The leaked Wikileaks cable is a statement sent by an American diplomat to his government. It is contemporaneous in so far as, it relates to the year 2008. He was the political counselor in the American Embassy. The Americans were interested in the vote of confidence. One of the offenders was lavishly and liberally working in foreign cell of the Congress. The arrogant Congress displayed the rogue war chests to the American diplomat. He certainly could not have concocted these facts in relation to a friendly party in India. The likes of Sant Chatwal were inducted in order to induce the Akali Dal. He did not succeed yet he got adequately compensated by this government. This contemporaneous evidence stares in the face of the political immorality of this government. The UPA-I survived on the political strength of sin. The Prime Minister has no moral authority or legitimacy to lead the government of the day. He must quit forthwith.

The Finance Minister's defence in the Rajya Sabha, that diplomatic immunity prevents this Government from investigating the cables is of no avail. The diplomatic immunity extends to protecting the secrecy of the cable. That cable has already been released to the public. The diplomatic immunity does not extend to protecting an Indian offender, who has committed an act of bribery in India. Shri Pranab Mukherjee's further defence that the offence vanished with the dissolution of the 14th Lok Sabha is incredible since the offence of bribery, committed in 2008, outside Parliament does not vanish because the 14th Lok Sabha has ceased to exist.

This disclosure adds to the campaign of NDA against corruption. These allegations of corruption shall continue to haunt this government till it continues.

The NDA demands that this government has no moral right to continue, and it should quit.

d'Affaires Steven White wrote about a visit the Embassy's Political Counselor paid to Satish Sharma, who is described as "a Congress Party MP in the Rajya Sabha and a close associate of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and considered to be a very **close family friend of Sonia Gandhi.**"

It also said, "Mr. Sharma told the U.S. diplomat that he and others in the party were working

hard to ensure the government won the confidence vote on July 22. Sharma's political aide Nachiketa Kapur mentioned to an Embassy staff member in an aside on July 16th that Ajit Singh's RLD had been paid Rupees 10 crore for each of their four MPs to support the government.

Kapur mentioned that money was not an issue at all, but the crucial thing was to

UPA-I survived on the basis of political & moral sin : Arun Jaitley

Describing the buying of MPs during the 2008 confidence vote as the biggest scandal in Independent India, Leader of the Opposition Arun Jaitley said Wikileaks had confirmed our suspicions about the 'cash-for-vote' scam.

He said the government survived on the basis of political and moral sin and was conducting a "farcical game" as it has been caught "with its pants down". He dismissed Pranab Mukherjee's argument that what was done in the 14th Lok Sabha could not be gone into now saying the commission of criminal offence in 2008 does not disappear with the constitution of a new House.

He also said the defence of diplomatic immunity may apply to the cable of the diplomat for its protection but even that has been leaked and the protection may not extend to the bribes given by Indians in India.

Shri Jaitley said the BJP-led alliance will fight the issue both inside the house and outside parliament till the demand is met.

ensure that those who took the money would vote for the government. Lest this should be construed by the visiting diplomats as an empty boast, Mr. Sharma's aide put his money where his mouth was, "Kapur showed the Embassy employee 'two chests containing cash' and said that around Rupees 50-60 crore was lying around the house for use as pay-offs."

Independently, Mr. Sharma also told the Political Counselor, "That PM Singh and others were trying to work on the Akali Dal through financier Sant Chatwal and others, but unfortunately it did not work out. He said the **Prime Minister, Sonia Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi** were committed to the nuclear initiative and had conveyed this message clearly to the party."

The cable makes it clear that "the Congress campaign to buy votes was not confined to the

cash-filled war chests that Nachiketa Kapur and Satish Sharma had gathered. Another Congress Party insider told PolCouns that Minister of Commerce and Industry **Kamal Nath** is also helping to spread largesse. 'Formerly he could only offer small planes as bribes,' according to this interlocutor, 'now he can pay for votes with jets'.

The cable reveals that despite all these efforts, "The U.S. Embassy concluded that the UPA maintained only a precarious lead in the forthcoming confidence vote and the result shows the government maintaining its slim majority with the anticipated vote count at about 273 in favor, 251 opposed, and 19 abstentions".

Here, it is important to mention that just before the vote of confidence; accusations of vote-buying were also made by several Opposition parties. Even

the BJP MPs produced cash on the floor of the Lok Sabha (bribes offered to abstain). This was the money the government had used to try and buy the support of MPs. But at that time Congress party rejected this charge of BJP. But, BJP MPs acted as whistle blowers.

But after the leaks it vindicates the Opposition allegations that bribery was resorted to on a massive scale to ensure the UPA won the 2008 vote of confidence and also vindicates the stand of the main Opposition party, BJP that the PM had misled the people of the country on the contents exposed by Wikileaks. It also proves that the full establishment of the government and the Congress party right from the top were involved in the bribery episode, which has maligned India's democracy in the eyes of the world. This entire episode brought shame to the nation and Dr. Singh's integrity lies in tatters and the congress party is trapped in web of deceit reflect the predicament of the UPA regime.

From incessant and stinking scams to suicides or maybe something else, there seems to be no end to the scandals and stink that accompanies this UPA government. Every time the government and its head tried to escape the corruption charges by saying we didn't know. But, can the nation afford to be ruled by a Government and a Prime Minister who is ignorant about scams and scandals of such humongous proportions happening under his nose? The PM has no moral right or legitimacy to lead the country. Better he must quit. ■

Continued from page 6

pieces of evidence:

1. The American Diplomat was witness to the stacking up of the cash which was intended to be used for bribing.
2. He can identify the Conspirators who were involved in the act of bribery.
3. The Conspirators have admitted to him that they were involved in the offence of bribery while persuading the MPs to cross vote.

Therefore, the clarifications that the Bharatiya Janata Party seek from the Prime Minister are as under:

1. You are the principal beneficiary of the Vote of Confidence succeeding. There was admittedly a case of bribery. Even the majority in the Parliamentary enquiry has held Shri Saxena to be a bribe giver. Why have you or your Government not referred the matter for investigation to the CBI? Why have you tried to conceal the investigation of truth and the punishment of the guilty? Are you guilty of dereliction of duty? Are you guilty of breach of privilege of the Parliament in not complying with the recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee of Lok Sabha ?
2. In the face of the Parliamentary enquiry returning the finding of bribe being paid to MPs, why did you tell the India Today Conclave that you are unaware of the factum of bribes being paid?
3. Have you had a chance to see the video recording of the payments of bribes which was telecast on news channels a few weeks after the incident?
4. Has it ever weighed on your conscience that you procured a vote of confidence through such dubious means which you have admitted tarnished India's image domestically and internationally?
5. Even belatedly, are you willing to show any repentance and accept moral responsibility for such a monumental blunder and resign as the Prime Minister?■

BJP Co-operative Cell delegation submits memorandum to the President



BJP Central Co-operative Cell submitted a memorandum to the Honorable President of India against the anti-Cooperative policies of the Congress led UPA at the Centre on March 07, 2011 in New Delhi.

The Central Co-operative Cell raised its objections against the proposed multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2010, that is currently with the Standing Committee of the Parliament. The proposed Amendment Bill is aimed at regulating the multi-State Co-operative Societies i.e. cooperatives which serves the interest of members in more than one state, which is likely to dilute their autonomy. Through this Amendment Bill the central government is planning to appoint a Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies that will give unlimited powers to the regulators and will adversely affect the Co-operative movement in the country.

The delegation said this will not only lead to unnecessary interference of the regulators in the day to day functioning of the Co-operatives but will affect their normal functioning and autonomy.

The Memorandum while outlining the path breaking reform measures initiated by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee led NDA government through the multi-State Cooperative Societies Bill, 2002, vehemently opposed the proposed Amendment Bill in its present shape which is against the spirits and core ideas of the original Bill of 2002.

The Central Co-operative Cell appealed the President of India to take appropriate action by taking cognizance of the damage that the proposed Amendment Bill will cause by diluting the autonomy of the Co-operative bodies and by subjecting them to draconian regulations.(FOC)■

Maharashtra CM should resign : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent

Addressing a massive *Karyakartas'* rally at Azad Maidan in Mumbai on March 14, 2011, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari demanded for Maharashtra Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan's resignation over the CVC appointment issue and called upon the people of the state to free the state from mafias.

Shri Gadkari said that, as the then Minister of State in the PMO and the present Maharashtra CM Prithviraj Chavan had access to hidden papers relating to PJ Thomas' alleged involvement in the palmolein graft case so, why not, he unveiled all these facts before the Prime Minister and the selection committee, he questioned.

"Though the Kerala Government had sent to the Centre papers linking Thomas to the Palmolein graft case, Chavan as the then Minister in the PMO made no mention of the charges pending against the former, in a file that he prepared for the CVC selection committee. Chavan contributed squarely to the appointment of a person facing charges as the CVC, by withholding such crucial information from the Prime Minister and CVC selection committee," Shri Gadkari said.

BJP National President said Chavan is squarely responsible for the appointment of a tainted

bureaucrat as CVC. Therefore, he should own up his responsibility and immediately should resign from the Maharashtra Chief Minister's post.

Criticizing the Prime Minister's recent statement in Rajya Sabha in which he laid the blame at Prithviraj Chavan for his failure to provide

the 1991 palm oil import case).

Condemning the incumbent Congress-NCP coalition government in Maharashtra, the BJP National President said Mafia Raj is on in the state. There is no law and order, price rise is at its height and there is nobody to listen the voice of common men. On the occasion Shri



information about the pending charge-sheet against Thomas, Shri Gadkari charged that the former Minister of State in the PMO had "misled" the Prime Minister and CVC selection committee, despite the fact that the latter was at that time in the possession of letters linking Thomas to the Palmolein graft case, sent to the Centre by the Kerala Government.

He said, "For reasons best known to him, Chavan hid those papers from the Prime Minister. Even I am currently in possession of the copies of relevant papers sent by the Kerala Government to the Centre (in March 2008 objecting to Thomas being considered for a Central posting owing to an inquiry pending against him in

Gadkari gave a call to the massive gathering to wipe out the *Mafia Raj* in the state, 'Mafia Hatao-Maharashtra Bachao' and rise against an ineffective government.

BJP deputy leaders in Lok Sabha Shri Gopinath Munde on the occasion criticised the state Home Minister RR Patil of the NCP for indirectly contributing to the torching alive of Nashik district Additional Collector Yeshwant Sonawane on January 25.

BJP State President Shri Sudhir Mungatiwar, Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly Shri Eknath Khadse and many other senior BJP leaders came down heavily on the DF Government for their all round failure in the state. (FOC)■

Congress led UPA Govt. is most corrupt in history : Arun Jaitley

From Our Correspondent



Addressing the concluding session of the two-day BJP State executive meeting in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh on March 13, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley said Madhya Pradesh has become a model State, as the performance of both the State Government and the organisation is lauded nationwide. The people of the State have full faith in the Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and the performance of the BJP government.

Shri Jaitley further said the peoples' faith in the leaders and the BJP Government comes only by meeting their expectations and doing development works. Winning election for once is an easy task but for second time and

again and again is very difficult. But the development works carried out by the State Government are getting full support from the people of the State and it is evident from the victory of BJP in the by-polls and municipal elections held last days, he said.

He further said that the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance Government at the Centre is the most corrupt Government in the history of the country and the people of the country are fed up with it and are in mood for a change.

He said that the political credibility is on the decline in the country, the responsibility of the BJP *Karyakartas* stands enhanced in these circumstances and they need to work for increasing the credibility.

Addressing the *Karyakartas* on that occasion Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the BJP Government in the state has started many schemes for the welfare of all sections of the society and millions of people of the State are taking full advantage of them.

Shri Chouhan further said the satisfaction that comes after serving the poor could not be explained. The BJP Government in the state has made welfare schemes for poor, farmers, labourers, women, youth and tribals.

The Chief Minister said "At present there is 40 per cent irrigation land in the state, we wish to make it 100 per cent irrigation land and that is why we have issued instructions for

making small irrigation plans. In the next five years Rs 25,000 crore would be spent on these schemes, a provision of Rs 3,600 crore has been made in the current year budget for this", he added.

He said that 40 districts of the State have been hit by the frost and we have not received any compensation from the Central Government for this, whatsoever amount has been provided by the Centre are routine installments. We have issued instructions to distribute compensation without waiting for the Center's assistance.

He said that the government has issued instructions to purchase of the crop at Government level and farmers would be benefited from it, the State Government also came up with talent upgrade mission and youth would be trained through it. Changes are also on cards in the State's industrial policy, he added.

He further said that we have asked the investors to provide jobs to locals in the projects that they are going to start in Madhya Pradesh. We have initiated e-tendering in the State to curb corruption, and soon we are also going to start e-payments, he added.

He said soon we are going to start registration of contractors at single place; the tradition of getting registered in different departments would also be abolished.

Earlier, on the opening day of the two day executive meeting State BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha MP in his presidential address said that Madhya Pradesh Government is the only Government in the country that

April 1-15, 2011 ○ 13

announced farmer's loan at one per cent and also made its provisions in the budget.

The BJP State president lauded the State Government's efforts for providing relief to the frost-hit farmers of the State and organisation of *Antyodaya Melas* to deliver benefits of the welfare schemes at the doorstep of the poor.

He said that the Congress led UPA Government at the Centre has lost its credibility. Corruption and inflation are

for the national highway was carried out and the Dipawali meeting programmes were carried out.

Addressing the meet, State organisational General Secretary Shri Arvind Menon said that throughout the country, Madhya Pradesh is best in organisational work and all have accepted this fact. If *Karyakartas* will work for public contact, dialogue, cooperation and coordination then our State could become an ideal one and he added that our



increasing with each passing day and it failed to control it and failed on all fronts.

He further said that BJP's credibility in the State has gone up with the victory in recent by-elections on Kukshi and Sonkatch and the BJP has initiated positive politics in the State, he said.

While highlighting the main programmes organised by the State unit in the past year, Shri Jha said that on the Madhya Pradesh day on November 1, BJP *Karyakartas* lighted earthen lamps on the all the squares of the state and wished for the prosperity of the State, agitation

workers are playing important role in expanding our organisation.

He urged all the public representatives and office-bearers of the party to participate in the local committees' meeting during their visits. This helps in creating a good image of Government and organisation in the society, Shri Menon said.

Shri Menon said that the coming time belongs to BJP. The UPA Government has lost the faith the country.

Highlights of the Resolutions

- The political resolution of BJP

was passed on the first day of the two-day State executive on March 12.

- The Madhya Pradesh unit of the Party has asked the Congress led UPA Government to include natural calamity like frost in the 'National Agriculture Insurance Scheme'.
- The political resolution states that the priority of the State Government is to ascertain that agriculture should become profit making business.
- State Government is continuously moving ahead in supply of electricity and has enhanced the electricity production to 8,596 mega watts.
- To accomplish the dream of Pt. Deendayal, 'that the last man of the society should be included in the mainstream of society', the State Government has decided to organize *Anthyodaya* fairs in all the districts.

BJP Kisan Morcha president Shri Banshilal Gurjar presented the agriculture proposal in the first session of the second day of BJP State executive on March 13.

After this, State president of Women's Cell Smt. Nita Pateria, State president of Minority Cell Shri Hidaytullah Sheikh, State president of BJYM Shri Jitu Jirati presented the details about their respective [Morcha activities.](#) ■

April 1-15, 2011 ○ 14

NHRC issues notice to Central Govt. on Gadkari's complaint regarding brutal killings of more than 500 innocent Tamil fishermen

In a significant development which is likely to heat up the electoral temperature in Tamilnadu, the National Human Rights Commission has issued notices to the Central Govt. and asked it to report back to NHRC within two weeks on issue of killings of Tamil fishermen. NHRC was acting on an individual complaint filed by BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, through his Lawyer Shri Aman Sinha regarding barbaric killings of more than 500 innocent Tamil fishermen in past.

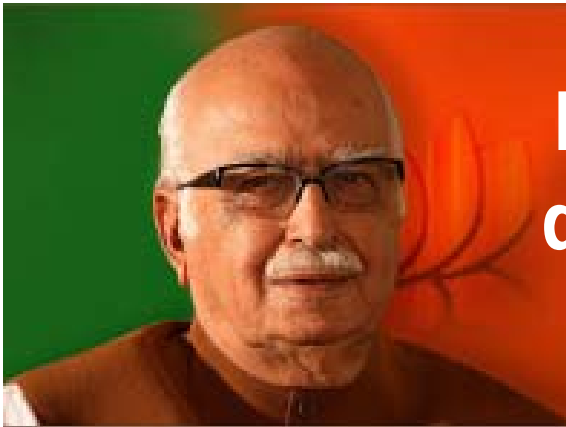
The NHRC order mentions that "such innocent fishermen are often shot at or tortured by Sri Lankan Navy and the Indian Govt. is doing nothing to protect them. The



Petitioner (Shri Nitin Gadkari) seeks intervention of the commission. Let a copy of Petition be forwarded to Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India and a report be sought from Secretary Ministry of external Affairs within two weeks."

It is noteworthy that Shri Gadkari had met Chairman and members of NHRC on 3rd March and asked them to intervene in the matter. In this meeting he was accompanied by Shri Murlidhar Rao (National Secretary), Shri Radhakrishnan (BJP Tamilnadu State President) Shri Aman Sinha, Advocate-Supreme Court and members of Human Rights Cell. He alleged in his petition that the Sea water between India and Sri Lanka has turned red with blood of innocent Tamil fishermen in last 3 decades. Tamil fishermen have been killed in brutal and barbaric manner, virtually torturing them to death. Unfortunately this has become a regular affair and it seems that there is no value of blood and life of the innocent Tamil fishermen. The problems and issues regarding the fishermen of the coast of Tamil Nadu is growing louder and the Govt. of India and Govt. of Tamail Nadu is paying no attention to the plight of Tamil fishermen.

This significant development would motivate the BJP to take up issue of barbaric killings of Tamil fishermen with renewed zeal and vigor and would put pressure on the Central Govt. and Govt. of Tamilnadu to safeguard life and property of innocent Tamil fishermen who's interests have been neglected by Central govt. and Govt. of Tamilnadu until now. (FOC) ■



PM's indefensible defence of bribery

By L. K. Advani

Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh made a statement in both Houses of Parliament on Friday last (March 18, 2011) making a frantic but futile effort to whitewash the biggest scandal that has taken place in independent India – the Cash for Votes Scam of July 2008. At their joint Press Conference in Parliament immediate after the statement the Leaders of Opposition in the two Houses, Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley effectively punctured every aspect of the statement, and posed to the P.M. the following five questions which the whole country also would want him to answer:

1. You are the principal beneficiary of the Vote of Confidence succeeding. There was admittedly a case of bribery. Even the majority in the Parliamentary enquiry has held Shri Saxena to be a bribe giver. Why have you or your Government not referred the matter for investigation to the CBI? Why have you tried to conceal the investigation of truth and the punishment of the guilty? Are you guilty of dereliction of duty? Are you guilty of breach of privilege of the Parliament in not complying with the recommendations of the

Parliamentary Committee of Lok Sabha?

2. In the face of the Parliamentary enquiry returning the finding of bribe being paid to MPs, why did you tell the India Today Conclave that you are unaware of the factum of bribes being paid?
3. Have you had a chance to see the video recording of the payments of bribes which was telecast on news channels a few weeks after the incident?
4. Has it ever weighed on your conscience that you procured a vote of confidence through such dubious means which you have admitted tarnished India's image domestically and internationally?
5. Even belatedly, are you willing to show any repentance and accept moral responsibility for such a monumental blunder and resign as the Prime Minister?

However, I would like to draw the people's attention to a preposterous thesis Manmohan Singh has propounded in this statement and would like Congressmen to question him about that.

After referring to the Committee constituted by the 14th Lok Sabha to investigate the allegations of

bribery, the Prime Minister goes on to say :

“I am disappointed that members of the Opposition have forgotten what happened thereafter. Upon the conclusion of the term of the 14th Lok Sabha, there was a general election. In that general election, the Opposition parties repeated their allegations of bribery in the trust vote. How did the people respond to those allegations? The principal Opposition party which had 138 seats in the 14th Lok Sabha was reduced to 116 seats in the 15th Lok Sabha. The left parties found that their tally was reduced from 59 to 24. It is the Congress Party alone which increased its tally from 145 to 206, an increase of 61 seats.

It is unfortunate that the Opposition continues to raise old charges that have been debated, discussed and rejected by the people of India.

Since when has an election victory come to be regarded as exoneration of crimes committed by the victor before his election? Does the Prime Minister realise the serious implications of this absurd thesis ?

All political analysts will readily accept that the core issue in the 1989 Lok Sabha elections in

Continued on page 19...

BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY

A Brief History

By Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is a nationalist organization engaged in building India as a strong, vibrant and prosperous nation. It was formed as a political party on 6th April 1980 with Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee as its first President and “Lotus” as its election symbol. Since the days of its inception, BJP has been active at national and international levels and on issues related to public interest registering its strong presence everywhere and giving new dimensions to Indian politics. It has been able to change the dynamics of politics in India by challenging the one-party rule of Congress and thus heralding an era of bipolar coalition politics on the lines of democratic principles. BJP also laid the foundation of ‘Development based Politics’ by pursuing the agenda of development in the States ruled by it and in the centre when BJP led NDA came to power during 1998-2004. In the last two decades BJP has emerged as a strong cohesive political force in the country.

Background

BJP was formed as a new party on 6 April 1980 but its roots lay in Bharatiya Jansangh which had merged with Janata Party in 1977. Soon after the country became independent and the nation was partitioned, a new kind of political situation prevailed in India. After the murder of Gandhiji, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was banned and a political conspiracy was being hatched in the country to suit certain ulterior political motives. After the

April 1-15, 2011 ○ 16

death of Sardar Patel, Nehru started to display his dictatorial tendencies more resolutely. In the absence of both Gandhi and Nehru, the Congress slipped in the grip of ‘Nehruism’ and the issues like minority appeasement, license-permit-quota raj, neglect of national security, surrender on the national issues like Kashmir, compromising stand affecting India’s interest on international foras started stirring the conscience of the nationalist people of the country. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee deeply hurt by India’s silence on the persecution of minority Hindus in Pakistan and Bangladesh and perturbed by the

Time-Line (Chronology)

Bharatiya Jana Sangh	1951 - 1977
Janata Party	1977 - 1979
Bharatiya Janata Party	1980

policies pursued by the Congress government under the influence of ‘Nehruism’ resigned from the Nehru cabinet. At the same time some RSS *swayamsevaks* started to realize that their ‘principled-distance’ from politics had resulted in their being politically alienated and targeted by certain vested interests to score political points. In such a situation the necessity of a nationalist political party was started to be felt by the nationalist and democratic minded people of the nation. As a result, Bharatiya Jansangh was formed on 21 October 1951 in Raghomal Girls High School, Delhi with Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee as its first president.

Bharatiya Janasangh started a movement under the leadership of

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on the issue of Kashmir and national integration and opposed grant of any special status to Kashmir. The dictatorial approach of Nehru saw the arrest of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee who was jailed in Kashmir where he died under mysterious circumstances. The responsibility to build the newly born political party came on the able shoulders of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay. Bharatiya Jansangh played a very effective role during Indo-China war in 1962 and staunchly opposed the policies of Nehru. For the first time in 1967, the Congress monopoly over power was breached due to the initiatives taken by Bharatiya Jansangha and Pandit Deendyal Upadhyay when Congress was defeated in assembly elections in various States.

Formation of Janata Party and merger of Bharatiya Jansangh

People were becoming restive under the dictatorial rule of Congress government led by Indira Gandhi. In Bihar student movement started along with the Navnirman movement in Gujarat. Congress chose to suppress these movements. Loknayak Jai Prakash Narayan agreed to lead the movement against the repressive Congress regime as people unrest against the Congress government became stronger throughout the country. In 1971 ‘External Emergency’ provisions were brought into force in view of Indo-

Pak war and Bangladesh liberation movement which continued even after the war was over and the situation had normalized. The demand to lift the emergency was growing stronger. The Indira led Congress tried to muzzle the voice of the people fearing nationwide public unrest. On 25 June 1975, under the article 352 of Indian constitution 'Internal Emergency' was imposed on the country in addition to 'External Emergency' which already was in force. All the top leaders of the Opposition were either put into house arrest or jailed. Censorship was imposed on the press. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh along with many other organizations was banned. Thousands of activists were arrested under the draconian law 'MISA' and put into jails. The democracy was imperiled. Mass struggle

also started growing stronger with underground activities playing the role of catalyst. Increasing strength of people's movement against emergency and growing unpopularity forced Indira Gandhi to dissolve Lok Sabha on 18 January 1977 in order to seek a fresh mandate. A new political party in the name of 'Janata Party' was formed on the call of Jai Prakash Narayan. As there was very little time left for the elections so Janata Party could not be formed as full fledged political party. In the 1977 general elections Congress was completely routed and Janata Party along with other political formations returned with thumping victory. As per earlier announcement, in a conference of around 5,000 delegates Bharatiya Janasangh

merged itself with Janata Party on 1 May 1977.

Formation of BJP

Janata Party could not last long. In around two and half years internal dissensions started surfacing in the party. Congress also showed no qualms in taking political advantage of the situation. To alienate the members of erstwhile Bharatiya Jansangh in Janata Party the issue of 'Dual

making India a strong and prosperous nation, which is modern, progressive and enlightened in outlook and which proudly draws inspiration from India's ancient culture and values and thus is able to emerge as a great world power playing an effective role in the comity of nations for the establishment of world peace and a just international order. The party aims at establishing a democratic state which guarantees to citizens irrespective of caste, colour, creed or sex, political, social and economic justice, equality of opportunity and liberty of faith and expression. The party has declared its true allegiance to the constitution of India as established by law and pledges to uphold principles of socialism, secularism and democracy seeking to strengthen sovereignty, unity and integrity of the nation.

BJP has adopted the philosophy of "Integral Humanism" as propounded by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay as its core ideology. The party has now been focusing on *antnyodaya*, good governance, cultural nationalism, development and security. BJP has also committed itself to five basic principles called *panch nishtha*. These are nationalism and national integration, democracy, positive secularism (*sarva dharma sambhava*), Gandhian socialism (Gandhian approach to socio-economic issues leading to the establishment of a *samras samaj* free from exploitation), and, value based politics.

Achievements

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee was elected as the first president of

Chronological List of Bharatiya Janata Party Presidents

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee	1980
Shri Lal Krishna Advani	1986
Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi	1990
Shri Lal Krishna Advani	1992
Shri Kushabhau Thakre	1998
Shri Bangaru Laxman	2000
Shri K. Jana Krishnamurthy	2001
Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu	2002
Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu	2004
Shri Lal Krishna Advani	27th Oct. 2004 to 31st Dec. 2006
Shri Rajnath Singh	1st Jan. 2006 to 26th Nov. 2006
Shri Rajnath Singh	26th Nov. 2006 to 19th Dec. 2009
Shri Nitin Gadkari	19th Dec. 2009 to till now

Membership' was raised by some vested interests. Objections were raised on the links with RSS. It was being said that the members of Janata Party cannot take the membership of RSS. On 4 April 1980 the National Executive of Janata Party prohibited its members from taking membership of RSS. The members of erstwhile Jansangh opposing the decision came out of the Janata Party and formed a new political party in the name of Bharatiya Janata Party on 6 April 1980 in Kotla ground, Delhi with Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee as its first president.

Ideology and Mission

Bharatiya Janata Party is continuously striving to build a strong, united, prosperous and self reliant India. BJP envisions of

Bharatiya Janata Party. BJP became active in the national politics soon after its formation. Once again the non-Congress political parties shared a common platform while campaigning against corruption and Bofors. As a result the Congress party led by Rajiv Gandhi was defeated in the 1989 general elections. The National Front government led by VP Singh was formed at the centre which was supported by BJP from outside. In the meanwhile *Ramjanam bhoomi* movement was started in the country. The then BJP National President Shri LK Advani started a *rathayatra* from Somnath to Ayodhya. The increasing support to *Ramjanam bhoomi* movement and growing popularity of BJP made the government uncomfortable which decided to stop the *rathayatra* forcing the BJP to withdraw its support to the government. This led to fall of VP Singh government and Chandrashekhar became the Prime Minister of the country with the support of Congress. In the general elections that followed the public support for BJP went on increasing. In the interregnum, Narsimha Rao government and United Front government with Congress support were formed creating new records in corruption, loot and misrule.

BJP has been able to expand its support base right from the day of its inception. It not only increased its tally in course of different general elections, it once also became the largest party in the Lok Sabha. BJP won 161 seats in 1996 elections. In 1989 it had won 85 seats and 120 seats in 1991. In 1996 it emerged as the single largest party in the Lok Sabha. For the first time Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee became Prime Minister in 1996 but due to lack of majority the government

April 1-15, 2011 ○ 18

could not last for more than 13 days. In the 1998 general elections BJP registered victory on 182 seats. BJP leaders were able to form a broader national alliance in the name of National Democratic Alliance (NDA) which came to power in 1998 under the Prime Ministership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Although the government could not survive as the coalition ruptured due to unilateral withdrawal of support by AIADMK from the NDA, it came back with thumping majority in the elections that followed winning 306 seats in the elections. The BJP repeated its performance by winning 182 seats again. Once again the BJP led NDA government was formed under the Prime Ministership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. BJP led NDA government under the Prime Ministership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee created new records in the field of development. Achievements like Pokhran explosion, successful test of Agni-II, victory in Kargil war raised the prestige of India on international foras. The building of national highways, reform in Public Distribution System, new initiatives and novel experiments in the field of education and health, fast pace of development in the area of agriculture, science and technology, industry, exploring new horizons like IT and telecommunications, and a regime of stable prices are some of the unparalleled achievements of the NDA government. Several effective measures were initiated to improve relations with Pakistan and Bangladesh, to check terrorism and naxal violence and to normalize situation in Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern regions. A number of decisions were taken to ensure national unity and integrity by giving good governance to the people so as to make the nation

prosperous and strong. The BJP led NDA government initiated a new era of 'Development based Politics' under the then Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the then Deputy Prime Minister Shri LK Advani giving new form of dynamism in the functioning of the government.

Present Scenario

The Bharatiya Janata Party has been marching ahead with different BJP leaders giving new impetus to the organizational works. The BJP leaders like Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Shri Kushabhau Thakre, Shri Jana Krishna Murthi, Shri Bangaru Laxman, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu and Shri Rajnath Singh led the party as National Presidents and made BJP a force to reckon with by increasing its support base among different sections of the society. Presently BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley are waging relentless struggle against the regime of loot, corruption, misrule and misgovernance unleashed by Congress led UPA government. In the midst of the din of *mehangai*, loot and corruption BJP is again emerging as the hope of the nation.

BJP is today the main opposition party in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. It has also formed government in six states on its own and with its allies in three States. It has also become main nationalist force in the country raising the issue of good governance, development, unity and integrity of the country. The party is playing a major role in our democratic polity by raising and addressing issues of public concern and helping build a strong and vibrant India safeguarding the unity and integrity of the nation. ■

Continued from page 15...

which Rajiv Gandhi lost to Vishwanath Pratap Singh was the Bofors Guns Scandal. And no one can forget that Rajiv Gandhi who in 1984 had secured an all time record of 415 Lok Sabha seats slumped to just 197 seats in 1989, that is less than half !

After this new thesis put forth by Dr. Manmohan Singh to claim that the people of India have endorsed his brazen bribery shenanigans, does he realise that by the same logic the 1989 verdict of the Lok Sabha would mean that the Indian electorate had pronounced Rajiv Gandhi guilty in the Bofors scandal ?

NO LIMITS TO BRAZENNESS

In a single week, the Hindu has published two news reports based on Wikileaks which have gravely undermined Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh's position in national politics.

The first report, in the Hindu dated March 15, 2011 says that after a meeting with India's National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan in August 2009, American Ambassador Timothy Roemer concluded that Dr. M.M. Singh, in his "great belief" in talks and negotiations with Pakistan, was isolated within his own Government, and that the National Security Adviser also did not agree with him.

I believe that if on issues related with terrorism, like Pakistan and J&K, evaluation were to be made of Indian public opinion, Dr. Manmohan Singh would be discovered isolated not only in his own Government but even among the people.

But what has inflicted a really irreparable sledge-hammer blow to his government's image and even to its legitimacy is the second Hindu

April 1-15, 2011 ○ 19

report which has appeared just two days later on March 17, 2011. Little wonder several newspapers have been referring to this report as a WIKIBOMB for the U.P.A.

The paper has accessed this report also from Wikileaks. The news story as published has been written by Siddharth Varadarajan, the eminent Political Editor of the Hindu. The main ingredients of this report are:

(1) This is a cable sent to Washington by the U.S. Charge d' Affairs Steven White.

(2) In this cable, White wrote about the visit the Embassy's Political Counsellor paid to Satish Sharma, M.P. in the Rajya Sabha, and a close associate of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, considered to be a very close family friend of Sonia Gandhi.

According to Varadarajan, Mr. Satish Sharma told the U.S. diplomat that he and others in the party were working hard to ensure that the Government won the confidence vote on July 22. After describing the approaches the Congress leader had made to the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Akali Dal, Mr. White drops a bombshell of a revelation: "Sharma's political aide Nachiketa Kapur mentioned to an embassy staff member in an aside on July 16 that Ajit Singh's RLD had been paid Rupees 10 crore (about \$2.5 million) for each of their four MPs to support the government. Kapur mentioned that money was not an issue at all, but the crucial thing was to ensure that those who took the money would vote for the government."

Courtesy: The Hindu

(1) "Kapur showed the embassy employee two chests containing cash, and said that around Rs. 50-60 crore (about \$25 million) were lying around the house as pay-offs."

(2) Another Congress Party insider told the Political Counsellor that Minister of Commerce and Industry Kamal Nath is also helping to spread largesse; according to this interlocutor, "Formerly, he could only offer small planes as bribes; now he can pray for votes with jets."

Varadarajan comments : "The fact that Congress politicians could speak so freely to American diplomats about their bribing spree during the run up to the confidence vote – and that the latter could be so blasé about the subversion of democracy – underlines the all – compassing but ultimately corrosive nature of the strategic partnership the two governments were trying to build".

Varadarajan's acidic comment reminds me of the brilliant speech I heard last week from my distinguished colleague Jaswant Singh while initiating a Lok Sabha discussion on the Demands for Grants of the External Affairs Ministry.

Referring to GOI's Pakistan policy, Jaswant Singh said:

"Whether it is Pakistan or Afghanistan, our policy is no longer ours. That Pakistan is essential to U.S. policy is a given. You do not have to even debate it. I remember very well, Sir. I was already out of South Block and in the North Block when we had a visitor. I do not know whether I should name him or not. He was a U.S. official. His body was that of a body builder. He came to meet me in the Ministry of Finance. I then told him that I have no anger against you. But you have greatly misjudged (us). If I had anything to do with the management of India's policy, I shall never-ever ask the United States of America for

anything as far as Pakistan is concerned. This is on record. This, Sir, was not a boast. I was then a representative of India. I appeal to you not to bank on the United States of America because we will find an answer left to ourselves. But you will never find an answer if you try and find answers through the United States of America.” ■

Nitin Gadkari's Message on disaster in Japan
Gadkari expresses profound grief & deep concern over loss of life

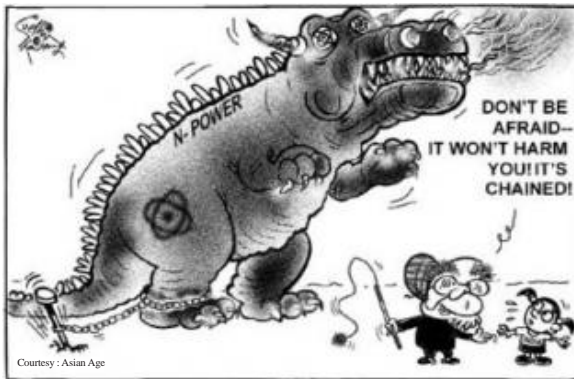
BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari has expressed profound grief and deep concern over the huge loss of life and severe devastation caused by the fury of Tsunami and massive earthquake in Japan on March 12, 2011.

In a message, Shri Gadkari said the BJP shared the agony and sorrow of the afflicted people of Japan and expressed the hope that the international community will stand by our Japanese brethren and the government of Japan in these trying times.

Recalling his interactions with the former Prime Minister of Japan during their recent meeting in New Delhi, he said that the unflinching spirit of braving such calamities which is inherent to the Japanese society will make Japan brave this disaster and once again, rise from the ashes!

The BJP President has also appealed the Government of India to extend all possible help to the people of Japan.

Learning from the recent experiences in strife torn countries, Shri Gadkari said, the Ministry of Overseas Indians Affairs should prepare a Comprehensive Disaster Response System to take care of emergency evacuations and to extend all possible urgent help to the affected NRIs. ■



BJP National Office Bearers and State Presidents meet in New Delhi

BJP will launch a nationwide Jan Sangharsh Andolan against inflation and corruption : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent

Addressing the BJP National Office Bearers and State Presidents meet in the Parliament premises, in New Delhi on March 09, 2011 BJP National President Shri Nitin



Gadkari said the Congress party and the UPA's bad governance are responsible for the inflation and rampant corruption that has harmed the interest of all Indians.

He said this government's inability to get back the black money stashed in foreign banks is also most condemnable.

On that occasion Shri Gadkari said BJP will launch a national level Jan Sangharsh Andolan against inflation and corruption. This agitation will start on 6th April, 2011 and end on 15th June, 2011.

BJP National President further added that, "We will hold rallies in 600 districts all over the country, our state level and district level leaders will spread the message of this Jan Sangharsh to the smallest town and village of India. We will also conduct a marathon race, a Padyatra, street plays and make use of other mediums like talks by the intellectuals to carry out this abhiyan".

He also appealed to all Indians to take part in this Jan Sangharsh to free the nation from the bad governance of the Congress led UPA government. ■

General discussion on Budget-2011-2012

Budget benefiting corporate houses in the name of poor : Murli Manohar Joshi

It is a fact that Budget should not only be jugglery of figures but should also contain the directional measures for socio-economic changes and more importantly should also contain firm steps towards achieving the said objectives. This principle was adhered to neither last year nor this year.

Now, we have to see as to what are the signals of the Budget 2011-12 and for whom it has been formulated. If we measure the Budget on the five parameters of fiscal management, growth, control on inflation, development of agriculture and weeding out corruption, it is largely disappointing.

The hon. Finance Minister has said that the fiscal deficit has been brought down from 5.5 percent of the GDP last year to 5.1 per cent this year. 3G has resulted in windfall profit due to which fiscal deficit has been contained at 5.1 per cent from 5.5 per cent. This is not due to any genius of the hon. Finance Minister nor does it reflect any excellence of fiscal management. Even in the Mid Term Policy Statement, it has been accepted that we have been able to contain fiscal deficit due to buoyant revenue receipts. Now, look at the non-plan expenditure which was estimated to be Rs. 7,35,657 crore in 2010-11 and it was revised to Rs. 8,21,552 crore. For the year 2011-12, it is estimated at Rs. 8,16,182 crore. This is not likely to remain at this level and likely to increase because the inflation is increasing. If you look at the plan expenditure in 2010-11, it was estimated to be Rs. 3,73,092 crore and it was revised to Rs. 3,95,000 crore. In the year 2011-12, estimate was Rs. 4,41,547 crore. From



Synopsis of the speech made by former BJP National President Dr. M M Joshi on General Budget (2011-12) discussion in the Lok Sabha on March 08.

what resources it will be mobilised? The Government has no control over inflation. The price of crude oil has been galloping and the price of food grains at the international level are also rising. In such a scenario, it seems misplaced to project the total expenditure for 2011-12 at Rs. 12,57,729 crore. One does not know where will this figure overshoot. Even then, the Government maintains that this Budget will be a road-map to reforms. The question is whether the Government wants to stick to reform agenda or try to rectify the fundamentals of the economy. If you have a look at the Budget, it will be found that borrowings to the tune of Rs. 4,70,000 crore has to be resorted to which is a cause of concern for the RBI which maintains that there is a liquidity squeeze and if the Government resort to marketing borrowing then from where will the funding for general industry will be managed which in turn will lead to industry becoming non-competitive, adversely affecting the exports and reducing the inflow of foreign exchange. These things will further add to already ballooning inflation. The hon. Finance Minister has stated that fiscal management and development are very important issues. I do not see that the

country will be able to either sustained growth or control inflation through these measures.

The Government is talking about bringing the Food Security Bill but it has not made any budgetary provision for it. I will be very happy if the Government is able to achieve this goal but I do not think that it will be able to do so. The Government by taking all monetary and fiscal measures talk about bringing inflation down from

8.23 per cent to 4 to 5 per cent. I would like to know how will it be done? I am afraid if you will be able to meet the high goals you have set for yourselves. From where will the Government mobilise the resources. This time around, even it is not clear as to what extent the Government seeks to mobilise funds through disinvestments. Again the Government say about increasing investments through FDI and FIIs flow. FII money is hot money and they will go where they stand to get the maximum gain. If our stock market is productive for them, they will remain here, otherwise they will go somewhere else. The Government is also keen on increasing FDI in retail sector. I would like to request him not to open the retail sector. Please do not ruin the economy of India. Reform it if you can. I am not against reforms. If you want to achieve something for the country as a successful Finance Minister then strengthen and reform the retail sector as it is the very backbone of our economy. The Government can also bring in resources through domestic savings. The RBI also maintains that there is a need to increase domestic savings. Widening current account deficit is also a matter of concern which will have a direct bearing on the stability of the economy. The 21st Century is the time for knowledge based society and we are converting out knowledge into capital. There is a need to structure a knowledge based society and train the people. Make the country technically advanced and grant maximum patents by increasing innovation.

Now have a look at another aspect of the Union Budget. The Government is giving tax break of Rs. 245 crore every day for the Corporate sector. I would like to remind him that almost the same amount is going outside the country every day through hawala route. The Government stand to lose approximately Rs. 21,25,023 crore of revenue from the year 2005-06 to as on date. Who has been its beneficiary? Without doubt, it is corporate houses. The Government also maintains that cut in excise duty will lead to relief for the common man because it is an indirect tax. Has this relief reached to the common man? This is nothing but corporate socialism. It is benefiting corporate sector in the name of common man.

Some people also have committed suicides in Surat who were engaged in the diamond business. If the Government has lowered the custom duty, its benefit should reach the beneficiaries. Had

April 1-15, 2011 O 22

they got it, I would have been much pleased. But, the Government is extending benefit to the corporate houses in the name of poor. As per the report of the Global Financial Integrity, an amount of 462 billion dollars has been stashed away in foreign banks. The concessions which the Government have been giving to the big industrial houses that amount is being deposited in the foreign banks in the form of black money. What is this happening? This is the money which is being siphoned off due to wrong policies of the Government. The Government is not implementing the PDS properly. Now the Government says that the subsidy to the poor would be transferred to the beneficiaries in the form of cash. But, it is beyond my comprehension as to how they are going to transfer this money in cash. What I want to say is that we should have a good delivery system. A large population of India is reeling under hunger and poverty. The Government is not ready to provide food grains to the poor. 37 countries have witness food riots. I am afraid that India is also going in the same direction. Food grains are grown in fields. They are grown by farmers. Land, seeds, water, fertilizers etc are needed for it. To ensure that farmers get remunerative prices, a good marketing system should be in place. As per the Economic Survey of the Government for the year 2009-10, the per capita availability of food grains has decreased in the country as compared to the year 1955 whereas our neighbouring countries like Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh have more per capita food grain availability than ours. A large number of people in the country are engaged in agriculture. Every now and then the Government talks about agriculture.

It is an irony that the availability of food grain is decreasing. Ours is fast becoming a malnourished State. A malnourished State cannot become a superpower. As per the Economic Survey of the Government, the investment in agriculture stands at 7.5 per cent only whereas more than 58 per cent people are earning their livelihood from agriculture. How the Government is going to increase investment in agriculture. If the Government provides half of the concessions to the agriculture sector it is giving to the corporate houses, the farmers of this country would be much happier. The investment in agriculture has continuously been decreasing. The Government has grossly neglected the National Farm Policy

which was placed in the House in 2007. It has not ensured a guaranteed income to the farming community.

The youth of this country are reluctant to adopt agriculture as a profession. Some friends had conducted a survey in the villages of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. They interviewed about one lakh youths as to whether they wanted to adopt agriculture as a profession. They could not find a single youth who was willing to adopt agriculture as a profession. Reiterating the food crisis of China and America, I would like to say kindly do not ignore it. We have been warned that the 21st Century could witness a severe water crisis. A mega scheme was launched for repairing, renovation and restoring of water bodies. But I want to know how many water bodies, ponds and wells were repaired and renovated? The water crisis both in terms of drinking and irrigation purposes is looming large in our country. But, this crisis has not found a place in this year's Budget. I would like to caution the Government it should immediately stop Future Trading in commodities. The Government says that it is providing agricultural loan to the farmers at the rate of four per cent instead of seven per cent. But I want to say how many farmers are taking advantage of this loan scheme.

Only big farmers stand benefitted from this scheme whereas small and marginal farmers are not getting the benefit of this scheme. I want to know from the Government as to why the farmers are still committing suicides. I want to request the hon. Finance Minister the policy of the Government should be such as our farmers should be debt free and our rural youth employed, only then we can expect a hunger free and prosperous Hindustan.

There is no provision of social security and health facilities for more than 58 per cent people of the country. The CAG has made some remarks in connection with the National Rural Health Mission of the Government. It has painted a grim picture of the state of affairs of Primary Health Centres in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. There is no mention of Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy systems of medicines under the National Rural Health Mission. The report in regard to water is much more funny. There are 44 Accelerated Irrigation Projects which have been shown completed and fund for the purpose has

April 1-15, 2011 ○ 23

also been shown as spent but there is no water there. Why the Government is encouraging corruption in the name of social sector? Kindly restructure all the schemes. Without doing so these schemes would not deliver any good. The hon. Finance Minister has said a lot about the 150th Birth Anniversary of Guru Rabindranath Tagore. But, why the Government has forgotten P.C. Roy? He also belongs to West Bengal. He had established the Bengal Chemicals. Acharya P.C. Roy had done a wonderful job in writing the history of chemistry but the Government has forgotten the contribution he made in the field of science. Why can you not announce some very strong and very viable 150th Anniversary programme for him? It will give a message to the scientists of India. What the Government has done for Pandit Malviya ji? He was the President of Indian National Congress for four terms.

Our Prime Minister has said that the world is all praise for our model of development. But what we should do of this model in which the unorganised sector has no say, our farmers are suffering, poverty is increasing, disparity and price rise are also increasing? I do not at all agree to such kind of model.

The model which is unable to raise the standard of living of the majority of people of the country is unacceptable to this country. The same model has ruined America and Europe. China will also not go with this model for a long time. It has started bringing about improvement in this model. What I want to say that India should develop its own model to suit its economic issues. It is good that the Government has increased the honorarium of *Anganwadi* workers. It should have increased a bit more.

It is good that there has been some increase in the scholarship for SCs and STs students. But the Government has discriminated against Jammu and Kashmir. It has provided Rs. 100 crore to Ladakh whereas Jammu has got only Rs. 150 crore. Why this discrimination? I do not see any commendable work this Budget has done. It has not done anything substantial to improve the lot of the poor. I am very much concerned about many proposals and figures of this Budget. As I said earlier that if the Government could improve its financial management, it would be better for it. But I am afraid that it would be able to do so given the facts before us.

General discussion on Budget - 2011-2012

General Budget has nothing for the poor : Ravi Shankar Prasad

The Budget is not only a routine exercise of accounting and expenditure in the Indian context, but this yearly instrument is also viewed with great hope by the people, the poor, the businessmen and all other people. But this time, even one of the members of the NAC has said that Budget has nothing for the poor. The rate of inflation is an area of concern. Price rise is not only creating problems for the poor, extremely poor, but also for the middle class. Common people are suffering, and there are only assurance and assurances. The Economic Survey itself acknowledges that the prices were high for the last 76 weeks, beginning from June, 2009. Rice, vegetables, potato, onion, fruits, milk, meat, fish, tea and spices, etc. all are costly.

As per Economic Survey, an Indian household spends 40 per cent of its expenditure on food articles only. In developing countries, it is 7 to 8 per cent. The most interesting part is that these statistics relate to the Wholesale Price Index. The Consumer Price Index is not mentioned at all. The logic for price-rise is being given that people are eating more, and, therefore, the prices are rising. It is not only unfortunate, but deeply regrettable. India has the largest population of adolescents in the world, and out of it, 47 per cent are underweight and 56 per cent are anemic. As per the World Bank report, 80 per cent of children, 70 per cent of pregnant women and 24 per cent of men suffer from malnutrition. This is the state of country's health, health of the poor

April 1-15, 2011 ○ 24



Synopsis of the speech delivered by BJP National General Secretary and Chief Spokesperson Shri Ravi Shanker Prasad in Rajya Sabha on Budget (General) 2011-12 discussion, on March 09, 2011.

people. Yet when it is being stated that people are eating more, and, therefore, prices are going up, this I would say, is very, very painful.

The other argument is that faster economic growth would lead to price rise. If the statistics in this regard are compared with those of other countries, we find that it is not a correct, actual position. This whole argument that the price rise is integral to growth is not acceptable. In fact, between 2005 and 2010, the prices of all commodities have risen by 38 per cent, while the prices of food items have jumped over by 77 per cent. During the NDA regime, India became the highest producer of milk in the world. Now, we are being confronted with a situation that we have to import milk. Why is there this gross mis-management? As per Budget speech, the food stock in the Central Pool reached 470 lakh metric tonnes. But the total food storage capacity in India is roughly in the region of 200 lakh metric tonnes. This means that more than half the stock of foodgrains in the Central pool was lying outside the storage capacity and they were rotting. It is not being released to

the public and is allowed to rot. This is a gross case of food mismanagement which, I think, requires a very clear answer.

Now, I come to the agricultural sector. More than 65 per cent of India's population exist upon agriculture and it has the potential to provide 58 per cent of employment in the country. Yet, the GDP component is only 14.6 per cent. This is a serious imbalance in the entire economic

architecture of the country. Now, if you see the Central allocation for irrigation, it is only Rs.565 crores which is a pittance. Unless agriculture is seen as an important component of the Indian GDP, agriculture would never be given the priority which it deserves. And I regret to say that I do not see any big picture in this Budget.

Under Second Green Revolution, you have 60000 villages in six areas which have been given Rs.300 crores each. It means one village will get just Rs.50,000 which is not sufficient. We know that agriculture is a State-subject, but, the Central Government's initiative also is required. We have decided to transfer subsidy in cash to the people below poverty line. We want to know as to how many poor or below poverty-line are there in the country because different figures have been given by various bodies. The growth story of the UPA is that the poor are becoming poorer and rich are becoming richer. We support the role of private sector in growth because both the Government and the private sector have to play a crucial role. And we appreciate the entrepreneurship. But, if you give a regime which only leads to wealth creation for those few and the larger public below the poverty line is suffering and their number is rising, this kind of regime is not acceptable to us. You need to address this issue. It is not an inclusive growth. Now I come to the health issue. The worst component of this Budget is the slapping of a five per cent Service Tax on healthcare.

We are spending just one per cent of the GDP on healthcare. The public infrastructure is quite unsatisfactory. 80 per cent of expenditure on health comes from own resources of the people of this country. It is high time healthcare must be taken as a part of infrastructure. In the entire Budget there is not even a whisper about unemployment and how you are going to remove unemployment in the country. Manufacturing sector is a big component for giving a push to employment but it is down. I would like to know how much employment has been generated in the UPA-I and UPA-II in this country? Unemployment rate in India went up to 9.4 in 2009-10 from 8.3 in 2004-05.

I now come to infrastructure sector. In the Economic Survey you have acknowledged it as a sad story. Take the case of National Highways. We were proud of that. It was a great success story of the NDA regime, the golden period of National

Highways programme, and more than 71 per cent Golden Quadrilateral was completed, the East-West Corridor was going very high. Now we hear that the NHAI is having raids by the CBI, the GMs, the Deputy GMs, the Under Secretaries, etc. are going to jail. What is happening? Unless we have good infrastructure, can India grow as you have projected? The Housing sector is another area of growth for employment generation. But there is resource crunch. There is no roadmap for housing for poor.

You have to take the fiscal deficit to 4.6 per cent. In the last year fiscal deficit came to 5.1 per cent against the Budget Estimate of 5.5. Why? It is primarily because of the bonanza you got from 3G auction. How are you going to take it down now? What is troubling me more is your vision that subsidy must come down. Yes, it has come down provided the needs of the poor are met. Now, what is the scenario today? We see a lot of corporate write off in terms of income tax foregone, various central duties foregone. The subsidy meant for the poor is coming down and the corporate write off are rising. The question of black money abroad in your speech caused the biggest disappointment to us. Is it only a tax liability or is it a crime? It is the fruit of crime, various money laundering and a whole range of other criminal activities. Why I am saying that is because you have raised two issues, double taxation and tax exchange information agreement.

Why do you need a strong observation from the Supreme Court to take action against a person who stashed billions of India's money illegally abroad? What is the total amount, approximately, of Indian nationals, as per the Government of India's understanding, 205 deposited in foreign banks? This money relates to how many individuals and how many companies? And, against how many of these some form of criminal prosecution has been initiated? We would like to know how much information has been given to foreign banks.

We would like to know that out of 1200 cases, information on how many of them have been given to foreign banks. Secondly, why has India not ratified the UN Convention Against Corruption? Why this is not being done is a question I would like to know, because this will enable you to seek cooperation from different countries, including Switzerland. ►

No provision for women, farmers and youths in the budget : Prabhat Jha

This Budget is not a general budget as it has nothing for the common people of this country. The Government has no credibility and so, have no overwhelming influence. Today, the condition of UPA Government is that a number of scams are taking place in the country and their Ministers are in jail.

The CVC case is going on and a sense of threat from coalition parties is being faced by the Congress Party. In such circumstances, the Finance Minister has presented the budget and for this, I appreciate him.

I would like to ask from Minister of Finance that what provision he has made in this budget for about 77 percent people who are living below poverty line? There are about 15 lakhs malnourished children who die every year. The number of workers in unorganized sector is about 44 crores. What provision you have made for them? There is no provision for women, farmers and youths in the budget. You have promised to provide loan to farmers at the rate of 7 percent.

The BJP ruled Government in Madhya Pradesh has allocated budget for providing loan to the farmers at the rate of one percent from this financial year itself. According to the UPA Government high rate of growth is the reason behind rising prices. But there is no relation between price hike and rate of economic growth. The current phase of



Synopsis of the speech made by Madhya Pradesh BJP President Shri Prabhat Jha on Budget (General) 2011-12, on March 11, 2011.

inflationary pressure on India is not due to high rate of growth, but because of high prices of food products. The Government claims that it has done enormous amount of work for the betterment of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. But the House seeks answer from the Government that why it has reduced about 27 crores in the budget for them. The Union Government spends only one per cent of GDP on health services, which is insufficient.

There is about 14 percent deduction in allocation of budget for various national health programmes in the last two years. We all know the state of affairs of Government hospitals. In such a circumstance, about 5 per cent service tax has been imposed on diagnostic tests in the General Budget. The Minister of Finance has announced that his Government will make legislations for food

security. Whether some kind of provision has been made for it? You would be surprised to know that billions of rupees are lying unclaimed in Indian banks. In a response to a RTI application, the RBI has stated that more than Rs. 1300 crores money is lying unclaimed in Indian banks. I have with me names of the banks where the black money has been deposited. We would like to know that you were not able to bring back black money from Swiss Bank, but what are the reasons for not withdrawing the black money deposited in the Indian banks.

► The middleclass has been ignored in this Budget. When the Direct Tax Code is going to be implemented from next year, you could have increased the limit to Rs. 2 lakhs this year itself. The poor saving of Rs. 2,000 is going to be written off by the continuing inflation. The GST is good for the country, but we must ensure that it is operated in a manner that fiscal interests of States are not lost. The country also needs reform programmes. Many areas are still lying for intervention. We would expect the Government to reach out to the Opposition. ■

Budget devoid of vision, foresight and focus : Piyush Goyal

There were great expectations from this Budget but unfortunately, it has belied all such expectations and is devoid of any vision, foresight, focus, statesmanship initiative or drive. They have achieved less than the targets fixed in various areas like power generation, highways construction, crude oil production, coal production, building up capacity of major ports etc. What has been the performance of this Government? They really have no concrete blue print to achieve in literacy, education and health care for all.

It is said that MNREGA scheme is providing employment to the people of this country. Is this the sort of employment that this Government wants to give to the people? What are the assets being created? The government is boasting the performance of MNREGA. Look at your performance. They talk about bringing back black money. But what is being done, is the routine tax collection, which is less than 20 crore. It has nothing to do with the black money. Government should come out with a blue print of how all procurement processes are done and how the natural resources are allocated by the government. The Government has brought a provision by which dividends repatriated from overseas subsidiary will be taxed at a reduced rate of 15 per cent. This



Synopsis of the speech made by Shri Piyush Goyal on Budget (General) 2011-12, on March 11, 2011.

is an indirect amnesty scheme that this Government has introduced. The government should ensure that these dividends are out of genuine income and this not surreptitious money which is being brought

in the garb of dividend.

The SEZ policy of the government has been completely flawed from day one. The government should not tax the genuine infrastructure developers in backward regions; rather they should tax real estate developers only. The Government should come out with schemes for solving tax litigations. This Government should focus to sort out the computerization problem in the tax department. Misuse of DTA treaty is taking place through Mauritius. Give tax benefit to Mauritius but only for genuine funds. The fiscal autonomy of the States have to be protected, especially from the effects of natural calamity. There should be some method to protect their fiscal autonomy. The inflation rate has gone up to 12 % during the last 5 years because of the faulty policies of this Government. ■

Kamal Sakhi Manch meeting organised

Keeping with its tradition of organizing a meeting at least once a while in every session of the parliament, a meeting of the family members of BJP Parliamentarians as well its female MP's (Kamal Sakhi Manch) was called upon by Smt. Kamla Advani, Patron of Kamal Sakhi Manch, in New Delhi, on March 01, 2011.

Shri Lal Krishna Advani, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, National General Secretary (organization) Shri Ram Lal, Smt. Kamla Advani, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Smt. Nazma Hapatullah, Smt. Santosh Shailja, Smt. Maya Singh, Smt. Sangeeta Jaitley, Smt. Savitri Singh, Smt. Yashodhra Raje Scindia, Smt. Smriti Irani and other members of the *Parivar* were present. The meeting started with a brief address of the convener of the forum, Smt. Prachee Javadekar. In her address, she explained the need for creating such platforms; objective of the meeting as well shared the experiences from such meetings in the past. ■ (FOC)

MADHYA PRADESH

Union Govt. ignoring State : Prabhat Jha

Bharatiya Janata Party State president Shri Prabhat Jha MP in an open letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on March 15, 2011 alleged that the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) Government is giving step-



Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Shri Jha in his letter highlighted that the UPA Government is hampering the pace of development in the State. "We do not have slightest hesitation in saying that the UPA Government is misusing federal structure by adopting discriminatory attitude on partisan basis and continuously creating hurdles in the development of the State."

He further said that when the State Government created a record in electricity production by generating 6109 mega watt power its stated causing problems to the State Congress and they in tune with the Centre executed conspiracy against the State and the 350 mega watt quota of the State from Centre was abolished. The Centre also reduced the coal to the State causing decline in the electricity production.

He said that the Centre is not providing adequate funds for the construction of roads in the State under the Prime Minister Rural Road Scheme. It is also adopting discriminatory attitude in case of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, the State Government has issued 63.70 lakh ration cards while the centre has made ration available for only 41.25 lakh BPL families.

Shri Jha further said that the crops in the State were damaged due to frost and it is amazing that the Central Government's Natural Calamity Fund does not have any mention of frost and thus it

April 1-15, 2011 ○ 28

m o t h e r l y treatment to Madhya Pradesh which heading on the path of development under the d y n a m i c leadership of Chief Minister

escaped from the responsibility of providing compensation to the frost hit farmers of the State. He said that the UPA Government is not providing chemical fertilisers in time and is creating artificial shortage doing discrimination with the farmers of Madhya Pradesh and the UPA is also doing politics in tackling the Maoists problem doing politics on the issue.

KERALA

BJP will give a tough fight in the upcoming election : Muralidhar Rao

Bharatiya Janata Party National Secretary Shri Muralidhar Rao has said that BJP will play a major role in shaping the future politics of Kerala. He was addressing a joint meeting of 40 candidates



announced by the party for the Assembly elections, leaders in charge of campaign in the constituencies and the party's State election management committee in Thiruvananthapuram.

Shri Rao said that both the Left Democratic Front (LDF) and the United Democratic Front (UDF) were involved in serious controversies so; the BJP will give a tough fight and would open its account in the Assembly this time. Both the UDF and the LDF were not confident of winning a clean majority in the forthcoming Assembly elections. People doubted that elections would not be an easy walkover for either of the fronts.

Alleging that the interest of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes were marginalized during the tenure of both the Congress and the CPI(M), he said status of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as enshrined in the Constitution was badly compromised by implementing reports of various

commissions.

He said the two fronts were not free from the clutches of communal forces. As a result, the development of socially neglected and unorganized sections was not in their agenda.

Referring to the corruption cases, he said, "almost every day we hear about scandals and corruption cases in government and corporate sectors in India. It is like episodes of television serials. The UPA had failed to stop corruption at all levels and *aam aadmi* will give a fitting reply to them."

DELHI

Sack Raj Kumar Chauhan : BJP tells Dikshit

BJP stepped up pressure on Chief Minister Smt. Sheila Dikshit demanding removal of PWD Minister Raj Kumar Chauhan following Lokayukta's recommendation to sack him and said it was also exploring legal option if he is not "shown the door".



"We will not relent till Chauhan is removed. It is a question of constitutional propriety and the Chief Minister should have

sacked him on the day Lokayukta had issued the order," Leader of the Opposition in Delhi Assembly Prof. V K Malhotra told reporters later.

The Leader of the Opposition said BJP has already issued a notice for censure motion against the minister and at the same time was exploring legal option on the issue. "We are exploring legal option. It is an unprecedented order and he has no right to continue in his position. We will decide about future course of action in a meeting tomorrow," he said.

Delhi Lokayukta Justice Manmohan Sarin had last month recommended sacking Chauhan from the Cabinet for trying to protect a leading resort in a tax evasion case, holding him guilty of misconduct of grave nature. In the order, the Lokayukta recommended to the President of India

April 1-15, 2011 ○ 29

to withdraw her pleasure for the Minister to continue in office as he misused his official position.

Justice Sarin's order came in a case pertaining to Chauhan's alleged involvement in influencing a team of tax officials when they were carrying out a survey at the premises of the resort in South Delhi in February last year.

UTTARA PRADESH

We demand President's Rule in the State : Surya Pratap Shahi



Demanding imposition of President's Rule in Uttar Pradesh, the state BJP President Shri Surya Pratap Shahi said that there was a total breakdown in law and order putting the life of a common man in the perils. "Killings

have become the order of the day. Women are being raped and then done to death. The students are facing police brutality, and farmers apathy of government officials. In this scenario there is no option other than to impose President's Rule in the state," Shri Shahi said in a statement issued in Lucknow on March 17.

He said the people have seen the mis-rule in Mulayam Raj and now facing the brunt in Mayawati Government. "Only BJP can provide a clean and efficient administration where the law of the land will rule the roost," he said.

The BJP State president declared that if his party comes to power it would order a probe into the property of Mulayam Singh Yadav and Mayawati. "One of the Chief Engineers who called the shots during Mulayam Raj and at present Mayawati's rule had earned a property of over Rs 400 crore. This shows both these government were corrupt and anti-people," Shri Shahi said.

He also visited family members of a slain Pradhan Lallan Kushwaha in village Samahi in Kushinagar district who was shot dead in broad daylight.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Centre is discriminating against BJP-ruled States : Nadda

BJP National General Secretary Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on March 17 said that the Centre led by the Congress is practising disparity with the BJP ruled states in the entire country, which is very sad and bad.



While addressing the house and giving his view point on the budget, Shri Nadda said that the UPA government should give 'Green bonuses to Himachal Pradesh for saving its green cover. He said that the state government headed by Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal has won many accolades for saving the environment of the state in a big way. We are the first state in the country to ban usage of plastic and the plastic collected by us is being used by the PWD department for the construction of plastic roads in the state.

"It is a matter of pride for us that a small state like Himachal has received wide spread appreciation for saving our ecology globally but it is quite unfortunate that the UPA government headed by the Congress in the Centre is turning a blind eye towards our great efforts in saving the environment," he added.

He also requested the Congress MLAs in the house to rise above political lines and should join hands to get the share of Himachal from the Centre.

Shri Nadda asked the Centre to give Himachal, the 'Green bonus' as committed by the Union Ministry of Environment as we stand at number two in the country on the parameters of saving the environment. "It is quite unfortunate that from the amount of Rs 3,000 crores, which was to be given to those states that had saved environment, not a single penny has been released till date. We should be compensated and be paid for our environment services rendered by our state to the whole country," he said.

April 1-15, 2011 ○ 30

UTTARAKHAND

Nishank highlights roadmap for states' development

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' addressing media persons at Derhadun presented the roadmap prepared by the state government for the development Uttarakhand.

Speaking about the different public welfare schemes being executed in the State, the CM

said that the Government is committed to ensuring the welfare of the backward segments of society by effectively implementing the *Atal Adarsh Gram Yojna* and *Atal Khadyanna Yojna*. Apart from successfully organizing the Maha Kumbh Mela in 2010, the present State Government has also facilitated development due to which the State is ranked first in India for industrial growth.

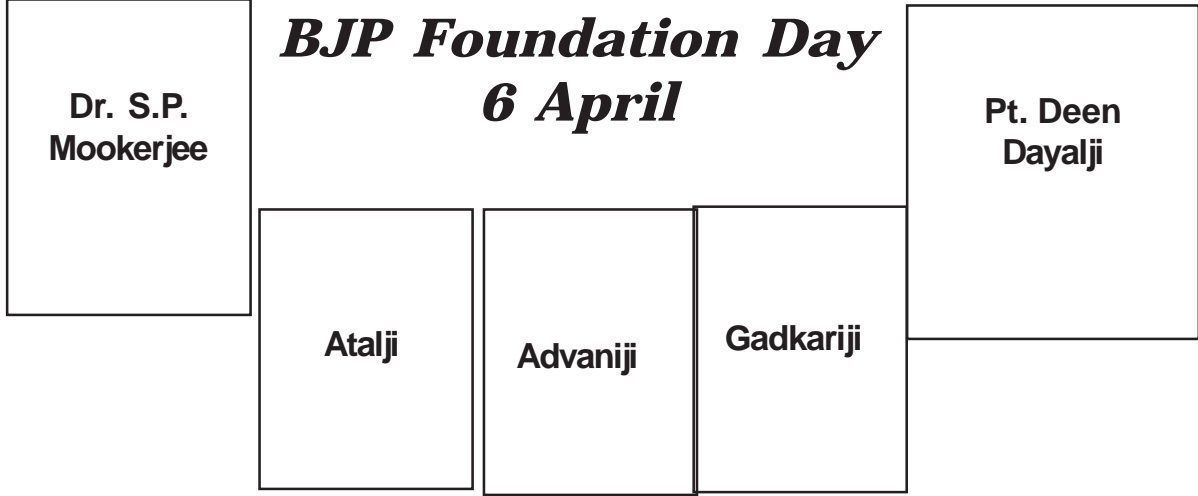
The State Government has taken measures like establishing medical colleges, upgradation of hospitals in PPP mode and introducing popular services like the GVK EMRI 108 service to improve the present and future of medical treatment and health services in Uttarakhand.

He further said due to the advantage of the special industrial package, the BJP Government had provided employment to 1,09,992 persons during the past four years. A larger number of unemployed persons would have gained employment if the present Central Government had not withdrawn the special industrial package accorded to Uttarakhand by the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The Government has planned to provide employment to 50,000 people out of which 20,000 will be employed by industrial houses.

Responding to the question raised regarding Shiksha Mitra, the CM said that their salary has been increased from Rs 4,000 to Rs 10,000 while their demand for regularisation is also being considered sympathetically for which a committee has been formed under the Principal Secretary, Personnel. Presently 4018 Shiksha Mitra are employed out of the total of 5,413 existing posts.

Referring to measures in the tourism sector, the CM said that an improved tourist circuit is being developed and various destinations including Dayra Bugyal, Hemkund Sahib, Pauri-Khirsu-Lansdowne circuit and Pithoragarh-Munsyari circuit are being developed. ■





कभी थे अकेले हुए आज इतने,
नहीं तब डरे तो भला अब डरेंगे?
विरोधों के सागर में
चट्टान हैं हम,
जो टकराएंगे
मौत अपनी मरेंगे।

लिया हाथ में ध्वज कभी ना झुकेगा,
कदम बढ़ रहा है कभी न रुकेगा।

- अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी

