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For even on obtaining undisputed sovereignty and an effluent kingdom on this earth and lordship over the gods, I do not see any means that can drive away the grief which is drying up my senses.

– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 8)

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The root cause of India's problems is not the EUROZONE; but it is the UPA-ZONE.

- Nitin Gadkari

In fact the UPA government has completely run out of ideas as far as management of inflation particularly food inflation is considered.

- L.K. Advani

Letter to the Editor

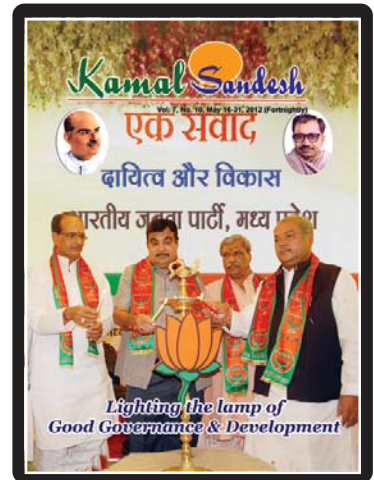


Corruption crossed all limits during UPA rule

Dear Editor

Once again hefty hike in Petrol price by an all-time record of Rs 7.50 per litre has proved UPA to be a curse for common man. It runs the government as a profit making company which has sole goal to maximize its profit. Slowly in its 7 years of tenure it has erased the concept of welfare government or welfare state. Increase in petroleum price affects prices of other essential commodities. While people in country face the worst economic situation, rise in the fuel price will force people to live in more pitiable situation.

**Abhisek Kumar Singh
Patna, Bihar**



"Relevance of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay and his ideas in present context"

Articles invited

Insightful and inspiring articles on the life and great work of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay ji are invited for a special issue of Kamal Sandesh under the title "Relevance of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay and his ideas in present context". Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay remains a source of our inspiration, guiding us in our journey to restore the glory and greatness of *Maa Bharati*. We request his associates, co-workers, researchers, writers and journalists to become a part of this *vichara yatra* of Kamal Sandesh.

-Prabhat Jha, Editor

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Come together and unite to build a strong organisation

Some of the happenings in BJP ruled Karnataka and Gujarat along with BJP Rajasthan have deeply hurt the sentiments of the common people. The BJP Karyakartas and its staunch supporters also felt the pain. It would not have caused pain had the happenings been pleasant. Everyone was hurt as the happenings were painful and in contravention to the very nature of BJP. Even the ones who were seen to be hurting the people would not have felt good. It has not been the fundamental character of BJP. There has never been any conflict in BJP for one's own sake. For last so many years, people have been fighting for the sake of the party here. If pupil make mistake in a class, it is understandable - but here even masters and principals are ready to leave the track. The party is the track on which the train of organization runs. Many travelers board the train and leave it also. If one has boarded the train, a time also comes when one has to de-board and disembark. And if a train moves, new travelers will join and some older ones will leave, some will stay there, some will board and some might disembark. Sometime in a crowded situation even traveler having urgency is compelled to stay back. He has to wait for another train. In his rush, he never pulls out any other traveler, nor he wrecks the track or stones the train. And if travelers start to destroy coaches and damage tracks laid by his own hands then how would he be able to reach his destination? The party functions on the basis of a system. The system is maintained by those who function in the party. Party doesn't function on the basis of any individual's contribution alone but on the basis of everyone's contribution. 'Only my will should be honoured, and none other should command if not me' - neither any organization nor any society or any family can function on the basis of such dictums.

Change is the rule of nature. The position which one acquires is generally vacated by someone else. When one leaves, someone else is supposed to occupy it. No one has come in the world for ever. 'One who has come is bound to go' - even after knowing this irrefutable truth, why one who attains higher position seems to be bent upon damaging his own maker and mother? The organization is the mother. She makes us with her affection and love. It takes years in the making of a karyakarta. Destruction takes no time, it is instant. Creation takes longer time. It requires the contribution of not one but many in creating something but for destruction one is enough.

We will have to think over whether there is any lacuna in our mode and method of building organization. It is time to think whether we have ceased or halted in the process of 'laying foundation stones to the building of kalash (pinnacle)' of the organization. After all, why one never looks back as to who has made him the kalash? Was he himself responsible for his attaining the top position? Whether the kalash was built to shake the foundation? Is it the nature of the kalash to shake the foundation on which it stands? One will have to think as to why such situation is created? We all know that the power comes from organization and it is no the other way round. When one looks at the political

history of the world then the only thing that appears true is that organization is supreme. When Kings were there, they used to follow the Dharmacharyas. Today, in the democracy the role of dharmacharya is now played by the organization. As one ascends the ladder, his understandings should also elevate. But the irony is that it is always seen that on reaching the top, even after knowing that a day will come when he has to come down, he tries to belittle to the ones below him. When we applaud a person more than required then we in fact ourselves open the door of his possible distraction. Similarly if one is criticized in extremity, we open the door for his possible exit.

Organization's strength at the ground will have to be built. When there will be strength at ground then the coordination between ground and sky would be better. Sky is in its place because it knows that earth is round and it keeps revolving on its axis. Sometime, sky takes the place of ground and the other time ground takes the place of sky. We have neither to fight with our own nor with our adversaries. We believe in waging ideological battles having full faith that those who are not ours today will surely become our own in the days to come. We will have to have confidence in our approaches towards people. Our approaches will prove effective in the expansion of the organization. Gold becomes an ornament when it is heated, beaten up and rolled. If it decides against going through the process of heating, beating and rolling then how can it become an ornament? No one wears a piece of gold around his neck, People wear ornaments. Atalji, Advani ji, Dr. Joshiji have been shining in the horizon of Indian politics for so many years only because they have always considered organization to be the supreme. They kept themselves within the fold of BJP even though their stature is very high but they never allowed their height exceed that of the party. This is the reason that it doesn't matter whether they hold any post or not, their political stature is so high that they are revered by everyone. Reverence is not for physical body but for commitment. Commitment cannot be cosmetic, it is natural. What we are today, we will not remain so tomorrow. Those who will be there tomorrow may not be day after tomorrow. A time might come when we will be nothing but would we then forget our relation with our ideological source?

Last days a meeting of former MPs and MLAs was held in the Madhya Pradesh BJP office. In the concluding ceremony of that meeting one of the senior most and distinguished leader 87 years old Shri Sunderlal Patwa said that all who were attending the meeting were known because of our party. We are indebted to the party. As long as we live we should never forget the position which the party has bestowed on us in the society and try to pay back to the party by working for it throughout our lives. In fact BJP is a new hope in the current political scenario. All are looking at BJP with hopes and expectations. In such a time, everyone will have to play important role in accordance with his responsibility. Rising above the petty issues of 'self' and 'other' and issues of 'self existence' every one should come together and unite for the existence of the party. As we carry out the orders of the Mukhya Shikshak in a shakha – we never see what his age is or whether he is senior or junior to us – the only thing that we see is that he is the mukhya shikshak of the shakha and to carry out his orders is the duty of every swayamsevak. Today, it is not important as to who occupies the post. What is important is that we have to keep the honour of the post and the system. ■

Congress has created problems, BJP will provide solutions : Gadkari



Addressing the National Executive Meeting held in Mumbai on 24-25 May 2012, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari said that the situation created in the country by a shameful saga of corruption, scandals, failures and betrayals of UPA government has made people to look towards BJP with hopes and expectations. He said the Congress has created problems and assured that the BJP will become solution in the days to come. Saying that only BJP can provide genuine alternative he emphasized on the need for expanding the mass base of the party so as to consolidate and expand to fulfill people's expectations. He also highlighted the importance of discipline, unity and training in the party. We are publishing the full text of his speech for our esteemed readers:

Esteemed Colleagues,

The National Executive of the Bharatiya Janata Party is meeting in Mumbai after a gap of many years. The principal purpose of this meeting is to begin our preparations for the next Lok Sabha elections, irrespective of whether they are held in 2014 or earlier.

In these elections I see nothing but a clear mandate. Let's begin the preparation for our Vijay Yatra from the shores of Sindhu-Sagar, here in Mumbai.

Two days back, on 22nd May, the Congress-led UPA completed eight years in office. It has become a lame-duck government. When farmers are committing suicide, rupee is falling, essential commodities are getting costlier, and the UPA is celebrating mindlessly. From Mumbai, the BJP sends out a message loud and clear to this corrupt, scandal-ridden, anti-poor, anti-development and increasingly unpopular government: "Your days are numbered. People of India cannot afford to have any more of your misrule. And they have made up their mind to throw you out- lock, stock



and barrel. It's time for the BJP-led NDA to come back, clear the mess you have created, and take the nation on the path to progress".

Atalji, our source of inspiration

Mumbai has a proud place in the history of the BJP. It was here that the first plenary session of the party under the leadership of *Shraddheya* Atalji was held in December 1980 after it was founded in April that year.

All of us are today missing Atalji's presence in our midst. His blessings are always with us. We wish him a speedy recovery and long life.

Today the BJP's return to power has become a national necessity. We must succeed in discharging this duty. Political situation in the country and also the people's mood are supportive of the BJP's comeback, provided we gear up to seize this opportunity.

Not Euro zone but UPA-zone is the cause of India's current economic woes

The people of India are looking to the BJP with

high hopes and expectations. Indeed, their expectations from the BJP are rising directly proportional to their disillusionment and anger with the Congress. The reign of the government of UPA has been a shameful saga of corruption scandals, failures and betrayals.

The worst victim of the UPA government's betrayal is the *aam aadmi*, who is reeling under the burden of unprecedented and unrelieved price rise. As if the pain already being experienced by the poor and middle-classes were not enough, the government has now increased the petrol prices. This is another example of the government's utter insensitivity.

Under the leadership of our economist-Prime Minister, the India Rupee is in a state of free fall. The rupee may soon go down to 60 against the US dollar. India's hard-earned forex reserves are under tremendous pressure. Wrong policies of the government are forcing Indian entrepreneurs to look for investment destinations abroad.

Predictably, government spokespersons are blaming external factors for the problems in the Indian economy. This is sheer escapism. The root cause of India's problems is not the EUROZONE; but it is the UPA-ZONE. The fact of the matter is that there is complete paralysis of decision-making and policy-formulation in the government. In the absence of strong leadership the situation has further worsened.

Another indicator of the UPA government's misrule is the unprecedented deterioration in the Centre-State relations. Several non-Congress Chief Ministers have complained that arrogance of Congress leadership at the Centre has reduced state governments to the level of municipal bodies. This is totally unacceptable to the BJP. It is in complete contrast with the harmonious development of Centre-State relations during the NDA government headed by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Congress has created problems: BJP will provide solutions

The BJP believes that there is an urgent need to radically change the policy priorities of India's economic growth in favour of sustainable development, employment generation, agriculture, rural development, informal sectors of the economy, SCs, STs, other deprived sections of society, and also the poor belonging to the upper castes and minorities.

This cannot be expected from the Congress, which has given them nothing but false hopes

There is also an urgent need to effectively address, with both short-term and long-term measures, critical challenges such as WATER SECURITY, ENERGY SECURITY, and FOOD SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY.

As we are having this meeting in Maharashtra, large parts of the state are reeling under a severe drought. This has become a recurring phenomenon. The state government has once again resorted to the 'Water Tanker' solution' to this problem. Water does not reach the villages because the Tanker, predictably, 'leaks'. Indeed, the Tanker solution has an in-built design to ensure leakage, so that corrupt bureaucrats, politicians and contractors can siphon off crores of rupees of public money.

I am using the 'Tanker' solution as a metaphor. For it shows what is happening in almost all the development and welfare schemes introduced by the Congress – NREGA, NRHM, Indira Awaas Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission, and so on.

I believe that all such basic problems can be addressed only by combining our ideology of Nationalism with a strong commitment to Good Governance, Innovation-driven Development and *Antyodaya*.

I have just returned from a visit to Israel. It's a tiny nation with less than half of Mumbai's population and having very little freshwater and hydrocarbon resources. It also faces a constant security threat from its neighbours. And yet, the government and the people of Israel have developed self-reliant solutions to meet the entire population's needs of water, energy, food, education and healthcare. They have indeed made Israel a world leader in science, technology and innovation.

We need a similar nationalist, self-reliant, development-oriented and innovation-propelled approach in solving India's problems.

We must provide solutions while highlighting the problems. When people give us the mandate to form government at the Centre, our priorities should include launching of an ambitious national programme, on the lines of Atalji's National Highway Development Project and the PMGSY, and completion of all the major and minor irrigation projects in a time-bound manner. We should also launch a water conservation mission on a war-footing. With this we will be able to

achieve a three-fold increase in India's agricultural production and transform the rural economy. Similarly, for all major irrigation projects centre and states could pool their resources. By doing so, we will be able to achieve a large scale increase in India's irrigation capacity.

In the 60th year of the Indian Parliament, we should give a call for an *effective parliamentary system*. Let us initiate a nationwide debate on how to make Parliament, State Legislatures and Panchayati Raj Institutions more effective and accountable. Let us also present to the nation a blueprint of Electoral Reforms.

Let us popularize the bold initiatives taken by our two state governments – Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh – which were the first to pass an effective and strong Lokayukta Bill in their respective states.

We should not only congratulate our Chhattisgarh Government for its firm and successful handling of the Naxal hostage crisis (involving Alex Paul Menon, a district collector), but also present to the nation our comprehensive approach in dealing with this grave internal security issue.

The BJP/NDA's commitment to solving problems is evident in the amazing achievements and initiatives of our Gujarat government in boosting agricultural production to record levels, in solving the perennial problem of water scarcity in Saurashtra and Kutch, in showing the way to the nation in solar power, female literacy, tribal welfare, and so on.

This approach is also evident in the adoption of IT for Good Governance in Karnataka, the remarkable improvement in rural health services in Bihar, and the adoption and effective implementation of the Citizens' Charter in Madhya Pradesh.

All the recent studies have conclusively shown that the States ruled by the BJP/NDA have scored much better than those ruled by the Congress/Left on economic management and governance in the decade of the 2000s. Most of the awards for good governance have gone to the BJP/NDA-ruled States.

BJP's principled perspective on regional parties

Our approach to regional parties is very clear. We believe that they also have a national perspective. Indeed, many of them were valued

partners of the BJP in the National Democratic Alliance.

The lesson of the NDA rule has shown that a stable government is possible only if the ruling coalition has a national and nationalist party like the BJP as its strong anchor. We should educate the people about the risk of instability at the Centre.

We should impress upon the people that instability at the Centre could inflict a heavy price on the nation's security and economy. Therefore, we should make them understand that a strong BJP-led coalition, based on a common programme, is the only true alternative that can answer their growing desire for change of government in New Delhi.

BJP: a genuine alternative that the People of India are looking for

The alternative that the people are looking for has five determinants:

- (a) Strong, capable and credible leadership with team spirit that puts the Nation above the Party, and the Party above Self;
- (b) Clear Vision about the challenges and opportunities before the nation;
- (c) Ability to take the right decisions and implement them with people's support;
- (d) Transparency and honesty in functioning; and
- (e) Strong commitment to *Rashtravaad* (nationalism), *Sushaasan* (good governance), *Vikas* (development) and *Antyodaya* (uplift of the poor and the marginalized).

Our Development Vision, of which 'Antyodaya' is the core, places the highest priority for the all-round progress of *Gaon, Gareeb, Kisan and Mazdoor*. Swami Vivekananda has exhorted us:

"So long as millions live in hunger and ignorance, I hold every person a traitor who, having been educated at their expense, pays not the least heed to them."

Our Party will earn the trust of the people to the extent we develop all the above-mentioned qualities in the BJP on a consistent basis – at the Centre, in States and at local levels. Based on the strength of the people's trust, and the political power that it provides, we will be able to bring about the major transformations in various walks of national life that we have in mind.

We in the BJP should not look at our role in politics from a narrow and short-term perspective. Politics for us is an instrument of far-reaching

socio-economic transformation. Let us make ourselves worthy of this role.

Today's dynastic and corrupt Congress is the chief obstacle to India's attainment of its full potential for growth and development. For this, it is necessary, first and foremost, to dislodge the Congress.

Our strategic task: Increase the BJP's vote share by at least 10% and expand the NDA

As I have pointed out on several occasions over the past two years, our strategy to replace the Congress as the principal pole of Indian politics hinges critically on three imperatives: (a) Expansion of the BJP's support base in states where we have been traditionally weak; (b) Increase in the BJP's overall vote share by at least 10% on a consistent basis; and (c) Expansion of the NDA.

Both tasks entail necessary action on ideological, political and organizational fronts, at the national as well as at state levels.

There has been some heartening progress in our thinking and action on these issues. Many of our *Morchas* and Cells have done commendable work in recent months. The Kisan Morcha held a successful Kisan Sansad in the national capital earlier this month. The Bunkar Prakoshth (Weavers' Cell) recently organized 'Samar Shanknaad', a national conference that gave vent to the plight, and fight, of the weavers' community. The Fishermen's Cell has also become active. The Trade and Industry cell organised an event, attended by 500 industrialists, to showcase achievements of BJP governments.

The Mazdoor Mahasangh has organized many agitational activities across the country. One such event held in December last year saw the participation of representatives of more than 500 trade unions.

At each of these conferences and functions, we not merely criticized the government for its failures and betrayals. But also put forward concrete solutions and commitments that the BJP will implement if given an opportunity to form the next government at the Centre. If our vast organizational network takes the message of these activities to the grassroots, it will definitely enhance the goodwill for the BJP among various sections of society.

In the coming months, we have planned huge national conferences of workers in the unorganized

sector, teachers and educationists, doctors, lawyers, traders, chartered accountants, etc.

I attach special importance to speedy expansion of our work among the nearly 45 crore workers in the unorganized sector of the economy. We should make agriculture workers, construction workers, porters, rickshaw-pullers, maid servants, and all such people who believe that the BJP is THEIR PARTY.

When we succeed in this task, our vote share will naturally go up by over 10 % on an enduring basis. In this regard I must mention here the recent success of a massive rally in Madurai organised by our Tamilnadu unit. I congratulate the State Unit for this success.

BJP's performance in recent elections

I now turn to our Party's electoral performance since we last met.

I call upon all of you to join me in congratulating the State and Mumbai unit of the Party for their resounding success – together with our alliance partners, the Shiv Sena and the Republican Party of India (Athawale) – in the recently held municipal elections in Mumbai and also in several other cities and towns in Maharashtra. This success will surely be a prelude to the Party's, and our alliance partners', bigger success in the next Vidhan Sabha elections.

Similarly, I take this opportunity to congratulate the Delhi Pradesh BJP for its decisive victory in the just-concluded municipal elections. This victory, too, will be a precursor to the Party's bigger victory in the Assembly elections, scheduled to be held in 2013.

In neighbouring Goa, the BJP succeeded in ousting the Congress in the recent Assembly elections. I congratulate the Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar, Shri Sripad Naik and Shri Laxmikant Parsekar and all our karyakartas. Our victory in Goa is significant for two reasons. Firstly, we have won a convincing mandate. Hence, there is no scope for the Congress party's favourite pastime: destabilization of the BJP government. Secondly, our Party has succeeded in winning the support of a large section of the minority communities in Goa, notwithstanding the Congress party's false and self-serving propaganda that the BJP is anti-minorities. Nine of our MLAs are from minority community.

Learning from the Goa experience, I would like all our Party units to intensify similar efforts

to win the trust of our sisters and brothers belonging to minority communities. I have an appeal and a very clear message of assurance: "Do not continue to fall prey to the self-serving propaganda of the Congress and the Communists about the BJP being an anti-Minorities party. You have nothing to fear when a BJP-led alliance forms the next government. We shall care for your security, your development and your welfare. We are committed to ensuring Economic Justice and Social Justice for all Indians, irrespective of their religion, caste, creed, language or gender. This is the lesson we have learnt from Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's *Integral Humanism*."

Let us also warmly congratulate our colleagues in Punjab, and our alliance partner, the Shiromani Akali Dal, for their highly impressive achievement in winning a renewed mandate in the State.

Let me also tell you that recently in Andhra Pradesh, our Party triumphed in the by-election to the Mehboobnagar assembly constituency, and this is a noteworthy victory.

In Uttarakhand, the BJP came very close to forming the government. We must analyze these results.

Our performance in Uttar Pradesh was below expectations. The people in the State wanted change, but we could not project ourselves as a credible and strong alternative.

Paramount importance of unity and discipline

Even though the BJP's tally in UP was not on expected lines, our Party still has a very large base and there are potential supporters as well. They will surely shift their allegiance to the BJP in the next parliamentary elections if we make necessary efforts to win them back. Our Party also needs to promote youth at all levels. We have already begun this process.

Our immediate task is to get ready to successfully face the coming assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh. Like all our BJP and NDA ruled States Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh governments have earned several laurels for setting new records of Good Governance. Gujarat, in particular, has captured the imagination of the rest of India and the world because of its rapid and all-round development. I am confident that our Party units will triumph in winning the people's mandate yet again in these two states.

Rashtrapati election

India will elect the 13th President of the republic in July this year. The BJP is striving to create a broad consensus among all the non-Congress parties for fielding a worthy candidate who can, besides safeguarding the Constitution, further add luster to the highest office of the Republic. The Congress party's chief criterion for selecting its candidate to occupy Rashtrapati Bhavan appears to be loyalty to the Dynasty, and not loyalty to the Constitution. Just as it has devalued other democratic institutions, **it also seeks to devalue** the office of Rashtrapati. It must not be allowed to succeed this time.

Training of Party karyakartas

I shall now deal with certain organizational matters.

I am happy to share with you that our Training Department is vigorously pushing ahead our training agenda. This year, due to elections in five States we were not able to carry out all our training programmes in a planned manner. We are now all set to move ahead in a big way. My assessment is that our structured training programme has helped the Party in the recently concluded elections. Uttarakhand had held *Pravesh Vargs* in all its districts, Punjab in all its Vibhags and two State level Vargs were held in Goa. Delhi took more than 30,000 workers through its one-day Mandal Abhyas Vargs held in more than 200 Mandals. The results are there for everyone to see.

The second level of training, called *Pragat Vargs* is being launched from June 2012. The first *Pragat Varg* will have the National Executive of our SC Morcha from 15-18 June 2012 in Madhya Pradesh, followed by Andaman & Nicobar and other States. I appeal to all of you that this tempo be maintained. I look forward to *Pravesh Vargs* and *Pragat training Vargs* being held in all parts of the country in 2012-2013 also.

Let me on this occasion extend an earnest appeal to our office-bearers at all levels that they have to take the initiative and ensure that training schedules are maintained as per the planning and we achieve the targets that we all have set before us.

The activities of our Good Governance Cell are truly commendable. In April, it organised a first-of-its kind meet of Chairpersons and Members of the State level Khadi and Village Industry Boards and handloom as well as handicraft boards. The

Good Governance Cell has also embarked upon a novel idea of showcasing the exceptionally good work done by our governments through monographs and short documentary video films, under a series titled as “The Difference That We made”. The first monograph in this series, on the remarkable success of Chhattisgarh in implementing a novel Procurement and Public Distribution System has already been published. A short film on the success of Gujarat in implementing BRTS in Ahmedabad is being released in this meeting. A monograph on the Environment Protection initiatives in Himachal Pradesh is also being released in this meeting. Similar publications showcasing our success in Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab and Goa are also being prepared.

I have asked the Information Technology and Good Governance Cells to jointly organize a national conference soon on the theme of ‘**Good Governance Through E-Governance.**’

Let me also share with you that our Overseas Friends of BJP are doing excellent work. In November last, OFBJP USA conducted two training sessions for our local activists. As a part of our efforts to promote party-to-party relationship with political parties abroad; we hosted a six-member delegation of the Republican Party of the USA in January this year. This delegation visited Mumbai to participate in an orientation programme organised for them by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini. They also visited Ahmedabad to witness a few good governance initiatives of the BJP government in Gujarat.

In January, we launched an IP TV or Internet TV channel called YuvaTV. This is a very ambitious initiative of our IT Cell. Through this we are trying to reach out to the youth of the country. As you are aware, youth constitutes almost 35% of our population and we have to make every effort to reach out to them. I appeal all our Yuva Morcha members to enthusiastically participate in the functioning of this channel and use it to respond to the aspirations of our new voters. Let me also mention here that our Ex-Servicemen cell and Defence cell did a wonderful job in reaching out to the voters during the Uttarakhand elections.

BJP’s Vision 2025 document

Ours is not a party that sets its sights only on the next election. Our thinking, goals and commitments are long-term in nature, and they are

guided and inspired by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya’s philosophy of ‘Integral Humanism’, which indeed takes a civilisational view of India’s past, present and future.

Accordingly, the Party has decided to prepare, and present to the Nation, a VISION 2025 document. It will project the BJP’s future-focused perspectives, ideas and commitments on a wide range of issues centred on the theme – ‘Making India a Strong, Prosperous and Harmonious Nation, A Shaper of the World’s Destiny in the 21st Century’. The document will contain big and ambitious ideas, and at the same time also a practical roadmap on implementation.

It is my hope that the BJP’s ‘VISION 2025’ document will enable all our karyakartas and supporters to propagate the party’s perspectives and goals on many issues that the thinking people in our country are already seriously debating. It will also be helpful in projecting the image of the BJP as a party with an inspiring vision, which it is committed to implement by uniting the productive energies of the nation.

A task of this nature has to be necessarily participative. It must involve karyakartas and supporters of the BJP all over the country – and also abroad. They can – indeed, they are eager to – contribute to such a project by sharing their valuable ideas and suggestions online. A team has been constituted to prepare the Vision 2025 document. It is expected to complete its task before Deendayalji’s Jayanti – on 25th September.

*Deendayal Bhavan: New BJP
Mukhyalaya*

Let me share with you a very happy development. The government of India is allotting land to all major political parties for their national headquarters. Accordingly, we have been granted a two-acre plot at Deendayal Upadhyay Marg in the national capital. We are now preparing to construct a magnificent office complex on this plot. This will comprise three units dedicated to party administration, training as well as research and development.

A unique feature of this new edifice will be a permanent exhibition depicting the BJP’s ideological and organizational journey so far. This exhibition will showcase our efforts through various agitations for defending India’s unity and integrity. It will remind all of us about how our leaders struggled, and made sacrifices, to protect

democracy. Our contribution to the rich heritage of the Indian polity will also be on display in the proposed exhibition hall.

This will be a structure of the Karyakartas, by the Karyakartas and for the Karyakartas! Therefore, it has been decided that this structure will come up through personal contributions made by lakhs of our karyakartas. I take this opportunity to appeal to all of you to join in this historic drive and contribute your mite to this ambitious project.

Conclusion

The year 2013 is important for us on many counts. It marks the 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. For millions of people all over the world, Swamiji has been an eternal source of inspiration. I appeal to all the Party units to celebrate this sacred occasion through innovative projects and programmes in every nook and corner of our country and to educate the people about his contribution to India's national renaissance. Let us demonstrate that, in the field of politics, the BJP is the best *Vaahak* (carrier) of Swamiji's message for *Jagrut Bharat*.

Let me specifically mention here that, for the BJP, Hindutva is based on the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. For us, Hindutva is synonymous with being forward-looking, scientific and development-oriented. In fact Hindutva and development are inseparable.

Our country is going through a difficult phase, for which the UPA's misrule is principally responsible. The situation in the country today is such that the people want to see the exit of the Congress. They want change and they are keenly

searching for the right alternative. They have high hopes and expectations from the BJP. If we rise to their expectations, they will surely give us a mandate to form the next government and an opportunity to serve the nation.

We can't afford to ignore that politics for us has always been an instrument for nation-building and all-round social progress. Let us establish this and rise above all secondary considerations and unitedly work to strengthen the BJP at a time when Destiny itself has presented before us both a challenge and an opportunity. We must succeed. Let's consolidate and expand to fulfill the expectations of the people!

In order to spread this message, I appeal all the members of this National Executive to rededicate themselves to the task of strengthening party organisation. I have decided to undertake a two-day tour of every State for interactions with Organizational Core Team, Office Bearers, Elected Representatives and karyakartas!

As I said at the very outset, this meeting of the National Executive is to begin our preparations for the next parliamentary elections; I propose a simple, but sure, formula of success: LET US STRENGTHEN UNITY, DISCIPLINE and DEDICATION AT ALL LEVELS. I recall the prophetic words of our dear Atalji with a small addition:

Andhera Chhatega, Karyakarta Jutega, Suraj Nikalega, Kamal Khilega...

Dhanyavaad!

Vande Mataram!



Appeal for observing 'Bharat Bandh'on 31st May 2012

Statement of NDA acting Chairman Shri Lal Krishna Advani

Yesterday, the UPA government suddenly increased the price of petrol by more than Seven Rs. which will only create further miseries and discomfort to the people of the country who are already suffering great difficulty because of severe price rise which is going unabated under the UPA government. In fact the government has completely run out of ideas as far as management of inflation particularly food inflation is considered. In the history of the country, there has never been such a steep rise on a single day in the price of petrol. The gross mismanagement of economy by the UPA is significantly responsible for this. The common man is going to be the biggest sufferer.

To protest against this arbitrary hike, the NDA has decided to organize a day long peaceful protest including a "BANDH" in the entire country on the 31st of May 2012. I appeal to the people of the country to fully cooperate and participate in this peaceful protest.

Congress led UPA's casual and callous approach created serious drought situation



Drought has hit hard different parts of the country including Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Bundelkhand region in UP and MP. The situation is very grim and it has created severe hardship for the people of these regions. In the BJP National Executive meeting held in Mumbai on 24-25 May 2012, a resolution was moved by former BJP President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu expressing grave concerns over the worsening drought situation in these regions. The resolution was seconded by Maharashtra BJP State President Shri Sundhir Mungantiwar, Karnataka BJP State President Shri K.S. Ishwarappa and Andhra Pradesh BJP State President Shri G. Kishan Reddy. Demanding relief for the people the resolution recommended a number of steps to be taken by the UPA government without any further delay. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers:

The National Executive of the Bharatiya Janata Party notes with deep concern the serious drought situation in different parts of the country, more particularly in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, Bundelkhand region in U.P. & M.P. which are severely hit by drought. The National Executive also notes with deep disappointment the indifference of the Central Government towards the sufferings of the people.

Drought has multiplier effects and it affects adversely different sectors of the economy. It results in food scarcity, fodder scarcity, water scarcity, reduced agricultural production and income, increased prices for food and other items, unemployment in agriculture and allied sectors leading to migration, default on agricultural loans, rural unrest etc.

Maharashtra

Maharashtra is facing severe drought situation. Western Maharashtra and parts of Marathwada and Vidharba regions have been severely affected. The State Government has declared drought in 15 districts (209 talukas) and 6201 villages for Kharif and 1552 villages of Rabi crops.

The affected area under Kharif crops is 20.40 lakh Ha with 14, 62,931 farmers being affected



whereas the affected area under Rabi Crop production amounts to 10.77 lakh Ha with 804057 farmers being affected.

There is substantial reduction in the water levels of irrigation projects as well as ground water levels. In 23 talukas, the ground water levels have come down by 1-2 mtrs, in 9 talukas between 2-3 mtrs while in 6 talukas the decline of groundwater level is above 3 mtrs. Drinking water is being supplied through tankers.

There is substantial reduction in production of foodgrains, oilseeds, cotton & Sugarcane. Cereals are expected to face a decline in production by 5%, pulses by 22% and food grains by 5%. The expected productivity of rabi - jowar too will be reduced by 11 and 26 % as compared to normal and last year respectively. There is a severe shortage of fodder for livestock.

Horticulture in 13 districts is affected by drought where a total area of 109527 lakh Ha under fruit crop production of Pomegranate, Grapes, Mangoes, Oranges, Sweet Lime etc is affected. Due to inadequate rainfall, there is severe reduction in yield.

Keeping in view the current drought situation in Maharashtra, the State Government has requested the Centre to provide a total assistance of Rs. 2281.37 crores and 5 lakh MTs of food

grains at BPL rates to the State at the earliest.

Even though a Central team has visited the State and assessed the situation, central assistance has not been granted yet.

Karnataka

70% of Karnataka i.e., 123 out of 176 taluks have been declared drought affected. There is water scarcity and fodder scarcity. Rain fall for the last quarter is the lowest since 1970.

Both *Kharif* and *Rabi* crops failed. Total crop loss is estimated at 5953 crores. Scanty rainfall, dry spell and moisture stress not only affected *Kharif* but also *Rabi* crops severely in the interior parts of the State. Ground water has been depleting day-by-day. Most of the bore wells have dried up. Only 5 out of every 100 bore-wells are functional.

In some areas ground water level availability is 1250 feet deep. The under ground water has hit all time low and yielding non-potable water. High levels of fluoride and arsenic material is creating health problems.

Drinking water problem is very acute in 4853 villages. State Government is supplying drinking water by tankers to hundreds of affected villages. Out of 3475 Minor Irrigation tanks, 1242 tanks have dried up completely.

State Government has spent 562.55 crores so far to mitigate drought. For drought relief measures, State Government sought, in the first place, Central assistance of 2605.99 crores and later submitted a memorandum for 5953 crores. Centre has cleared 186.68 crores and released only 70.23 crores so far. It is deplorable that the Centre has not even released the balance amount Rs.116.45 crores at the first instance.

The drought is so severe that the State alone cannot, without the assistance from the Centre, deal with the unprecedented situation. The State Government sought an interim relief of Rs.1500 crores which has not been given so far. The state has also sought allotment of additional food grains of 3,00,000 MTs of rice and 57,000 MTs of wheat for distribution to the BPL card holders.

The Central team is now going to visit the State when the monsoon is fast approaching. It demonstrates the callous attitude of the Centre.

Andhra Pradesh

The entire State of Andhra Pradesh is affected by the drought. 876 Mandals in 22 districts have been declared as drought affected. An area of 34.24 lakh hectares (29.75 lakh belonging to small

and marginal farmers and 4.49 lakh hectares belonging to other farmers) was damaged. 49,31,701 small and marginal farmers and 3,06,259 other farmers were affected.

30,98,560 MTs of agriculture produce is lost. Its value is estimated at 5747 crores. Crop loans are not rescheduled. Farmers are demanding 10,000 per acre as input subsidy. Even the old age pensions in the affected areas are not being given properly.

An aggregate amount of Rs.3,006 crore was sought from the Union Government as Central Assistance from the NDRF. The Government of India has approved central assistance of Rs.706.15 crores out of which a sum of Rs.385.78 crore was released and the remaining amount was adjusted against SDRF account of the State.

The government of Andhra Pradesh promised input subsidy of 1860 crores in the month of December, 2011. So far that amount has not been released. Farmers who suffered loss during 2010-11 *rabi* seasons have not received compensation. Even the *Rabi* crop size has gone down by 10%.

The BJP observes with great concern that the Union Government's response to the serious problem of drought is very casual and callous. There is inordinate delay in deputing the Central Teams to visit the affected areas in different States and then the Government does not act timely on the recommendations of the Teams. The rainy season in many parts of the country is about to start and there is no use in sending the teams very late. This shows the indifferent and insensitive attitude of the Union Government towards the sufferings of the people.

The BJP demands that -

- ▶ The Union Government must immediately constitute a Group of Ministers for taking stock of the drought situation in the country, more particularly the three states of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh and to take appropriate policy decisions speedily for dealing with the situation.
- ▶ An interim assistance of Rs. 1500 crores to each of these states, and 500 crore relief to the Bundelkhand region in U.P. & M.P. must be provided at the earliest possible. Also, the Centre must release 5 lakh MTs of food grains free of cost to each of these states so that those could be distributed to the affected people.

'Farmer centric Development Model' - need of the hour



Agriculture is increasingly becoming a costly affair and it is becoming unprofitable. The phenomenon of farmers quitting agriculture and taking crop holiday shows that the country is already in the grip of agrarian crisis. In the BJP National Executive Meeting held on 24-25 May 2012 in Mumbai, a resolution was passed on 24 May 2012 demanding a 'Farmer Centric Model of Development' in place of 'Western Model of Development'. While the resolution underlines various factors like problem of debt and drought, government's anti-subsidy approach, shrinking cultivable land, absence of farmer friendly land acquisition policies, flawed procurement and storage facilities, lack of irrigation facilities etc., it also suggested measures along with reminding the policies of NDA which helped in promoting and strengthening agriculture sector. The resolution was moved by former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh and seconded by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers:

The Bharatiya Janata Party expresses its deep concern over the ongoing agrarian crisis in the country. Agriculture in India is not merely an economic activity but also a source of employment generation for nearly two third of our population.

The UPA Government's inability to respond quickly and adequately against the challenges posed by the ongoing crisis has put livelihoods of our farmers in jeopardy. India needs an economic model based on equitable growth which doesn't create huge income disparities.

We need a 'Farmer Centric Development Model' as the 'Western Model of Development' is not suitable in a country like ours. Western model is now fading away even in European and North American countries, where it originated. If India wants to become an economic powerhouse in the 21st century it has to come up with a new model for sustainable development.

Farmers Quitting Agriculture, Taking Crop Holidays

Indian farmers suffer because agriculture has become unprofitable. Their plight is pitiable as the input costs have gone up exponentially without a corresponding increase in MSP. This has forced



the farmers to either quit farming or go on a crop holiday. National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) data indicates a growing sentiment that 42 per cent farmers would quit agriculture if given an alternative.

This sentiment has manifested in its worst form in large areas of Vidarbha (Maharashtra), Bundelkhand (Uttar Pradesh), Royalseema - Konaseema (Andhra Pradesh) and many other parts of the country. Perhaps for the first time ever in the history of independent India paddy farmers in Konaseema- Royalseema region had to go on a crop holiday which affected 1.25 lakh acres of farm lands.

The UPA Government failed to take any concrete action to help these paddy farmers.

Problem of Debt and Drought

Millions of farmers have come under severe pressure from mounting debt burden. In some cases distressed farmers took the extreme step of committing suicide. The Congress led UPA Government's callous attitude towards large scale farmers' suicide reminds us of the insensitive British rule.

The Prime Minister and Congress President visited Vidarbha region in Maharashtra where

thousands of farmers have committed suicide due to debt related issues. A relief package worth several hundred crore, announced in 2006, failed to deliver any relief to farmers even after six years. Congress party has been giving hollow promises to farmers all these years.

Vidarbha is once again facing a crisis of severe drought conditions these days. Parts of Bundelkhand, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and certain other areas of the country are also adversely impacted by drought. Bundelkhand is one of the poorest areas in the country where people in rural areas are struggling to get even their daily supply of drinking water due to drought.

The BJP demands that the government should not turn a blind eye to the problems facing the farmers and other living in rural areas. The Government should immediately announce a National Drought Relief Package for these drought affected regions. BJP is committed to ensure debt free farmers.

Reality of Farm Loan Disbursement

Although the UPA Government has proposed to increase its allocation to farm loans from Rs 4.75 lakh crore in 2011-12 to Rs. 5,75,000 crore in 2012-13 but as the recent data states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal where large number of farmers are poor and marginal will not get adequate share in it.

As per the official figures a big chunk of funds allocated for crop loans goes to cities like Delhi and Chandigarh where hardly any land is left for agriculture. Residents of these two cities alone received agricultural loans worth over Rs 32,400 crore in 2009-10 – more than UP, West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand put together. These four states collectively received less than Rs 31,000 crore in 2009-10.

There is an urgent need to review the existing policy of farm loan disbursement and an investigation should be conducted to find out whether these farm loans were diverted to real estate sector or not.

The BJP demands that the Government should extend subsidized crop loans facility to purchase of farm equipment in addition to crop related inputs like seeds. This would help the farmers to reduce their labor costs which presently accounts for nearly 25% of total costs.

Government's Anti Subsidy Approach

The Government has recently proposed

subsidy reduction on P&K fertilisers under its Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) policy regime. The Department of Fertiliser had recommended reduction in subsidy on Nitrogen (N) and Potassium (K), which will be Rs.24 a kg each and Rs.21.8 a kg on phosphate (P) for 2012-13.

With this decision to reduce subsidy in P&K fertilizers the Government is expected to bring down the total subsidy bill by 20 per cent in the next fiscal. The subsidy bill of P&K fertilizers alone is seen to touch Rs.52,000 crore with the overall subsidy bill touching Rs.90,000 crore this fiscal.

The Government should not withdraw its subsidies given to agriculture sector in the name fiscal prudence. The BJP demands that the fertilizer subsidies should be directly paid to the farmers and a follow up action should be taken at the earliest. Subsidy on organic farming should be provided.

In the past eight years the government has waived taxes, including income tax reductions, for the business and industry which are roughly to the tune of Rs 22 lakh crore! These tax exemptions are presented under the head of 'revenue foregone' and accounted for in every annual budget but no such exemptions were extended to agriculture.

Shrinking Cultivable Land

According to government data, the cultivable land in India has reduced from 183.19 million hectares during 2003-04 to 182.39 million hectares during 2009-10. This number may not sound alarming at this point of time but it indicates a growing trend of shrinkage of total cultivable land in India.

Even in the US, the federal government has allocated US \$ 750 million to farmers for the period 2008-13 under the Farm Bill 2008 to conserve and improve their grazing/farm lands. The idea is to ensure that farmers do not divert the land for non-agricultural purposes. Taking a cue from it the UPA Government should make efforts to protect India's cultivable lands.

Farmer Friendly Land Acquisition Required

Displacing farmers and forcible acquisition of fertile land by the government has created widespread anger and outrage among the farmers' community. The BJP's National Executive welcomes the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development's suggestion that no fertile land should be acquired in the name of

development.

A complete overhaul of the draconian Land Acquisition Act (1894) is long overdue. The revised Land acquisition bill continues to persist with ambiguous definitions of public purpose and supports land acquisition for private entities. It seems the UPA Government has failed to learn a lesson from the farmers' agitations of Singur and Nandigram (West Bengal) Tappal and Bhatta Parsaul (Uttar Pradesh) .

The BJP will debate and contest the anti-farmer provisions in the new Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill when it is tabled for discussion in Parliament.

Zero Tolerance Towards Hunger

The UPA Government has a long list of policy programmes designed to fight hunger, and the budgetary allocations for these schemes are hiked almost every year, yet millions of poor in India facing acute hunger. India is currently ranked 67th on Global Hunger Index which comprises of 88 poor nations. More than 5000 children die every day in India from malnourishment.

The BJP strongly advocates a policy of 'Zero Tolerance Towards Hunger'. India's present total food grain production is more than sufficient to feed our billion plus population and the surplus food could be easily exported to earn foreign exchange if the UPA Government had an efficient policy for food management. Hunger in India is basically the outcome of Government's wrong policies and mismanagement. BJP is committed for a hunger free India.

Strengthen Existing PDS System

The Government focus its energies in strengthening the existing Public Distribution System (PDS) to make it more effective. Much of the food from the PDS is diverted in the open market. PDS grains are also diverted to neighbouring countries like Nepal, Burma, Bangladesh, and even Singapore. There are several estimates about the extent of leakage and siphoning off of the grains.

The BJP takes pride that Chhattisgarh has presented a model PDS before the people of this country. It needs to be replicated in all the states. The BJP demands the Government for a complete overhaul of the existing PDS.

Flawed Procurement Policy And Storage

The UPA Government needs to fix its flawed procurement policy and inadequate storage

infrastructure. Our current storage capacity is in shambles and even a five percent increase in procurement puts tremendous pressure on the storage facilities.

This year in many wheat growing states framers were forced to sell their produce in distress as the Centre was unable to meet its procurement target. Even supplying jute bags to states became an onerous task for the Centre

India's current storage infrastructure is outdated and highly centralized. Today the farmers are growing more wheat than they ever had but their hard work goes in vain. The BJP demands the Government to set up a National Food Storage Grid which connects rural godowns, FCI storage facilities into one large network and it should be actively monitored through central agencies.

Moratorium on GM Crops

The Govt. should immediately put a moratorium on GM Crops in the Country because GM Crops will not increase productivity. These crops will pollute the seeds of farmers owned traditional varieties by cross-pollination.

Under IPR regime the MNCs want to destroy India's seed security for royalty. Seed security is paramount to ensure food security. If seed will be controlled by the MNCs then the food security of this country will be compromised.

Promotion of Food Processing Industry

India has a large consumer base for all major global corporate giants in food and agriculture sector and they are exploiting it to serve their interests. But Indian farmers and food processing are unable to take advantage of it as the government is unable to provide proper linkages. The food processing industry has very low processing level i.e 2.2% for fruits and vegetables, around 35% in milk, 21% in meat and 6% in poultry products, which is significantly lower by international standards. Value addition to agriculture produce in India is just 20% with wastage estimated to be valued at around US \$13 billion. UPA government failed to create storage change etc.

The miniscule budget for Food processing shows that the UPA Government is not serious in giving farmer the benefits of value addition and access to market through proper linkages. The BJP demands increased allocation and effective action plan to strengthen this potent sector.

Irrigation and Interlinking of Rivers

The Interlinking of Rivers project was a dream

project of Shri Atalji led Government which was later scrapped by the UPA Government. The Supreme Court in its recent verdict has directed the government to link more than 30 rivers and divert waters to parched areas.

The BJP National Executive welcomes the Supreme Court's decision to revive the project as it has given a ray of hope to millions of farmers in the country who suffer due to lack of adequate irrigation facility in the country.

Policies to recharge the ground water level should be formulated. The farmers should be encouraged to use the sprinkler and drip system for irrigation to save the water. Subsidy should be given to farmers on using these irrigation techniques.

In a country like India where irrigation

recharge the soil health.

The Government needs to do a serious rethinking in its approach towards agriculture and promote organic agriculture which is the only sustainable model in this county. States like Gujarat and Karnataka have already taken lead in promoting organic farming but it should be taken up at the national level. Extensive research work needs to be done to explore the potential in organic farming and tap India's traditional agricultural wisdom.

There is an increasing demand and vast scope for the export of organic food across the world and Indian farmers are missing this opportunity. The Government agencies NHB and APEDA should take the responsibility and bear the cost of certification of organic produces which is presently high and beyond the average farmers' reach. The Government should also give adequate level of subsidies for cultivation of organic/bio-fertilizer produce and promote their exports.

Agricultural Extension

The agriculture research model has gone awry and needs drastic changes. Extension should be based on Natural Resource Management in different agro climatic zones. The country needs a farmers centric approach where agriculture research and extension services literature must be prepared and promoted in local languages.

Impact of WTO

Indian agriculture has been dragged into the ambit of the WTO and the Govt. has given market access for agro produces at a time when the developed countries have distorted global prices by their huge support to their farm sector.

Farmers in India cannot compete with the farmers in the developed world. European Union and the US have protected their markets through high tariffs barriers and non-tariff barriers. The US through its Farm Bill has increased direct payments to farmers by 10%.

NDA's Contribution in Agriculture

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facilities are inadequate watershed management becomes important for growth in agriculture. The BJP Governments in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh have done remarkable job by erecting thousands of check dams to hold the seasonal rainwater.

Soil Health and Organic Farming

Excessive use of chemicals in farming has pushed the organic component of soil in most states to alarming level. In states like Punjab the organic component in the soil has come down to almost zero (0.1-0.2%).

The abuse of chemicals has played havoc with the environment and food chain. All this has been necessitated because we developed high-yielding crop varieties and hybrids that were responsive to chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The only way is green -manures and compost fertilization to

prices to farmers and to ensure long term growth in Indian agriculture a National Commission on Farmers was constituted for the first time.

Unfortunately much of the good work by the NDA Government has been undone by the UPA Government. It scrapped Farm Income Insurance Scheme which could have been a revolutionary step in reviving agriculture. The Swaminathan Commission submitted all its four reports between Dec 2004 and October 2006 but the UPA Government has not been able to implement its recommendations till date.

The BJP ruled states have shown great commitment to revive agriculture and ensure security for farmers in spite of their limited resources. We have introduced low interest farm loans in all the states and it has been lowered to as low as one percent. Gujarat has shown exemplary growth in agriculture sector.

The BJP National Executive in its meeting at Mumbai today recommends following policy suggestions to ensure that Agriculture becomes profitable and viable for farmers.

1. Agriculture and Irrigation sector should be given more financial assistance from centre.
2. The BJP demands that the interest rates on agricultural loans should be reduced to one percent
3. The BJP urges the government to open compulsory bank accounts for all farmers in the country and transfer all MSP payments, subsidies, indemnities and other payments in cash directly to farmers.
4. The BJP exhorts the Government to initiate immediate action on Interlinking of Rivers Project.
5. Research should be done for the improvement of Indian Cow breeds. They have very good immune system against diseases and suitable for our climate. This will also help in promoting organic farming.
6. A Regulatory Authority to regulate the prices and distribution of seeds should be established.
7. Utility items like tractor, agricultural equipment and machineries, drip and sprinkler irrigation installations, fertilizers, seeds and agro-chemicals should be kept out from the ambit of different type of taxes. Also, the subsidy on them should be enhanced and given directly to the farmers.
8. Well equipped soil, fertilizer, agro-chemicals and seeds testing laboratories should be established at every district headquarter. This will help the farmers who face the problem of spurious and sub standard Pesticides, Agro-chemicals & Micro- nutrients even the adulterated fertilizers like DAP in the country.
9. The Government should also set up a Seed Bank for each district for preservation, multiplication and dissemination of indigenous seeds.
10. Imports of agro commodities should not be encouraged.
11. Ensure a system where a fixed monthly income, incorporating the minimum support price can be guaranteed to the farmers. Farm Income Insurance Scheme (F.I.I.S.) should be introduced by the Government.
12. The existing PDS needs to be strengthened and connected with the National Food Grid. Chhattisgarh PDS model needs to be replicated everywhere in the country.
13. The Govt. should come-up on agro based small industrial units in the villages and should provide adequate incentive, technical and financial assistance.
14. Soil Health Card should be issued to all the farmers and modernization of laboratories meant for soil testing should also be undertaken at the earliest.
15. The BJP believes that the Government should launch an extensive farmers' awareness campaign in order to help them increase the nutrient value of their farmlands.
16. The Centre should immediately implement National Commission on farmers report without any delay.
17. Minimum Support Price should be declared as per C2+50% formula, recommended by the National Commission on Farmers
18. The Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) policy regime should be rolled back to safeguard farmers from rising prices of Phosphate and Potash fertilizers.
19. MNREGA should be linked with agriculture
20. Proper financial assistance should be provided for improvement in animal husbandry and fisheries sector.
21. National Food grid should be established ■

Stagflation, corruption & misgovernance- UPA's gift to nation



The country is reeling under severe economic crisis. The grim economic scenario is the result of Congress led UPA's economic mismanagement and mishandling made worse by corruption, scandals and scams. BJP National Spokesperson Shri Prakash Javadekar moved the resolution on economy in the BJP National Executive Meeting held in Mumbai on 24-25 May 2014 and it was seconded by BJP National Treasurer Shri Piyush Goyal. Former BJP National President Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi concluded the discussion on the resolution. The resolution that was moved on 24 May 2012 expressed grave concern over ever deteriorating economic condition

holding the Congress responsible for pushing the nation into a perilous situation. Recalling the days of robust economic growth during the NDA rule the resolution stated that the economic policies of UPA are betrayal of the aam aadmi. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers:

The National Executive of the Bharatiya Janata Party expresses grave concern over the ever-deteriorating state of the Indian economy. The Congress has once again put the nation in peril. Sadly, those who do not learn the lessons of history are condemned to repeat it. The country has been plunged into a deep economic crisis that recalls the grim days of 1991. The nation's economic free fall represents the total paralysis of governance that has become the defining hallmark of the Congress-led UPA government. A few days ago, the UPA presented its report card to the nation that glossed over the harsh realities and made hollow claims to camouflage the actual state of affairs.

The UPA government's gift to India is Stagflation, Corruption, and Misgovernance. The country is now paying a heavy price for the poor performance of the UPA government and it will take years to turn the situation around. It is worthwhile to note that the NDA converted a sagging economy into a fast growing economy. Unfortunately the UPA under an economist Prime Minister has achieved the exact opposite by converting a prosperous economy into an economy in crisis.

The economic facts are gloomy. GDP growth



has plunged below 7%, while consumer inflation continues in double digits. Exports are down by 6%. Forex reserves are declining fast and are down by US \$14 billion. The fiscal deficit has touched alarming proportions having surpassed the target of 4.6% and has reached to a level of 6% of the GDP. Revenue deficit at 3.4% coupled with a current account deficit of 4.3% by itself provides a complete picture of the sorry state of affairs of the Indian economy. Even more worrisome is the fact that 70% of the current account deficit is financed by short term debt. The Index of Industrial Production has declined sharply to -3.5% from +8.5% last year. External debt has risen to 20% of GDP. Capital outflows in 2011 have gone up to US \$44 billion as against US \$20 billion in 2009. Interest rates are high and liquidity remains tight. Capital investments too are trending down, portending grim performance for the future. Three leading Indian banks have been downgraded in their ratings. Each one of the parameters only confirms the worst of our worries; that the Indian economy is in dire straits on account of its total mismanagement by the UPA over the past 8 years and since 2009 in particular.

The rupee has inexplicably depreciated against the US dollar by an astounding 25% in a

single year and today has crossed the psychological barrier of Rs 56 to a dollar, and the decline continues. As a result of this, imports will become costly, the crude, fertilizer import bill will increase and the balance sheets of corporate India will be adversely impacted. Even the aspirations of young Indians studying abroad will be shattered on account of increased education costs. *The government owes the nation an explanation as to why the rupee is witnessing a free fall when other currencies are showing no such movement.*

The BJP condemns the unacceptable price hike of petrol by an astounding Rs 7.50 per litre. The already over-burdened monthly budget of every aam aadmi now will shoot up further. The government instead should have reduced the high regime of taxation on petroleum products from which it is collecting more than Rs 1,50,000 crores annually. Indian consumers are being forced to pay virtually the highest price for petrol in Asia. **The BJP demands an immediate and complete roll back of petrol prices failing which the government should prepare itself to face a nation wide and strong democratic protest. NDA has declared Bharat Bandh on 31st May.**

Most alarmingly, these economic indicators signal grim underlying economic trends that may take years to reverse. First, India's economy has been captured by crony capitalists willing to use all manner of foul means to grow their profits. All the various scams that have tumbled out in the last few years - 2G spectrum, KG, CWG, Adarsh, Tatra Vectra, coal allocations - have shown us that this government is handing out contracts, licenses, and allocation of valuable natural resources to those willing to pay under the table. Given these circumstances, ethical businesses will lose out, investments will decline, and capital flows will stop. That is exactly what is happening. Rebuilding investor and business confidence is going to be an arduous task. Second, we are rapidly heading into a debt trap. Debt-to-GDP ratio is now running at 67% and would be much higher if same trend continues. Internal debt represents 82% of total public debt crowding out private sector borrowing. Short-term external debt has shot up to 40% of total external debt, leading to vulnerability of the balance of payments situation. There is pressing need to manage debt levels better, which calls for fiscal prudence.

Finally, the government has launched a
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number of entitlement programs that will be difficult to fund going forward. These include MGNREGA, the Right To Food Security, Right to Education, and so on. Clearly, the expectation was that high growth would provide the funds for these programs. With the economy now teetering, the government's fiscal deficit at historically high levels, and tax-to-GDP rates still rather low, there is no room for fiscal maneuver left.

Failed Budget

At this juncture, the government was expected to present a growth oriented budget. Instead, it turned out to be an opportunity lost. Far from boosting growth, the government has resorted to a high dose of indirect taxation by raising excise duties sharply. It has also increased the Service Tax rates by 20% and widened its net to cover practically all services. The very poorly drafted GAAR provisions and ill conceived excise duty on jewellery had to be withdrawn in the face of stiff opposition from all sections. The abrupt and dramatic rise in petrol prices shows that the government is lurching from one crisis to another. The Finance Minister has announced austerity measures just as tokenism.

Back to 1991?

The current economic scenario is fast beginning to resemble the 1991 financial crisis, which was also triggered by an incompetent Congress policies over four decades. This comparison is not without foundation since the fiscal and current account deficits are high, we are experiencing accelerated devaluation of the Rupee, increased oil prices in international market and high interest rates in the domestic market, looming threat of falling sovereign ratings, huge repayment obligations, higher short term external debt, lower growth and high inflation. Rapid FII outflows are happening and Forex cover of imports has declined from 14 months to 7 months within a short span.

The key factors responsible for this grim state of affairs is the policy paralysis and corruption afflicting the government coupled with policy flip flop has shattered investor confidence. *The people of this country have lost all faith and hope in this government. The sooner it goes the better it will be for the country. The allies of the government will have to face the consequences of these anti-people policies; merely dissociating themselves from some individual decision or the other will not do any*

more.

Robust Growth during NDA Regime

When the NDA had assumed power in 1998, growth rate was less than 5% and there were huge infrastructure bottle necks. The BJP led-NDA delivered by carrying out focused efforts on fiscal consolidation and on major reforms in Insurance, Banking, Telecom, Education, Science and Technology, Power, Land ceiling etc. It unleashed huge infrastructure development in roads, ports, airports, railways and irrigation. It also carried out a successful disinvestment programme and improved all the macro-economic parameters. The NDA regime, despite facing major global and domestic problems like the East Asian crisis, economic sanctions after the Pokhran tests, severe drought, natural calamities, and three fold hike in international prices of crude oil. Under the visionary leadership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ushered in an era of Surpluses.

UPA Incompetence

The UPA is in denial; constantly blaming everybody else except itself. Sometimes it is external factors; sometimes it is the state governments; sometimes it is the allies of the government; but most times it is the parties in the opposition. According to them everybody else is responsible for their misgovernance except the government. The nation will

not be fooled by such lame excuses. The UPA inherited a sound and vibrant economy from NDA in 2004. The NDA left behind an economy growing at 8.4% with inflation below 4% and low interest rates, forex reserves at \$113 bn up from \$29 bn in

six years and a current account surplus for last three years. Unfortunately, instead of capitalizing and building on the momentum, the UPA regime squandered the gains which it inherited from the

NDA government in 2004. It increased consumption expenditure by 300% over eight years. Unproductive expenditure on the eve of 2009 elections fuelled unmanageable inflation.

The current state of drift and indecision is severely impacting infrastructure development. Mining, oil, gas, power and many other industries are victims of this state of indecision. Even the completed projects in the power sector have come to a standstill as coal linkages have not been provided. Many investment projects have stalled and Indian businesses are investing abroad.

Agriculture growth has suffered as there is inadequate investment in irrigation and no provision for viability gap funding. The ministers of the UPA are themselves describing Railways, Air-India, MTNL-BSNL as ICU patients. Reforms are at a halt as a result of lack of leadership and governance deficit.

Corruption and Black Money

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The burial of the Bofors case and defreezing of Quatrochhi's accounts sums up the attitude of the UPA towards corruption. Platitudes about zero tolerance of corruption sound completely hollow. The nation cannot forget and will never forgive the UPA for these sins.

The government's so called "White Paper" on Black Money is either a "Non-Paper" or "Blank Paper" on the issue. It neither quantifies the magnitude of the black money, nor enumerates the roadmap for bringing back the stashed money in tax havens and unearthing black economy within the country. Verbosity is not an alternative to policy. While the nation awaits answers and concrete action on the issue of black money, the UPA instead is using its white paper to delay and deflect action.

Betrayal of the Aam Aadmi

The common man is suffering because of rising prices across the board. It seems government has run out of ideas on how to tame inflation. Instead of addressing the supply side it squeezed the

liquidity by raising interest rates, which in effect fuelled prices further. The worst betrayal of the common man was complete when the government tried to benchmark the poverty at ridiculously low level of Rs. 22 in rural areas and only Rs. 29 in urban areas.

The Young Indians are craving for jobs but the UPA has given them a jobless growth.

The Way Forward

Nobody is stopping the Government from building twenty kilometres of national highways per day, from supplying coal to the power plants, from appointing heads of public sector undertakings in time, even from releasing dependable statistics. It is a government which has failed comprehensively on all fronts. The BJP reposes its full faith in the strong will of the people of India and calls upon them to protest against the disastrous economic performance of the UPA government. Given an opportunity, the BJP assures the people that it will once again bring the Indian economy back to a fast-growth track with expansion of job opportunities and unleashing people's power, by empowering them through quality education, skill development and healthcare services, by making requisite public investments in infrastructure, by utilizing the opportunity that lies within India's huge domestic demand, by directing government expenditure to productive purposes by encouraging investment both domestic and foreign in infrastructure and by undertaking effective steps at fiscal prudence. ■

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This can be done without any difficulty as there are surplus stocks with the Union Government and there is no space to store them.

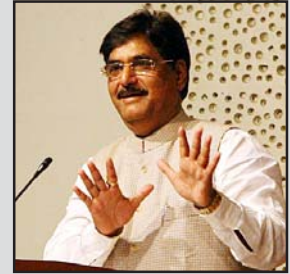
- ▶ A special package is given to the affected States for undertaking cement check dams, earthen bunds and micro water harvesting structures which could be completed this summer itself. This will help replete the water table and mitigate the drinking water scarcity and provide protective irrigation to the coming Kharif crop.
- ▶ Fodder banks are established and fodder be made available to these states from the neighbouring states on war footing basis by providing free rail transport so as to take care

of the falling cattle.

- ▶ Roof top water harvesting should be made compulsory. Rejuvenation of bore wells, tube wells should also be made compulsory and that stress must be given on farm ponds.
- ▶ Public Distribution System must be strengthened.
- ▶ Free food grains are provided to BPL families till rainy season.
- ▶ Crop loans must be rescheduled with waiver of interest.
- ▶ Input subsidy of Rs.6000 per acre must be released immediately for the crops lost.
- ▶ MNREGA Scheme should be extended to the agriculture labourer also in drought affected states. ■

Policy paralysis, corruption & lack of governance hallmarks of UPA government

Common men today feel cheated and victimized. An atmosphere of despair and pessimism prevails in the country. The Congress led UPA government is in the grip of policy paralysis with indecision, mal-governance and corruption becoming hallmarks of its rule. In the National Executive meeting held in Mumbai, a political resolution was moved on 25 May 2012 by Deputy Leader of BJP in Lok Sabha Shri Gopinath Munde and seconded by BJP National General Secretary and Chief Spokesperson Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh. The resolution which was unanimously passed in the meeting highlighted the failure of Congress led UPA government on various fronts and stated that people have rejected it in the recent elections from local bodies to State assemblies held across the country. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers below:



The UPA Government has completed 3 years in office after it was re-elected in the 2009 Lok Sabha election. The common man, whose interest the Congress led UPA has sought to propagate and represent; has been the biggest victim of this Government. The suffering neglect and agony of the poor has surpassed all limits because of lack of governance, corruption and indifference. In fact all the claim of growth story of India has come under serious doubt and suspicion. Public perception about India world over is very low because of policy paralysis and mal-governance of the Congress led Central Government. Drift and drag has become the hall mark of UPA-2. The mood of hope is over and the dream of India becoming a big player is now being seriously questioned not only by neutral observers but even by those who are important advisers of this Government. All this is happening in spite of extraordinary potential of this great country and infinite promise of its people. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee led NDA Government has left a great legacy of hope, enthusiasm, participation, tangible growth, good management of price rise and overall feeling of general goodwill which in turn has propelled India on the high road of an emerging big league player. In its place now there is gloom and despair.

The reason for all this is not far to seek. To run an effective Government and for proper implementation of any program three essentials are required. The first is the kind of the leadership which



must be capable of taking decisions and the courage to implement them. The second is the credibility of the Government and the third; equally important is the aura of authority of the Government. There is a fundamental flaw with the political structure which the UPA has followed. The

Prime Minister must be the natural leader of the country and the Government and he must be the last word in matters of policy. Dr. Manmohan Singh singularly fails these twin tests. There is not only twin leadership but the distance between 7, Race course Road and 10, Janpath is becoming wider. They are also not on the same page on a whole range of policy initiatives. There is serious disconnect in the Government, between the ministers and also within the allies. It was the responsibility of the Prime Minister to set right the course. However, each day only reinforces the perception that the Prime Minister is in his office but not in authority. He gives the impression of working more like a CEO, taking direction from the board of a company whose chairman has all the authority but practically no accountability.

Policy paralysis and infatuation

In fact the consequence of policy paralysis and corruption is evident all over. Investment has slowed down; the industrial climate is very unfavourable and corruption adds to the cost. The economy has slowdown too. International rating is not favourable and the sliding of the rupee, the depreciation is as high as 22% in comparison to

dollar only reinforces the speedy decline. Now students, travellers and the Government will have to pay more as dollar becomes costlier. Many policy initiative needed for growth and development remain in the realm of uncertainty because of the lack of clarity and consensus not only within the Government and the UPA but also among senior ministers belonging even to the Congress party. This needs the political authority of the Prime Minister which unfortunately is not available. The compulsion of coalition politics cannot be an alibi for inaction and corruption. Consensus building with the opposition cannot be a one way traffic where senior ministers make highly arrogant statements in dealing with States, in dealing with opposition and also making every effort to create difficulty for opposition ruled State Governments.

Inflation particularly food inflation is rising once again making the life of not only the poor but also those of the middle class extremely difficult. It appears that the Government has almost given up. It has nothing concrete to offer to tackle the problem of high food inflation which has been plaguing the economy for a very significant period now. It is indeed an irony that in spite of record level of food production because of the hard work of the Indian farmers, the food grain is rotting outside because of insufficient storage and the extremely poor and the marginalised have to miss meal. The Government has practically no road map to address this serious issue which has become almost a recurring feature. The mess in the management of economy particularly the food economy is happening when an "eminent economist" is the Prime Minister for the last 8 years. The rise of more than Rs.7 is the highest rise ever in one stroke as far as petrol is concern. This was the most cruel birthday gift of the UPA to the common man on its third anniversary.

Corruption remains the defining feature of UPA government

The BJP for sometime has resolved in its previous National Executive Meetings that Dr. Manmohan Singh presides over the most corrupt union Government since independence. There does not appear to be any reason to change this perception. On the contrary every passing day only confirms this impression. Committing corruption and protecting the corrupt with impunity is the hall mark of its governance. Even here the standards are different for the involvement of allies

and for those who belong to the Congress party. The present Home Minister P. Chidambaram who was the Finance Minister when 2G scam happened, which remains the worst case of political corruption since independence; has a lot to explain about his own role which needs to be investigated fairly. Yet he continues to enjoy the infinite trust of the Prime Minister. Now serious questions are being raised about a highly doubtful Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) clearance being granted over the alleged involvement of Mr. Chidambaram family member in the Aircel-Maxis deal through a web of holding companies. This deal itself is being investigated by the CBI including the role of the then telecom minister Mr. Maran.

In the Adarsh scam the names of various congress Chief Ministers of Maharashtra is emerging with alarming regularity yet many of them continue in office in the Union Government. In the notorious CWG scam the Delhi Chief Minister Smt. Sheela Dixit continues to get all the protection in spite of serious scrutiny and adverse comments about her role in the Shunglu Committee Report commissioned by the Prime Minister himself. The recent CAG report has termed the Antrix-Devas deal as a "classic instance of failure of governance structure" and has observed that the former ISRO Chief and other official ignored the interest of the Government and favoured the private company Devas. The Ministry of Space works directly under the Prime Minister, yet this happened. The CAG has found stinking corruption in the purchase of Aircraft for the Air India. The issue of fertiliser subsidy is also surrounded in serious corruption. Each passing day a new scam or scandal comes out of the cupboard. There is massive corruption in the allocation of coal blocks which has also been adversely commented by the CAG. The CAG has further pointed out severe irregularities and corruption in the privatisation of Delhi airport.

The Government lacks the political will to execute an effective and well meaning time bound program to unearth black money and share with the people of the country the details of accounts holder abroad who continue to enjoy the profit of their crime. The Government knows that revealing the names of account holder will only cause embarrassment to it. The white paper on black money tabled in the Parliament is more of a white wash with no clear roadmap. The report confirms surprisingly that estimate of Indian accounts held

with Swiss bank is down 60% between 2006 and 2010. From Rs. 23,273 Cr. it came down to Rs. 9295 Cr. in 2010. Though even this figure is grossly underestimated yet it confirms the flight of illegal money stashed in Swiss Banks started when the issue was raised in a big way by the BJP from 2008 onwards. The BJP notes with serious concern the series of corruption in various deals for purchases meant for the armed forces. The supply of Tata Trucks for the army has raised a whole set of disturbing questions about corruption and unfair practice.

It needs to be highlighted that Congress is not serious in the fight against corruption. All the declarations made by the Prime Minister and UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi sound hollow and ironical. But for a very assertive campaign notably by the BJP, a vigilant media and court monitoring no action would have been taken in any of the scams. The Congress has a very shameless record of abusing its authority to cover up the misdeeds of those who commit the worst sins of corruption.

Recent election results

Since the last meeting of the National Executive election have been held in many states. In Punjab the Akali Dal, BJP combine achieved an extraordinary feat of being the first ever incumbent Government to be re-elected in the last 40 years. Obviously people reposed their trust in the good work done by the Akali-BJP Government. The tie between these two parties is itself more than 40 years old. The outstanding victory of the BJP in Goa is unique. Majority of average voters including large number of Christians voters too, saw the BJP as the only hope of change and redemption in the wake of corruption and misrule of the Congress led Government there. Large numbers of candidates of the minority community have also won on the BJP ticket demolishing the canard that BJP is anti minority. They fully appreciated that BJP stands for justice to all and appeasement of none. In the state of Uttarakhand we missed the mark by just one seat. We do appreciate the hard work done by the leaders and the workers but there are lessons to be learnt. In Uttar Pradesh the election results were not to our satisfaction. In spite of very effective campaign and hard work of the cadre, we could not measure up to the expectation of the people there. We need to seriously introspect, take course correction and mobilize and energise the cadre and supporters of

the party. BJP has enjoyed enormous goodwill and support of the people of the state of Uttar Pradesh in the past and we need to re-claim that. In the state of Manipur the hard work of the party has not been suitably rewarded yet we will make consistent efforts to increase our support base there.

The Congress has suffered serious reverses not only in the Vidhan Sabha election but severely punished by the voters in the municipal corporation election held in Mumbai, Delhi and Bangalore. This demonstrates the anger of the people against the gross misrule and corruption of the UPA Government.

Consistent violation of the federal structure

In spite of repeated concerns expressed, the UPA continues to encroach upon the federal principles in order to curb the power of state Governments. This continues unabated in spite of opposition including by the allies of UPA. The recent example of the unilateral, non-consultative approach of the Union Government in designing and executing the security superstructure including the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC), recent amendments to the Railway Protection Force (RPF) Act and BSF Act are all designed to create a wide rift of mistrust and suspicion between the centre and states. Internal security of the nation cannot be viewed in isolation. There is no disconnect between the management of national security and respect for federal principles. States Governments have an equal stake and responsibility in this regard.

Many other examples like discrimination in the allocation of central funds and resources, distribution of coal blocks to serve the power needs of the states and with holding of many Bills passed by States legislatures still continue raising serious concerns. It is legitimate to draw an inference that respect for federal principles is not a part of the DNA of the Congress.

Threat of terrorism and naxal violence

This meeting of the BJP National Executive is being held in Mumbai and we need to highlight with regret that the main conspirators and planners of the Mumbai terrorist attack of 2008 have still not been brought to justice. They enjoy safe sanctuary in Pakistan because of the patronage they enjoy from the elements of the ruling establishment and the armed forces in Pakistan. In spite of dozens of dossiers being furnished by the Government of

India to Pakistan there is inaction. The BJP firmly believes that normalcy in relationship with Pakistan is not possible unless it takes firm and decisive action against terrorist elements operating from there against India. India needs to maintain strong vigil and firm action in the fight against terror. There must be zero tolerance and compromise against this challenge because not only the security and integrity but even the sovereignty of the country is involved.

Off late Maoist violence has become very serious and challenging. The entire country needs to be very vigilant against this menace and there must be complete co-ordination between the central and State Government against this challenge. While the problem of poverty must be addressed but we need to recognize that Maoist basically want to overthrow Parliamentary Democracy through violent means and capture political power. Therefore they kill and kidnap innocent people with brute force. This indeed is the biggest challenge. We note with deep appreciation the firm stand of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister that even if the Chief Minister is kidnapped there is no need to bend before their unreasonable demands. *Conditions of minority in Pakistan and the plight of refugees*

The condition of minorities in Pakistan particularly the Hindus has become very precarious in Pakistan. We hear about frequent incidents of young Hindu girls being subjected to forcible conversion after being kidnapped and married against their will. Not only the police but even the judiciary is not able to give them justice in many cases. Many Hindu professional and businessman in different parts of Pakistan have been killed. Not only the Hindus but even Christians in many instances live in perpetual fear. Even their places of worship are under constant attack. The Human Right bodies have in their various reports highlighted their plight in graphic detail. We urge and demand from the Government of India to take all firm diplomatic measures with Pakistan and exercise other related steps to ensure security to these minorities in Pakistan. The plight of Hindu refugees both from Pakistan and the Pak occupied Kashmir remains an area of deep concern. They were forcibly driven out of their homes after being subjected to vicious discrimination, religious persecution & gross violation of their human rights as well as cultural

rights. Many of them have taken refuge in Jammu, Delhi & some other parts of the country. The Government of India must take all measures to address their grievances so that they can live with dignity and self respect in India. They are entitled to all protections under the various international treaty and obligations relating to refugees and cultural and human rights.

Decline of institution

The UPA Government has lurched from controversy to controversy and in the process has also created conditions for the decline of institutions. It not only clashed with Civil Society which was seeking its accountability for corruption but there has been frequent face of with the CAG and the Election Commission which apprehended interference in its autonomous functioning. We are proud of the professionalism and heroic deeds of our armed forces who secure us and they in accordance with our constitutional and political ethos work under civilian control. Off late there has been many instances of tense Government-Army relationship which could have been avoided with sound state craft and statesmanship. The BJP stands committed for an effective Lokpal with adequate powers in the fight against corruption and there should be no delay in this regard.

Conclusion

The UPA has made a mess of governance in the country. The people feel miserable because of corruption, indecision, inflation and profound sense of despair. They look up to the BJP. It is our duty to rise to the occasion measure up to the expectation and assure the people of the country that the BJP indeed in the instrument which will redeem India. Smt. Sonia Gandhi on the occasion of three years of UPA rule severely criticized the opposition mainly the BJP for their comments about the Government terming it as aggressive and irresponsible. It is not only unfortunate, regrettable but also condemnable. If common man feels cheated and victimized, If farmers are committing suicide, If industrial production is down, if unemployment is rising and there is rampant corruption which keeps on manifesting with alarming regularity. If there is overpowering gloom and despair because of rank misrule and mal-governance of the Congress led UPA, then BJP has a duty towards the suffering people of the country to articulate their concern and it will continue to do so with determination. ■



Crisis of governance & lack of credibility has shaken the national confidence

While concluding the discussion on the political resolution some important points were made by Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley at BJP National Executive Meeting in Mumbai on 25th May 2012. We are publishing the points for our esteemed readers below :

UPA II has shown governance at its worst. Traditionally India has shown a great sense of resilience to emerge a stronger from every class. However the present crisis of governance and lack of credibility has shaken our National confidence. There is a sense of despair and helplessness. UPA II marks a new low in political management and economic decision making; infact there is no economic management or political direction.

There is crisis of leadership. The head of the government is not the natural leader of either the party or the nation. The lack of leadership is responsible for the directionless policies and the absence of decision making.

An Economic crisis has engulfed us. Rupee is the worst performing currency in the region. There is a huge flight of capital & investment. Inflation has been uncontrolled for years. Agricultural surplus and shortage are both creating a crisis of mismanagement. Success stories like Telecom, Highways, Real Estate etc. are being converted into scandals. No nation can afford to destroy success. All this has depleted economic activity and will result in job losses and a loss of revenue.

The Political Management of the UPA is equally disastrous for the nation. The allies of the UPA are a discontent lot. However they are willing to proclaim but unwilling to strike. Parties like the BSP and the SP are pushed to submissiveness due



to pressures on them by the CBI. Maoism continues to spread unabated. The government has no game plan to deal with it. Rather than work for a fuller constitutional integration of Jammu & Kashmir with India, the Interlocutor's report has set a reverse process into motion.

Arrogance is the hallmark of UPA governance. Misuse of CBI, lack of consultation with the opposition or even allies, assault on federalism, discrimination against non-congress governments are regular features. The allegation of corruption continues unabated against this government. This situation presents a challenge and an opportunity for the BJP.

- ▶ The BJP must now be ready with a plan and direction to restore the national economy.
- ▶ The national mood of anti-congressism must be exploited and the NDA expanded.
- ▶ The third front experiment of governance has been tried repeated. It has failed and con not be replicated.
- ▶ We must prepare the BJP to be a Cohesive and the ethical party prepared to give direction to the nation.
- ▶ We must avoid any kind of contradictory voices emerging from within.
- ▶ We have provided good governance at the centre (1998-2004) and in the states. Our agenda for good governance must be strengthened. ■

Report weakens constitutional link between J&K and rest of India



A statement on the interlocutor's report on Jammu & Kashmir was presented by Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley in the BJP National Executive Meeting on 24 May 2012. While criticizing the report on several counts the statement laments that the steps suggested in the report may weaken the constitutional link between the State and the rest of the country. The statement was approved unanimously in the meeting. We are publishing the full text of the statement for our esteemed readers:

The Interlocutors' report on Jammu and Kashmir has been deliberately released 36 hours after the Parliament was adjourned, sine die. This has been done in order to avoid parliamentary accountability of the report.

The BJP will react in detail after examining the report at length. The party, however, on a preliminary examination of the report expresses its disappointment on the same. The report is a verbose document written in denial about certain basic realities. Some of these facts which the report ignores are :-

- i) Pakistan has not reconciled to Jammu & Kashmir being integral part of India and it is not likely to cooperate in terms of resolution of the political issues.
- ii) The key problem confronting the State is terrorism, both cross-border and local, which is engineered either from Pakistan or local separatist groups. The report offers no solution to this problem other than suggesting dilution of anti-terrorism steps.
- iii) The future of secularism and coexistence in the Kashmir valley where Kashmiri Pandits & Sikhs have been tortured, threatened, killed & compelled to leave the valley. The report offers no response to their rehabilitation.
- iv) The report weakens the Indian position so stated in the 1994 resolution of the Indian Parliament that PoK is an Integral part of India. This report proceeds on the basis that PoK is and will be Pakistan Administered and refers to POK as PAJK (Pakistan Administered Jammu & Kashmir).



v) The report fails to consider that within the State there is huge discrimination against Ladakh and Jammu regions in terms of development, education, public employment, expenditure and number of elected representatives.

vi) The report fails to recognize that article 370 has been a psychological barrier between the State and the rest of the country. It has prevented investment & integration. It has weakened the constitutional link between the State and the rest of India. Rather than recommending the abolition of such a provision, the report recommends that it be made permanent by suggesting the replacement of word "temporary" with the word "special". It holds a hope for the future for recreating the offices of "Wazir-e-Azam" and "Sadar-e-Riyasat". It recommends the nomination of the Governor to be initiated by the state Assembly. It recommends the review of all post-1952 laws and their application to the state of Jammu & Kashmir. This is a disastrous step since several laws made applicable to the state after the martyrdom of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukharjee in 1953 and the Indira-shaikh accord in 1975 will be reconsidered.

There are several areas of reservation that the BJP has on this report. Our founder Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee sacrificed his life to prevent "two vidhans, two Pradhans and two Nishans" in one country.

This report tends to recreate what we have always opposed. The BJP rejects all these aspects of report in their entirety. ■