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Kamal Sandesh Parivar extends greetings to its esteemed readers on the occasion of "Republic Day" on January 26

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— Nitin Gadkari, BJP National President

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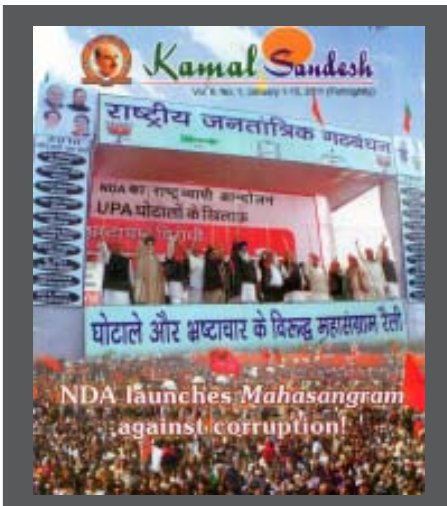
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Dear Editor,

According to media report, Telecom Minister Kapil Sibal recently has blamed the CAG for its misleading calculation of the loss caused by the 2G Spectrum scam. Moreover, the matter is sub judice. While people may differ on the CAG's estimation of the loss in terms of unrealized revenue/money, they cannot blame the CAG for its flawless observation. The amount of the scam is nearly 40% of India's GDP, and nearly 12 times the size of estimated loss to govt. because of 2G spectrum scam.

A Raja had a free hand in selling the 2G spectrum, how is it then its Minister is now making statements that tantamounts to saying that there was no scam at all. As there is no smoke without fire, the CAG must have pegged the loss at Rs 1.76 lakh crore based on concrete evidence. By taking a pot shot at the CAG, Sibal has only strengthened the suspicion that the Congress has a clear intention of shielding Mr A Raja at any cost.

Manoranjan Sharma Guwahati, Assam





BJP on the path of struggle

The time has come to hit the streets. We need to be prepared for the struggle ahead. Congress and corruption have become synonymous to each other. The country is fed up with corrupt Congress. We will have to go from village to village to awaken the masses and to tell them that Congress will have to be removed from power if country has to be rescued from the quagmire of corruption, scams and loot of public funds. This was the call given to the delegates of the national executive meeting which was held in Guwahati, Assam. Shri Gadkari further said that whatever faith the people had from Congress led UPA government now stands shattered. He strongly condemned the attempt of the Congress to divide the nation and the society by attacking Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh in raising the bogey of 'Bhagwa Atankvad' and 'Hindu Terrorism'. Such gimmicks will not reap dividends for Congress, he said.

Corruption is a hindrance in the path of development. Congress has committed two crimes – firstly, it has ruined the health of the nation by afflicting it with the disease of corruption, and secondly, it has choked the development of the country. The mood in the meeting was to bring an end to the era of corruption and misrule by Congress led UPA government and for this the message was to wage a decisive struggle. The pledge to fight against corruption was taken by passing the resolution on political affairs. The manner in which Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj and leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley spoke on the issue of corruption citing instances and proofs, it became clear that all the scams and incidents of corruption were in full knowledge of Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi and the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. Congress party organization and Congress led UPA government are fully responsible for corruption. In the BJP national executive meeting grave concerns were expressed on the prevailing situation in the North-East and a "Study Team" was constituted to study the situation therein. It was also decided to prepare a document for development of the North-East so as to herald an era of all round development of the region. It is a positive initiative guided by the spirit of affirmative action. In his concluding remarks the BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L.K. Advani said that the year 2010 will be marked as a decisive year in the history of post-independence India given the magnitude and scale of corruption and scam that were exposed in the single year. He further said that the party should go to 2014 polls with corruption as an issue and with the aim of winning the elections.■

Editorial...



UPA-II - A Kingdom of Corruption : Gadkari

From Our Correspondent

The BJP National Executive meeting was held in Guwahati (Assam) on 08-09 January 2011 resolving to wage effective struggle against corruption and rising prices. The meeting had a special significance given the deepening crisis in the country with everyday report of scandals, cases of corruption and loot of public funds. The situation has further worsened in the face of skyrocketing prices which goes on increasing unabated under the Congress led UPA government in the centre. While Congress led UPA government was strongly criticized for having failed on all fronts, strategy was chalked out for the coming assembly elections in 2011 in five States. In the meeting presided over by BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley, Former BJP Presidents Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Shri Rajnath Singh, BJP national General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal, Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Minister of BJP ruled States, BJP National office bearers and members of the national executive participated.

In his inaugural address to the national executive meeting, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari enumerated the failures of the Congress led UPA government at the centre and cited the cases of corruption, scandals and loot to dub it a 'Kingdom of Corruption'. He said that the Congress led UPA rule has proved to be a nightmare for the country as everyday a new scam was being exposed. BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari also paid glowing tribute to the national heroes from North-East eulogizing the glorious tradition of sacrifice and its rich cultural heritage. Raising the issue of corruption in the region he said the BJP will take effective measures against Bangladeshi infiltration and pave the way for development and prosperity of the region.

In the meeting two important resolutions were also passed. A resolution on the Situation in Assam and

North-East was passed expressing concern over the threats posed by Bangladeshi infiltration and the reported cases of corruption in the States of the region. Another resolution on Political Affairs was also passed in the meeting which outlined the worsening political situation in the country under the UPA government with a number of scandals, scams and cases coming to light every day. Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj said that the recent revelations made in Bofors scam lead the trail of kickbacks from Quattrochi to the homes of the Congress leadership. Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley said that by giving clean chit to A Raja the Congress is repeating its mistake that was committed in the Bofors case. A statement



on Telangana was also adopted expressing disappointment at the attitude of the UPA Government in delaying the creation of a separate state of Telangana.

BJP National President while reviewing the situation in the States going to polls in 2011 made some important announcements. Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley were given special responsibilities. Smt. Sushma Swaraj was assigned the responsibility of three States viz. Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry while Shri Arun Jaitley was given the responsibility of West Bengal and Assam. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu was given the responsibility to coordinate between different States and to see the implementation of central programmes. He will also pay special attention to various *Morchas* and Cells.

In his concluding remarks BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri LK Advani said that the year 2010 will prove to be decisive in the history of post independence India given the magnitude and scale of corruption that came before the public eye. He said that the biggest challenge before BJP was to keep its image clean and intact so that people can repose their faith on the party in the coming elections. ■

We have the responsibility of making the nation free from corruption, hunger and terror : Gadkari

The BJP National Executive meeting was held in Guwahati, Assam on 08-09 January 2011. The meeting took place in the wake of deepening crisis in the country amid daily reports of scams, loot of public money, rising prices and apparent collapse of democratic functioning of the government. In his Presidential Address to the national executive meeting, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari outlined the challenges posed by the nexus of ruling Congress Party, the scamsters, corrupt bureaucracy and officials which is eating into the vitals of the our democratic polity. In his elaborate speech he covered a wide range of issues detailing the failure of UPA government on all fronts, emphasizing lack of transparency and accountability.



Paying tribute to the contributions made by the national heroes belonging to the North-East, he gave special focus to the region which needed urgent assistance and support in resolving its disputes and moving ahead on the path of progress. Reiterating the commitment of Bharatiya Janata Party towards the issue of Bangladeshi infiltration, he lamented the corruption and scam taking place in the region with the open indulgence of Congress governments. Re-confirming the commitment of BJP towards good governance, Shri Gadkari gave a call to the party members to take up the responsibility of making the nation free from corruption, hunger and terror.

We are publishing the full text of Shri Nitin Gadkari's speech for our esteemed readers.

Note: Full text of the speech and the resolutions passed in the meeting are also being published separately in booklet form.

Respected Advaniji, senior colleagues on the dais and all my colleagues in the National Executive of the Party, At the outset, while welcoming you on this legendary land of Pragjyotishpur, let me wish every one of you a happy 2011. We are in the eastern part of our country. This is the land of the rising sun. I believe that the sun that came up on the first day of the new calendar year has brought in new hopes and new aspirations for all our countrymen.

Sixty Years of Our Journey

Friends, the dawn of new year reminds me of the fact that this year marks the completion of sixty years of our journey in Indian politics as a political party. Six decades back in 1951, when Bharatiya Jana Sangh emerged on the political horizons of India many had refused to take it seriously. Thanks to the sacrifices of our great leaders like Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and

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At this juncture, let me also appeal you to observe 21st October, the Foundation Day of Jan Sangh as a Day of Gratitude. I appeal all our State Units to organise Grand Felicitations to those who are working with us since 1951. We have to remember that these individuals have given our Party a solid organisational base that has enabled us to travel this long.

North East: A Land of Inspiring Heroes

We are here on the banks of *Mahabahu* Brahmaputra and hence before I dwell further, let me

pay my respects to all those great sons and daughters of our motherland who are from North East India in general and Assam in particular. On the banks of *Mahabahu* Brahmaputra, under the shower of the blessings of *Ma Kamakhya*, let me first of all pay my respects to *Mahapurush Srimanta* Shankardev, whose contribution to the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Assam is just unparalleled. Remember, this is the land of Lachit Burphukan, whose words "*dekhat se mama dangor na hoi*" have become immortal was the great warrior who for long prevented the advent of foreign invaders in Assam. From freedom fighters like Kanaklata Deka to *Lokpriya* Gopinath Bordoloi, this land has produced several great heroes whose contributions, the nation can never forget. We all take pride in the rich heritage of the entire North -East India. Friends, let me tell you that the North East has been a land of great warriors, social reformers, development activists, artists and sportspersons. How can one forget the pioneering work of Khuang Chera of Mizoram, Deing Ering of Arunachal Pradesh, Rani Ma Gaidinglu of Nagaland, Rajkumar Tikendrajeet of Manipur, Tirath Singh, Thugan Sangma and Kieng Nagbah of Meghalaya and Jiten Pal of Tripura? This land has produced several great heroes and enriched India's glorious past. Even at the time of Kargil War, several sons and daughters of Bharatmata from this region made supreme sacrifice for the Nation. From Captain Jintu Gogoi of Assam to Captain Kezhakuo Kenguriise, there were many martyrs from this region. We pay our respects to all these heroes.

We are all aware that many sportspersons from the North - East have earned several medals for India in the recently held Commonwealth Games as well as in the Asiad and the Bharatiya Janata Party takes pride in their achievements. BJP in the North -East

Friends, let me tell you that when earlier the Jan Sangh and later the BJP had started work in the North - East the situation was extremely difficult. But the North East India always had a place of prominence in our scheme of things. At this occasion we also must remember all those whose pioneering efforts strengthened the Party organisation in this region. The galaxy of our senior leaders in the past includes Hokishe Sema and N.C. Jheliang from Nagaland, Shahid Shyam

Hari Sharma from Tripura and Ramesh Ji Mishra from Assam. Several of our leaders like Shahid Mashumangal Sharma from Manipur and Jayant Dutta of Assam became martyrs while working for the Party and the ideological movement. Recently Bansidhar Soni ji who had worked here left this world and we pay our homage to him. While in Assam, we just cannot forget the contributions of Party functionaries like Lakhidhar Gohain and above all our veteran leader Padmanabh Ji Acharya. Padmanabh ji has recently completed 80 years of his life and he still continues to be active. I offer my respects to him and all those who have contributed in building Party organisation in this region.

In Assam, thirty years ago, although we were not a big force, we had supported the Assam movement against Bangladeshi infiltrators because it has been our conviction that the people of Assam have been fighting for the unity and integrity of the entire nation. Let me remind you that it is this very land of Assam who lost several of her young sons and daughters in the historic Assam Movement on the issue of infiltration of Bangladeshis in early 1980s. Many young activists courageously faced bullets and laid their lives for protecting the sovereignty of our great *Bharatmata*. Thanks to their supreme sacrifice, we are in a position to hold this meeting here today. I must also mention

here that the BJP and the entire ideological movement of which we are a part has always stood for the cause of fighting the menace of silent invasion in Assam. While paying homage to those who sacrificed their lives in this struggle, I reiterate that no power on the earth can prevent us from detecting, deleting and deporting all those infiltrators who have encroached upon the blue hills and green valleys of this beautiful land.

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prevent us from detecting, deleting and deporting all those infiltrators who have encroached upon the blue hills and green valleys of this beautiful land. Like in Bihar I am sure in Assam too, people will give us a mandate for both *Suraksha* and *Su Raj*. I earnestly appeal to the people of Assam to give BJP a chance. Let me assure them that if we are given an opportunity, our government will not only prevent any further infiltration resolutely but also drive away all those who are not citizens of India and are staying here illegally.

Besides I would like to touch upon an important issue concerning 6 particular communities from Assam and share my concern about their development. These communities are-Moran, Motok, Koch-Rajbongshi, Tai-

Ahom, Tea Tribes and Sutiya. These are all from Assam and we have been seeking Scheduled Tribe status for them for the last many years. I take this opportunity and reiterate our demand for granting ST status to all of them. BJP appeals both the state and central governments to take urgent steps in this regard without affecting the status of existing ST communities. BJP also pledges that should it come to power in the next Lok Sabha elections, it would vigorously follow-up on this demand.

Our Grand Performance in Bihar

Let me also tell you about the importance of our victory in Bihar. It certainly was not a small success. The strike rate of 89% is a historic feat in the annals of India's electoral history. There are multiple factors that made this success possible and we must understand them. Our State leadership as well as all *Karyakartas* deserve all congratulations for this success. United

The way the UPA government went ahead with the appointment of the present Chief Vigilance Commissioner overruling the objections raised by Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, smacks of a particular design to provide systemic protection to all those who are corrupt. This is nothing but an attempt to subvert the system to suit personal designs.

Party Organisation, micro-management at the grass root's level, right selection of candidates and above all the credibility that we have painstakingly earned on the front of Good Governance are some of the key factors. I congratulate all our senior leaders including Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi as well as State President Dr. C. P. Thakur for this historic victory. I must also put on record my appreciation for the leadership of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar who has contributed greatly in this victory of NDA. After we had met at Patna in June last, many of our State units have achieved remarkable success in different elections. In Jammu and Kashmir, in the elections for Laddakh Autonomous Region, for the first time we have a representation with five of our candidates emerging victorious. In Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, people have reposed their faith in a big way in the BJP in local elections. In Kerala also we have increased our tally in local elections. Let me also share a sense of satisfaction over noteworthy electoral success achieved by our units in Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh as well as Andaman Nicobar and Dadara Nagar Haveli.

UPA 2: A Kingdom of Corruption

While we are certainly marching ahead but we just
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cannot afford to be complacent. The nation is facing one of the severest Crisis of Leadership and people of India are looking towards the BJP to provide leadership that will translate their aspirations into reality. The 20-month old rule of the UPA-2 has proved to be a disaster. Everyday, the nation is waking up to a new scam. From sports to civil supplies and telecommunication to civil aviation, UPA-2 has allowed every arena of governance to be exploited by scamsters. And while looters were emptying the government coffers, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was standing guard with his eyes closed and perhaps, hands tied.

It is ironical that when the Congress was celebrating 125 years of its existence, the UPA was observing year 2010 as Year of Scams and Corruption. Practically, every month unveiled a new scam. Scams after scams made organisation of Commonwealth Games a subject of public ridicule. Thanks to the splendid performance of our sportspersons, as a nation; we could save some grace. Soon came the Adarsh Society scam. A Chief Minister who was brought in after the terrorists' attack on Mumbai in November 2009 had to vacate his seat for a scam that showed how even security considerations were disregarded by ruling party bigwigs and bureaucrats. And the 2G scam was literally the height of it.

The huge loss to the exchequer due to this Mother of all Scams is almost equal to the budget outlay of some states. Let us remember that the magnitude of these scams is such that even agencies and departments of the government could not push them under the carpet. Judiciary also had to take their cognizance. All these scams are so very serious that they cannot be dubbed as propaganda by the opposition. They are real and now nobody can shield the criminals involved. Even after the unearthing of so many scams, UPA leaders are unabashedly talking of "zero tolerance to corruption".

We have every reason to believe that these scams are not just systemic failures much less any kind of just aberrations. These scams are some kind of a planned loot of national coffers. The way the UPA government went ahead with the appointment of the present Chief Vigilance Commissioner overruling the objections raised by Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, smacks of a particular design to provide systemic protection to all those who are corrupt. This is nothing but an attempt to subvert the system to suit personal designs. But recent revelations in the case of Bofors have served the purpose of reminding the UPA and one can never fool all the people all the time. Now that the

Revenue Establishment has conclusively established that kickbacks were given and received, if this government is serious about probity and accountability, it should move the Supreme Court to have a Special Investigation Team (SIT) appointed forthwith. Sermons, declaration of multi-point programmes, and empty appeals to political functionaries who are your own appointees will make no impact. What is required is a series of credible measures starting with a firm commitment to punishing the guilty. The rule of law is unambiguous. With prima facie evidence in hand, the law enforcing agencies must file an FIR. They have to arrest and interrogate the suspect, collect evidence and file charge sheet within a stipulated time frame. No body knows as to why this has not happened.

What people are asking the UPA are only few simple questions: Why are you shying away from JPC? What are you afraid of? From Tul Mohan Rams and Nagarwalas to Warren Andersons and Ottavio Quatrochis why all those guilty have always escaped punishment? These are not just episodes of corruption. These are also examples of how successive Congress governments have stabbed in the back of the people who elected them to protect their interests.

If the Prime Minister is so very confident that he is not guilty, why should he be so stubborn in opposing the legitimate demand of JPC? This stubbornness is reminiscent of the pre-emergency days. BJP condemns this approach and forewarns the government that this confrontationist approach will cost the government extremely dearly. It is this stubbornness that is to blame for the logjam in the Parliament. Not opposition but the government is squarely responsible for this logjam. The entire opposition is united on this issue and the sooner the government accepts our demand, the better for all.

Transparency and Accountability in Governance

We in the BJP are aware of the magnitude of the issue of corruption. In order to fight with corruption what is essentially required is the strong political will to overcome this crisis. Thanks to this political will, during the NDA regime we tried to limit the number of cabinet ministers in any State Government in order to prevent

abuse of the position. We believe that we all have to strive to have a system that encourages people to observe the right ethical values in place. Through innovative and result oriented measures we have to work towards this end.

BJP understands that election related expenses are the fountainhead of this crisis. It was with a view to finding a solution to this that we had started a novel life-time fund-giving programme named as *Aajeevan Sahayog Nidhi*. We are happy that we have achieved considerable success in implementing this programme

and at the same time launched another *Vishesh Sahayog Nidhi* to augment election-funds for the party in a transparent manner. Even in governance, our Governments are trying to bring in greater transparency and accountability in order to eradicate corruption. We have asked all our State governments to introduce

e-tendering system and we are also discussing introduction of different measures for ensuring clean and corruption-free governance. I have requested Manohar Parrikar, former Chief Minister of Goa and convener of the Good Governance Cell to set up a Study Group to give recommendations in this regard. Let me take this opportunity to share with you that we are requesting all our State Governments to explore the possibility of establishing a Department of E-Governance with a view to bringing in greater transparency and accountability in governance. Let me reiterate our resolve not to spare the guilty. Our opponents can attempt to tarnish BJP but I am afraid, that will not help them varnish their image.

Terrorism: Poor Track Record of UPA

UPA's track record on the front of fighting against terrorism is also extremely poor. On the Kashmir front, the interlocutors continue to be confused and unclear about their own task. There are no specific terms of reference laid down for them and hence their exercise has become rudderless. A similar rudderlessness prevails in tackling the Naxal issue. While we all in BJP and many of our Chief Ministers are consistently asking for a common strategy and concerted efforts to fight with the Naxalite menace, UPA is speaking in many voices on every terror related issue. Within the ruling party,

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there are elements who hobnob with the Naxals, pamper those who see India as an encroacher in Jammu and Kashmir and try to play with the sensibilities of majority community by blowing up the threat of peripheral groups to rake up the so called Hindu Terrorism. Should we not expect some basic level of maturity from the UPA leaders? Are they not doing disservice to the cause of our war on terror by undermining the threat from one group and demonizing the other? Can some of the UPA leaders be so callous and irresponsible so as to deal with terrorism in a crass partisan manner their facts based on inconclusive investigations, even while sharing assessments with the foreign diplomats? All our countrymen are extremely concerned that the irresponsible utterances of some of the UPA leaders are bound to weaken India's case and give a fillip to those from across the border. Unfortunately, UPA misses no opportunity of sending a wrong signal. When the entire nation is expecting the government to expedite the hanging of Afzal Guru, who has been convicted in the case of Attack on the Parliament, the UPA has set Shaukat Guru, Afzal Guru's associate, in this case; free almost one year before he completes his jail term, for what they certify as "Good Conduct." This is a case of utter disregard for public opinion. Is this not a manifestation of the government's soft and unserious approach

Thanks to Atal Behari Vajpayeeji's government, a pool of non-lapsable funds for the development of this region was specially created. But during the last six years, this pool itself is remaining unutilized. Unfortunately, UPA at the centre and various Congress led governments in this region are suffering from myopia. NDA had provided a great opportunity through a successful cease-fire agreement in Nagaland. But even 14 years after the 1997 agreement, the UPA has failed to build upon this. There are absolutely no movements forward towards lasting peace and speedy construction of development infrastructure in any of the states of the North- East.

towards terrorism?

At this juncture, we demand that the government publish the entire data pertaining to terrorist attacks since 2004 and give details of the investigations completed, cases filed and conviction made of the guilty. The nation also seeks information about the relief and rehabilitation measures taken by the government for those who are victims of terror in one way or the other.

Failure in containing Price Rise

The last eighteen-month rule of UPA is the saga of failures. We have been fighting on the front of rising prices of essential commodities for the last about eighteen months. Instead of bringing the prices down, January 16-31, 2011 ○ 11

this government is adding to the list of commodities that are getting dearer and dearer. In Shakespeare's Hamlet; Marcellus tells Horatio that, "There is something rotten in the State of Denmark." Similarly, there is always something rotten in the UPA regime. Earlier, in spite of the Supreme Court reprimand, this government allowed food grains to rot and refused to distribute them to the hungry. Now, they are allowing imported onions to rot in ports while the *Aam Adami* is deprived of them even at a reasonable price. In the history of independent India, the UPA-2 will go as the costliest regime.

Our Vision for a Developed North- East

Whether it is price rise or development, lack of seriousness in dealing with issues is common in this government's approach.

There is a history to the callous approach of the Congress towards the North -East. For years, successive Congress governments at the centre as well as in this region looked at the North East as a 'milching cow'. Rampant corruption here made the Congress politicians richer while the citizens here got precious little. In Assam today, the present State government has turned every govt. department into a fertile ground for corruption. In that respect, those who are ruling Assam continue to be inspired by those who are ruling in Delhi.

Friends, this region had to wait till the installation of the NDA government to have an independent department of North-East region. Thanks to Atal Behari Vajpayeeji's government, a pool of non-lapsable funds for the development of this region was specially created. But during the last six years, this pool itself is remaining unutilized. Unfortunately, UPA at the centre and various

Congress led governments in this region are suffering from myopia. NDA had provided a great opportunity through a successful cease-fire agreement in Nagaland. But even 14 years after the 1997 agreement, the UPA has failed to build upon this. There are absolutely no movements forward towards lasting peace and speedy construction of development infrastructure in any of the states of the North- East. Temporary peace without any thoughtfully taken measures for winning the hearts of the people have led the central government nowhere. Whether it is Nagaland, Manipur or any other State where terrorism has caused havoc, mere suspension of confrontation on the ground is just not enough. The

central government has to work with a clear and futuristic Vision for Development. Connectivity in every field has to increase manifold. Faster infrastructure development needs to take place in a big way. Economic Development needs to go hand in hand with emotional integration. For decades together, our brothers and sisters in the North-East have been denied opportunities for faster development. Let me tell them that in BJP they have a national political party that always has North - East high on its agenda. I am happy that our North -East Samparka cell has started functioning through different activities and projects. Also, I am happy to share with

The past 20 months of UPA-II has had us witnessing virtually everything, from the outrageous to the ridiculous and even embarrassment, on the template of our Pakistan policy, it all started with the most inexplicable self-indulgent blunder committed at Sharm-al-Sheikh in 2009 (allowing the insertion of India's alleged and illusory subversive role in Baluchistan into the Indo-Pak Joint Statement).

you some key measures that we have taken as a part of our efforts for overall development of this region.

1. BJP has set up a Group of Policy Researchers and Experts to prepare a North-East India 2025 Vision Document. Work has already started on this project and hopefully we will be able to release this Draft Vision Document by end of February 2011.
2. At the Party level, we have established an independent North East Sampark Cell and through this we will be setting up informal Help-Centre mechanisms in some metro cities where students from this region are studying in large number.

We in the BJP believe that the hunger for development of this region has not been given due importance by the UPA and all other Congress governments at the centre earlier. Ad hoc approach and short-term solutions have always been the order of the day. It has been our conviction that fast pace of development of this region through Good Governance will facilitate greater interaction of the people here with people from other parts of the country and all this will result in stronger emotional bondage.

It is in this background that we have put up an exhibition pertaining to some highly successful development and welfare schemes of various BJP Governments in different States. This *Suraj-Sankalp Pradarshani* will let the people of Assam know what BJP means by Good Governance. We are confident, people of Assam and particularly in Guwahati will visit [this exhibition in a big way.](#)

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Our Commitment to Good Governance

At this juncture, I must also share some very noteworthy achievements of State Governments ruled by the BJP and its allies. I am happy to share with you the fact that on the count of several socio-economic indicators including GDP growth BJP and allies ruled States have continuously fared extremely well. Let me congratulate our Madhya Pradesh Government for their introducing the Lok Sewa Guarantee Act. This is an act that makes speedy disposal of cases pending before any govt functionary as for completion of every work this act has provided a stipulated time span. If a government employee fails to comply with the stipulated time frame, he/she has to pay some compensation through their salaries. Also, I congratulate our Government in Himachal Pradesh for securing as many as four awards at the national State of the States contest of India Today. In the Faster Mover category all NDA states have bagged all the five

awards. Gujarat's fast pace of agriculture growth has been widely acclaimed and I must congratulate our govt there. I also congratulate the Chhattisgarh government for fast economic development and the Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttarakhand governments for faster growth in Education, Health and Investment fronts respectively. Karnataka too has achieved some prestigious awards for an efficient transportation system.

In the last year, we have all along stressed the need for working towards development oriented Good Governance. Through several activities we have tried to give further impetus to our idea of Politics for Development.

International Scenario

Friends, let me also share with you a general assessment of some key issues concerning India's external affairs. The Indo-US track has arguably been the most significant relationship for India, since the end of the Cold War, and more so during the opening decade of the 21st Century. The BJP remains ardently committed to the progressive strengthening of this relationship, assuming much pride in having substantively contributed to the flowering of this strategic engagement, during its time in Office. However, the parameters of such a strategic relationship, envisaged and forged during 1998-2004, seemed to have eroded in certain quarters. The inflexion-point reached in our mutual ties, seem to have been recast, in a manner, that purportedly undermines India's security and economic interests in certain respects, most notably, the subject

of Cross-Border Terrorism spawned out of Pakistan. The failure of the UPA government to use the diplomatic channels to convince the international community about Pakistan's aiding and abetting terrorism and still claiming to be a victim of it simultaneously has proved disastrous. We in BJP hope that the government will take all necessary steps to build upon the recent visit of U.S. President Obama to India's advantage; especially in respect to India's War on Terror.

UPA's Pakistan Policy

The past 20 months of UPA-II, has had us witnessing virtually everything, from the outrageous to the ridiculous and even embarrassment, on the template of our Pakistan policy, it all started with the most inexplicable self-indulgent blunder committed at Sharmal-Sheikh in 2009 (allowing the insertion of India's alleged and illusory subversive role in Baluchistan into the Indo-Pak Joint Statement). Then came the very public hectoring that our Foreign Minister had to endure from his Pakistani counterpart in 2010. The most brazen dismissal by Pak authorities, of multiple 'information-containing' dossiers transmitted by the Union Home Minister, as documents, 'not actionable enough,' rather more in the nature of 'Literature' was the latest snub. One has to conclude that we have found all this ignominy heaped upon us, largely since, we have shifted our own goal - post of principles.

Earlier we had rightly insisted on tangible action from Pakistan before any dialogue. However, later at a certain point-in-time, we made our policy stand on its head and agreed that Dialogue was inevitable and had to be initiated, irrespective of any action on Pakistan's part. Thanks to the lack of strategic moves on our part, the hyphenated viewpoint of the international community while looking at the India - Pakistan conflict continues to persist.

India- China Relations

Bharatiya Janata Party is all for cooperative ties with the Peoples' Republic of China, going forward, and we also subscribe to the idea of such a potentially dynamic relationship. One can not undermine the fact that through its proactive diplomacy, the NDA Govt ensured that relations had thawed with the PRC, so much so, that the latter saw good reason in formally acknowledging the status of Sikkim as a sovereign integral territory of the Indian Union, in the wake of Atalji's historic sojourn to China in June 2003. We do hope that the Govt takes a discerning view of enlightened self-interest in its interactions with the PRC, blending assertive actions with cooperative engagement in mutually beneficial areas.

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On Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is on a path of construction and rehabilitation post the defeat of the LTTE. The Tamil people are still awaiting complete resettlement and integration into the villages. Children and women need proper health care while the citizens in general will have to be drawn into the mainstream with their self-respect and dignity.

Review of 2010

Friends, we are here in this New Year and it makes sense to review the past year while entering the new one. We are all happy that the last year witnessed the historic ruling on *Ram Janma Bhoomi*. We have already welcomed this judgment and we do hope that all sections of the society will now help make a grand Ram Mandir at Ayodhya possible.

Last year was an eventful year with increased pace of party activities all over the country. We have strengthened some departments such as Training. Our three-tier Cadre Training programme has received an encouraging response. Over 15000 party workers have so far participated in our Primary Level capacity building programme. However, we still have to fine tune our Training Activities and make them more result oriented. We have to create an atmosphere where the value additions that we make through training become more obvious. If this is done, the difference between trained and untrained will become more pronounced. Similarly, on the front of *Antyodaya* also we have to create an atmosphere where taking up projects for *Seva, Shiksha, Sanskar* and *Vikas* becomes a normal and routine thing. Mahatma Gandhi wanted to spiritualise politics. Spiritualisation is a tall order. But, prior to that we have to sensitize our Party workers to the miseries of the deprived sections of the society and inspire them to work for these sections. *Antyodaya* programme primarily aims at that. I am happy to share with you that we now have worked through some structured efforts to reach out to the unorgansied labourers through a new organisation called Asanghatit Kamgar Mahasangh. I expect all of you to take keen interest in this new venture and through this new organisation reach out to the labourers from the unorganized sector.

I am also happy that we now have several new cells established mainly for the purpose of involving people with diverse areas of interests. Political parties have to be vehicles of activism. I am sure our new cells will prove to be the right avenue to those who have experience, expertise and enthusiasm but have no organisational apparatus to cultivate their own activism. Of the several new cells that we have formed, Good

Governance Cell, North East Sampark Cell and MP- MLA Development Cell have started functioning in full steam. Cells like Bio-Energy Cell, Human Rights Cell have also started their activities but still have to go a long way. I hope, other new as well as old cells will also start functioning in top gear and achieve the goals they have set for themselves. I am asking all the Conveners of Cells to prepare a report of their activities of the past few months and send the same to me. In fact, in BJP we have always considered "preparation and filing a report" a good practice and this must be replicable by all. Let me share with you that I myself also have prepared a Report and it will reach you soon.

For me it is a matter of great pleasure to announce that plans for a new headquarter for the Party are being given a final shape. It will not only house our Central Office but also have a Research Department and a Training Department functioning from there. We are a natural party of governance and hence should always be working on an alternative narrative on governance. In this regard we are establishing a Research Department within the BJP, which will connect with policy experts and practitioners from different sectors and come out with policy recommendations. The department will document, study and showcase the "best/ innovative practices" of our state governments. Even in states we are exploring the possibility of establishing research and training institutions to commemorate some of our senior leaders like Jagannathrao Joshi (Karnataka) and Sundersingh Bhandari (Rajasthan).

Friends, the year ahead is full of challenges. Elections in Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry will give us an opportunity to expand our support base. Expanding support base and making new inroads in newer sections of society has to take place at all times. We will also be holding two national level conventions.

One of the conventions will be on Judicial Reforms. We are extremely concerned about the recent happenings in judiciary. It is extremely important to think of innovative ways for making justice delivery system work faster. Unless some drastic systemic reforms are introduced, people will lose their faith in judiciary.

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Another conference that is being planned is that of our workers who are actively associated in any Cooperative institution. The Legal Cell and Cooperatives Cell are planning these events respectively. Let me also announce that the Party shall compile all spoken and written words of our respected leader Mananiya Atal Behari Vajpayee under a project entitled Samagra Atalji. Details of carrying out this project within a year's span are being worked out. Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini, Mumbai will be carrying out this project. Let's rekindle hope

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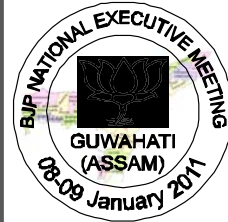
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On the other hand, we also have the responsibility for making the nation free from corruption, hunger, and terror. Seeking inspiration from the lives of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and Pt. Deen Dayal

Upadhyay we must unitedly work for national reconstruction. People are looking up to the BJP and the NDA with great expectations. We have the responsibility of rekindling hope in the minds of people who are becoming increasingly cynical. At this moment, we look upto all our great leaders to guide us. Standing here amidst you, on the banks of Brahmaputra in the East, I cannot help but remember the prophetic words of our legendary leader, Atal Behari Vajpayee. Thirty years before, standing on the banks of the Arabian Sea in Mumbai he had promised end of darkness, rising of the sun and blossoming of the lotus. I borrow from our leader's inspiring words and proclaim: Andhera Chhatega, Suraj Nikalega, Kamal Khilega. ■

Flow of immigrants to North-East has reached dangerous proportions

In its two day national executive meeting on 08-09 January 2011 in Guwahati (Assam), Bharatiya Janata Party has passed a resolution on the Situation in Assam and North-East in view of the threats posed by Bangladeshi infiltrations and rampant corruption in the States of the region. In a comprehensive indictment of the UPA government, the resolution held it responsible for infiltration and corruption while putting forward demands to be acted upon urgently to retrieve the situation. The resolution was moved by BJP National Gen. Sec. and Chief Spokesperson Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and seconded by BJP National Gen. Sec. Shri Tapir Gao. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers.



Assam and other States of the North-East have a unique geopolitical situation as it is surrounded by five countries, Bhutan, Nepal, China, Myanmar and Bangladesh. The entire North-East is a land of immense beauty, diversity and extra-ordinary potential. It represents some of the finest attributes of our rich and diverse cultural and civilisational heritage. The people of North-East, proud Indians; are embodiment of this rich heritage. Yet, it is ironic and tragic that the entire North-East in varying measures, is today afflicted with the scourge of corruption, extremism, terrorism, mal-governance and infiltration from across

the border, aided and abetted by rank vote bank politics of the Congress which is in power in most of the States of North-East. All this has heightened the misery of the people. The bigger irony is that all this is happening when the Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh is a Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) from the North-East, representing the state of Assam. The BJP has consciously decided to have a special resolution on the disturbing and alarming situation in the North-East not only to focus upon its problems but also to reiterate its pledge that it stands by the people of Assam and the North-East and would do everything possible to ensure a better condition for them.

Infiltration from Bangladesh

The rampant infiltration from Bangladesh into Assam, various parts of North-East and many other parts of India including Delhi has today acquired

alarming proportion. In fact the flow of immigrants to Assam, in particular has reached dangerous proportions. Census statistics bear testimony to this dangerous trend. In 1991 there were 1.18 crores voters in Assam. This increased to 1.44 crores in 2001 and 1.79 crores in 2010, a rise of 61 lacs in two decades. Out of 126 Assembly Constituencies in the State 82 recorded over 7% growth per annum in the number of voters between 2004 (Lok

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Sabha Elections) and 2006 (Vidhan Sabha Elections). This may be contrasted with the figure of 1.67% growth per annum in all India voters between 1999 and 2004. Out of these

82 Assembly constituencies, 18 recorded over 10% annual growth with Dhekiajuli recording a highest growth rate of 22.5% per annum. The rampant infiltration is not only changing demography but also seriously impacting the polity of the country. If such a dangerous situation is not controlled then who knows in not too distant a future there is every apprehension of an infiltrator becoming the Chief Minister of Assam.

There is substantial evidence available to suggest that the Congress Party has deliberately turned a blind eye to this danger in spite of repeated warning from responsible quarters and even sought to undo directions of the Supreme Court in this connection. In fact the notorious IMDT Act 1983 (Illegal Migrants Determination by Tribunals Act) was brought by the Congress Government which made it impossible for citizens who are residents in Assam to secure the

detection and deportation of foreigners/ illegal immigrants. The Act enacted with the professed aim of detecting and deporting infiltrators, in fact, became an instrument to perpetuate their stay in Assam. Under the Foreigners Act 1946, applicable to the entire country; the onus was on the illegal immigrants to prove that he was an Indian citizen, whereas, under the IMDT the responsibility was on the complainant to prove the same. This discriminatory law, which proved to be completely ineffective in detection and deportation of infiltrators, was challenged before the Supreme Court. During the course of hearing, when the NDA was in power it took a very clear stand that the application of the IMDT Act to the State of Assam alone is clearly discriminatory and the Government is considering to repeal it. However, when the NDA Government went out of power in May 2004, the UPA Government headed by Congress filed another affidavit before the Supreme Court stating that the Central Government has reconsidered the matter and taken a decision to retain the IMDT Act in present form in its application to the State of Assam. This showed the clear intention of Congress that it did not want to take any action against the infiltrators.

The Supreme Court examined the entire matter in detail including the historical background, the report of the then Governor, Assam about the dangerous implications of rampant infiltration and concluded that "There can be no manner of doubt that the State of Assam is facing external aggression and internal disturbance on account of large scale illegal migration of Bangladeshi nationals and it becomes the duty of the Union of India to take all measures for protection of the State of Assam because it poses a threat to the integrity and security of the North-Eastern region". The Apex Court, accordingly, by its Judgement of 22 July 2005 declared the IMDT as unconstitutional and directed that all cases of illegal migrants shall now be decided in the manner provided in the Foreigners Act, as well as, the procedure prescribed under the Foreigners (Tribunals) Orders 1964.

It is indeed shocking that instead of obeying the mandate of the said judgement, the UPA Government headed by the Congress sought to nullify the direction in the said judgement. It amended the Foreigners (Tribunals) Orders 1964 and by a notification of 2006 held that Foreigners Act in effect shall not apply to the State of Assam. This meant that no action could be taken against the illegal immigrants. The Supreme Court, in the second round of litigation by its judgement of January 16-31, 2011 ○ 16

Dec 5, 2006 held that "the amendment by 2006 order has been issued just as a cover up for non-implementation of the earlier direction of this Court". The Court observed "that we have to lament once again that there is a lack of will in the matter of ensuring that illegal immigrants are sent out of the country. The Court quashed the 2006 order and directed the Union and State Government to forthwith implement the earlier direction of this Court to detect and deport the illegal immigrants under the Foreigners Act.

It is the Charge of BJP that purely for a vote bank politics the Congress Government in Assam duly aided by the present Central Government has a vested interest in promoting infiltration. Because of continuing infiltration, the indigenous Assamese people are losing control of their land while illegal Bangladeshis have embarked on a large scale land grab policy of Satra land, forest land, grazing land and even Tribal land. The Char land that is the sand island created with the changing

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course of river has also been settled with the family of illegal migrants in big areas by the State Government by giving them Pattas. These illegal immigrants are also contributing, assisting and fomenting the spread of terror, extremism and separatism, which seriously impinges on the security and integrity of India. They are also seriously encroaching upon the employment opportunities of the native people of Assam, North-East and in other parts of the country wherever they are going.

The BJP makes it very clear that all those native and indigenous Muslims who are traditionally born and brought up in Assam since generations are not infiltrators and are entitled to all the respect and rights due to an Indian citizen. At the same time it should also be made very clear that Hindus who are forced to come to India because of persecution and discrimination in Bangladesh only because they are in minority; cannot be called infiltrators. They are in fact displaced persons who are entitled to shelter in India. They must be given the rights of citizens and must be allowed to settle in India which is an obligation of Governments.

The BJP National Executive makes the following demands:

- i) Prompt steps be taken to detect and deport all the illegal immigrants from Assam and other parts of North-East under the provisions of the Foreigners Act in a time bound manner as directed repeatedly by the Supreme Court.
- ii) The Election Commission must ensure the deletion of the names of illegal infiltrators from the voter list as demanded by the BJP through a memorandum submitted recently. In accordance with the Constitution only citizens can vote and the directions of the Supreme Court is equally binding on the Election Commission.
- iii) There should be proper border fencing on our international borders in the North-East with different countries including Bangladesh. On the western border such fencing has been done. There must be special security monitoring at the river end passing through both the countries.
- iv) In view of the sensitive and critical situation in Assam and North-East because of rampant infiltration; compulsory registration of every citizen, issue of national identity card and maintenance of National Register of citizens as required under Section 14-A of the Citizenship Act 1955 must be undertaken on a priority basis in these areas.

Rampant Corruption in North-East under Congress regime

Almost the entire North-East most of which is ruled by Congress or, Congress led Governments is today plagued with massive corruption, loot of public money with blatant political patronage and rampant deprivation of the benefits meant for the poor under privileged and people below the poverty line. A disturbing nexus of politicians including Ministers in the Government, bureaucrats, contractors and suppliers has conspired to undertake a systematic loot of public money including grants from the Government of India. There is widespread nexus between corruption and loot of development funds between ruling establishment and the militants. The BJP will bring out a comprehensive booklet exposing this massive corruption. It also proposes to submit a memorandum to the Hon'ble President of India in this connection. However, January 16-31, 2011 ○ 17

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some of the instances of these corruptions are being highlighted below to demonstrate the enormity of these scams which have acquired monumental proportion:

- ▶ The NC Hill scam in Assam, manipulation of transport subsidy, irrigation scam has ruined Assam. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) unearthed a scam of around Rs. 1000 crores in the North Kachar Hills Autonomous District Council. Many Ministers and several bureaucrats have been identified by NIA as the beneficiaries of the scam. A huge amount of Rs. 13.45 crores in cash was recovered by the CBI from the House of scamsters.
- ▶ Around one crore people in Assam have been declared as below poverty line (BPL). It is alleged that nearly 50% of rice meant for these BPL families amounting to Rs. 1000 crores goes straight to black market. There is serious leakage, corruption and manipulation in the Public Distribution System (PDS) in Assam.
- ▶ Arunachal Pradesh witnessed the country's biggest PDS scandal where the former Congress Chief Minister Gegong Apang along with around 100 ruling party leaders and officials were found involved in black marketing of ration/PDS food grains in this Rs. 1000 crores fraud the former Chief Minister was arrested by the Special Investigation Cell constituted by the Guwahati High Court.
- ▶ In Manipur, there is huge loot to the extent of Rs.

244 crores in the name of cleaning the Loktak Lake. The lake clean up project sponsored and funded by the Government of India, money is going down the drain. The firm to whom the contract was awarded was found to be dubious and it was linked to some alleged relations of the Chief Minister of Manipur.

- ▶ The SGRY Scam and the Hydropower allotment scam of Arunachal Pradesh are almost similar to the notorious 2G spectrum scam.

- ▶ There are scams in implementation of projects under the Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission, food control and distribution, drinking water, construction of dams and even in recruitments.

- ▶ Mining allotment has become a major source of corruption

in North-East.

The BJP is committed to undertake a massive crusade against this operation loot of public money meant for the poor and the needy. This massive corruption has only increased the poverty and backwardness of the North-eastern States. The CAG, the media and even the Courts have seriously commented upon the same. The BJP National Executive demands the following:

- i) There must prompt investigation by the NIA, CBI and other agencies and all the accused must be prosecuted for which Special Fast Track Court be established.
- ii) There must be special audit of all these scams.
- iii) The property of all these scamsters including of the Minister involved as well as bureaucrats must be seized.

Strategic security in the North-East

The entire North-East has a very unique geopolitical situation as stated earlier. The North-East is also an import economy where the economic lifeline of any region could be throttled by any State or, non State actor with little effort. The overpowering expansionist design of China also keeps on recurring with alarming regularity particularly in regards to borders as well as a malicious claim over the State of Arunachal which is an would remain an integral part of India. River Brahmaputra is the lifeline of the North-East and the reported decision of China to construct a series of dams at the source of river Brahmaputra would have a serious impact on the economic and social life of the entire region. The Government of India must undertake a proper impact assessment study of these dams keeping the interest of North-East in mind. Insurgency, separatism and terrorism play their own part in creating a situation of uncertainty in the region. The overpowering influence of ISI sponsored Jehadi outfits in neighbouring Bangladesh having their own linkage and assistance to separatist group operating in the North-East continues to remain a serious threat. This has to be handled with a firm hand.

It is indeed curious that when the election to Assam assembly is so close, we are hearing again the reported effort of talk between a section of ULFA leaders and the Government. It is too well known in public domain that
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the Congress Party in Assam has taken overt and covert support of the ULFA elements to better its electoral prospects in the past. Naturally this has foreign policy implication as well. We understand that the Government of Bhutan is not very happy over these developments as upon the request of Government of India earlier, Bhutan has taken strong military action against ULFA elements who had taken shelter in the forest of Bhutan. The signal to Bangladesh would also not be very happy because on the one hand India wants strong action to be taken against ULFA elements in Bangladesh and at the same time going for peace talk in an adhoc and non-transparent manner. What is the condition of release of some ULFA leaders is also not known. The BJP is very clear that any peace talk with ULFA must be held within the frame work of our

constitution, on a long term sustained basis and in a transparent manner where violence and armed struggle has no place at all. Any election driven initiative of talk by Congress is deeply reprehensible.

Therefore, the security in the North-East needs to be seen not in mere policing terms but as a complex intersection of foreign affairs, military, internal and strategic security as also a meaningful resolution of economic issues. The NDA led by the BJP when it was in power at the Centre had established the Department of North-Eastern Affairs as also undertaken a whole range of other measures. The security interest is also equally important. A safe and secure North-East is vital for India. There has to be due coordination on the security issues in the entire North-East under the overall command and control of National Security Council. The Centre must take adequate steps to ensure this coordination in an appropriate manner.

Lastly, it is very important that both the Centre and State Government must ensure that the North-East which is more than 1600-2000 (appr) Km. away from Delhi and is still inaccessible in many areas must be given proper support for development of infrastructure and capacity building. It was during the NDA that the National Highway programme was also planned to be extended till the North-East but has almost been put in the cold storage. This is deeply regrettable. ■

To restore hope back to people BJP will fight corruption tooth & nail

A resolution on Political Affairs was passed in BJP National Executive Meeting held at Guwahati (Assam) on 08-09 January 2011. The resolution took note of the worsening political situation in the country under the UPA government with a number of scandals, scams and cases of corruption coming to the fore. Taking serious note of the failure of Congress led UPA to rein in corruption, the document also resolves to pursue a plan of action to clean India of corruption. Leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj moved the resolution which was seconded by Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers.

The year 2010 has ended leaving the Congress led UPA II responsible for showcasing India as a poorly managed, carelessly governed, utterly corrupt nation among the comity of nations. 2010 saw the Congress betraying its arrogance in refusing to be accountable to the people of India for the rampant corruption - three of which have caused huge loss to the exchequer. In each of the three scandals - The Commonwealth Games, the 2G Spectrum and the Adarsh Society - the nexus between the powers that be and the private operators for personal gain is established. Existing checks and balances in the system have been methodically removed in a manner which facilitated the scale and magnitude of the corruption. All this has only stunned the nation.

Here in Guwahati, in January 2011, the Bharatiya Janata Party's National Executive sees the political atmosphere prevailing now as comparable with that which prevailed during its Session at Ernakulam in January 1988 - a full 23 years ago.

We observed then, "... a series of stinking scandals surfaced and forced the country's Prime Minister stand up in Parliament and declare neither he nor his family had received any graft money, and yet, the man in the street remained unconvinced by the declaration."

We further observed that "the credibility of Government was zero" and that "the government was scuttling investigation by entrusting the task to a committee robbed off effective powers..." The BJP then recorded "a weakening of institutions" and stated that "the Government...aids and abets communalism and separatism to divert public attention from the issue of corruption in high places to that of communalism in low places".

And significantly, it observed that "Mr Clean (Shri Rajiv Gandhi) has emerged as Mr Disaster, and is giving the country a scandal a day. The country is being ruled today by faceless men with multiple mysterious foreign links".

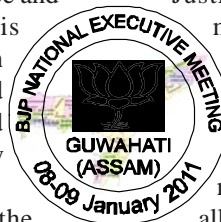
In 2010, today's Prime Minister gave us a scandal a day. The government is scuttling every call for a comprehensive enquiry into corruption by appointing toothless Commissions of enquiry (Shungloo and Justice Patil). The faceless men with multiple mysterious foreign links are emerging in the Radia tapes and in tax havens; and the CBI belatedly is searching for them.

Bofors Back Again

In comparison with 1987, the scale and magnitude of corruption the Congress has allowed now has escalated with time. Since the situation warrants it, it is important to recall the significance of Mr Quattrocchi in the Bofors affair. When Shri Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister, Mr Ottavio Quattrocchi had unrivalled access to the prime minister's household. Simultaneously, his connections with the then powers that be, was well chronicled by the media. The Bofors scandal achieved its status in echelons of scandals primarily thanks to Mr Q and his association with the then PM's household.

The Congress party went all out to protect him and subverted every attempt to have a fair investigation. Against all odds, they persisted with the cover up of the wrong doings. The cover up relied on just one proposition - no kickbacks were paid in the Bofors deal. Now the Bofors is back with a bang on the fallacy of that proposition. Kickbacks were indeed paid.

The Income Tax Appellate Tribunal has established that it was indeed kickbacks that were received by Mr



Quattrocchi and the others and that ill-gotten money moved from one territory to another evading tax payment. The Congress party had resolutely maintained that no kickbacks were paid and were closing the case against Mr Quattrocchi.

The Congress, particularly its first family is faced with the power of truth. Truth has the habit of coming up at inconvenient time. Misusing the CBI to undermine this case, each time and at every level, the party ensured that Quattrocchi was enabled to flee the country. He was protected from facing the laws of this country even in the courts abroad where our authorities posed a weak case or submitted delayed affidavits. The Congress was utterly shameless in the ways they adopted to save this offender against our national interest. Today, the CBI could declare, "we killed the case and therefore there is no case."

2G Spectrum Scandal - The Largest Known and the National Loss

The 2G Spectrum Case is the largest this country has known. In its sheer size, scale and magnitude it is audacious and shall remain so for decades to come. Surprisingly, notwithstanding all the media and political parties' call for action the matter continued to flourish for more than 2 full years. The prime minister had to keep the UPA II alliance intact and therefore, hell or high water, protection was offered for the Spectrum fraudsters.

The loss to the exchequer, at the lowest estimate is Rs 95,000 crores and at the highest is Rs 1,76,000 crores. The formulae used for calculating the loss to the nation are well documented by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). To question these estimates or to describe them as presumptive loss is to make a mockery of the professionalism which the CAG has shown. The value of the kickbacks, the share each that the fraudsters have received, the places where these funds are parked are further to be investigated. Getting back this ill-gotten money will prove a herculean task.

The Prime Minister's 'do nothing' approach has only helped the matter go out of control. By remaining a mute spectator, at a stroke, the PM has undermined the office of the PM in the eyes of the people of India, while simultaneously allowing the nation to be looted.

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The Commonwealth Games Scandal

The opportunity to host the 2010 Commonwealth Games was completely utilized by the cronies of the Congress party to gratify their greed. The nation was put to shame for the corruption, the irregularities and the poor quality, delayed and incomplete work prior to the inaugural of the Games.

The PMO again has capitulated to unjustified cost escalations and coalesced in nepotism. Well connected but unqualified people were given contracts which demanded specialized skills. Needless to say the nation was put to ignominy. A powerless Committee (Shungloo Committee) is looking into the wrongdoings while the entire documentary evidence is now available in the public domain.

Kargil War Widows Deprived

The Adarsh Society scandal hit at the very heart and soul of this country. Land which was assigned for the Kargil war widows was usurped by a few high ranking defence officials conniving with powerful bureaucrats and their political bosses. The chief minister of Maharashtra had to resign as his mother-in-law and other near relatives benefitted in this allotment. To add insult to injury, there is a FIR registered in a police station

complaining that a file on Adarsh Society bearing the CM's signature has gone missing. First the land and then the evidence - both go out of the war widows' hands. The Congress is again shameless about how the relevant file goes missing from the CM's office when there is so much public glare.

Corruption in Congress-ruled Assam

Corruption prevails in Congress ruled states too. The Bharatiya Janata Party's National Executive is meeting here in Pragjyothishpur and therefore we speak of the Congress government here. The National Investigation Agency (NIA), in its first case, has unearthed a scandal amounting to Rs 1000 crores in the North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC). Although the NIA did not disclose it, The Week magazine found that 7 ministers of Assam, in addition to several bureaucrats, have been identified by NIA as the beneficiaries of the scam. In fact, a subsequent raid by CBI recovered a sum of Rs 13.45 crores from the house of one of the relative of a bureaucrat.

Similarly, it was found that from the Jawaharlal Nehru

Urban Renewal Mission (JNURM) funds for Guwahati, a sum of Rs 200 crores has been siphoned away in projects such as Multi-Storied Parking, Drainage and Drinking Water.

Scandal in Arunachal too

In Arunachal Pradesh the Congress government is allegedly involved misusing a transport subsidy. The media has unearthed a Rs 686 crore transport subsidy scam involving just 2 items: cement and iron & steel.

These corruption scandals are worrying in themselves. But the role that was played by corporate lobbyists in what is otherwise the prerogative of the prime Minister is serious. The prime minister's prerogative it is to form the cabinet and to allocate ministerial portfolios to members of the cabinet. In the case of the UPA II, that prerogative was taken away from him by lobbyists who were working for several corporate houses at a time. A few from the media also played in this game.

Institutions Violated

The appointment of the Chief Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) was defiantly made overriding the written objection made by the Leader of the Opposition, Lok Sabha, Smt Sushma Swaraj. The CVC has a corruption case pending for nearly 10 years in Kerala. In Dec 2009, as telecom secretary, on a request letter from the CAG asking for the concerned files, he had chosen to reply that there were no files with him and suggested that CAG may ask the CBI.

Even as recently as July 2010, the CVC allowed, with his initials on, letters questioning the authority of the CAG to know the facts. Notwithstanding the debates on the issue of propriety in his continuing in office, the CVC appointed the new CBI chief who shall be investigating into the 2G Scandal! A complete mockery of our institutions!

Urgent Need for JPC

Keeping in mind the nature and complexity of the three major corruption scandals facing the nation today, the BJP has been demanding an enquiry through a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC).

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC), a statutory body shall go into the details of the loss to the exchequer and the failures of the departmental decisions. No doubt! The telecom is one of the ministries the PAC studies, basing on the reports the CAG submits. So shall it study the other Ministries too. Surely, it is its job to identify every rupee of the public fund reading through the CAG reports and ensuring accountability.

But the 2G, CWG and Adarsh have involved many other aspects of the executive and legislature - corporate
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lobbying in policy and decision making, the careful removal of in-built checks and balances which prevail in the system (apparently even at the ministerial level) the regulatory authority being made irrelevant and so on. It is not feasible for the PAC to look into these complexities. Ministers cannot be summoned by the PAC. The PM may have valiantly offered to appear before the PAC, but subsequently the PAC is finding ways to make that possible!

A JPC shall be focussed and its terms of reference shall be wide. Corruption shall be its only subject and it shall exhaustively find the logical links, however deep, far or frightening. Towards this end, it shall call and question any, however mighty and powerful they be. And this is what makes the Congress fear the JPC! And this is why they do not want it! And they are obstinate!

There is so much distress and distrust in the country. The people have lost faith in the politicians and have no hope left for political parties. They wonder if fair judgements can be obtained at least through the Courts. Media has also been put to introspect. A silent Prime Minister has not helped the situation.

Clean India of Corruption

The Bharatiya Janata Party resolves, in this valiant land of Pragjyotishpur, that it shall fight corruption tooth and nail. To restore hope back to the people, the BJP shall rise to serve as the nucleus of this effort. We are a party born out of a struggle, not very long ago. People, groups, civil society organisations and parties wishing to energise this 'clean India of corruption' effort should come together.

Together, we should extricate this glorious nation from the Congress culture of corruption, greed and loot. Ill-gotten wealth should be brought back from all tax havens wherever in the world. Political will and national interest is required for this unenviable task.

In this disconcerting political environment, the Bharatiya Janata Party's National Executive Resolves:

- ▶ To hold rallies at various places across the length and breadth of this country in order to draw people's attention to the rampant corruption of the Congress party.
- ▶ To help consolidate the vibrant internet community in order to build awareness on the corruption malice; and work as pressure groups in institutions around the world to contain the corruption menace.
- ▶ To highlight the failures of the government in addressing the issues facing the common man - primarily the failure to control food prices.
- ▶ To seek legal recourse to justice - for getting the nation looters punished and to get back the ill-gotten wealth from the various tax havens abroad. ■



A new Agriculture policy is the need of the hour : BJP



In a meeting of BJP National Office Bearers at Guwahati in Assam the issue of the deepening agrarian crisis in the country was discussed and serious note of the plight of the farmers was taken. In a press release the issue of farmers of Andhra Pradesh who are in despair having been devastated by the untimely and incessant rains was raised calling for immediate relief measures from the government. While discussing the overall situation prevailing in the country, the plight of the farmers of Orissa and Maharashtra was also mentioned. We are publishing the text of the press release for our readers.

The BJP National Office Bearers Meet expresses serious concern about the plight of the farmers of Andhra Pradesh who are in despair having been devastated by the untimely and incessant rains between July and December 2010. The farmer's plight has to be seen to be believed. They have been completely devastated as their crops, particularly paddy and right after the harvest, was literally floating in oceans of rain water. The unkind weather has snatched away the fruits of their hard toil just as they were about to reap them. The misery of farmers further worsened as the heavy untimely rains hit them even as they were yet to recover from the huge crop losses that were caused by the storms of 'Laila' and 'Jal' in 2009 and then in 2010.

More than 25 lakh acres of paddy and 10 lakh acres of commercial crops like tobacco, cotton, turmeric, onion, mirchi, black gram, red gram, ground nut, have been affected and farmers are anxiously looking towards the state and central governments to urgently come to their rescue.

The weavers and fishermen were also affected as water entered into the handlooms of the weavers and nets and small boats of fishermen have been washed away. This has severely compromised their means to livelihood.

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The BJP delegation led by Sri Lal Krishna Advani and

comprising Smt Sushma Swaraj, Sri Arun Jaitley, Sri Venkaiah Naidu, Sri Gopinath Munde and Sri Purushotha Rupala met the Prime Minister on December 13th 2010 and subsequently the Agriculture Minister. The BJP made several constructive suggestions for timely help and relief to the farmers. But unfortunately, it is saddening to note that till date neither the centre has acted on this serious situation nor the state government. Both the

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centre and state governments have adopted a casual approach to the horrific plight of the farmers and now there is growing resentment and unrest among the farmers of the state.

The farmers need liberal support both from the centre and the state. The package announced by the state government is woefully inadequate and does not address the severity of the distress of the farmers.

The farmers are already on an agitational path in the state. The BJP, in its own way, is also continuously leading public movements to pressurize the government to understand the severity of the devastation and therefore provide adequate and just help.

The farmers are requesting for an input subsidy of Rs.10,000 per acre, reschedulement of loans with one year moratorium and interest to be paid by the government. The farmers also want new loans to be given for further cultivation.

They are also requesting the Food Corporation of India to enter into market purchase of the discolored, damaged, sprouted and weevilled grains and also convert the discolored rice into boiled and allow export of the same. But unfortunately the FCI has not entered the market so far and the relaxation has been given only upto 10% and afterwards Rs.10 value cut for each additional per cent. That means that if a farmer's crop is discolored 50%, he will lose Rs.500 per quintal by way of value cut. This is totally unjustified and unfair. Neither the FCI nor the state civil supplies departments are procuring the affected paddy. The farmers have no other alternative but to go for distress sale. So far only 3,500

tonnes of paddy has been procured by the government agencies against the expected stocks of 100 lakh tones.

The old stocks of BPT 5204 variety rice need to be disposed off by allowing exports.

In a similar situation of lesser magnitude in the year 2003, the NDA government had relaxed moisture upto 20% without value cut. This year too, the BJP ruled governments of Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka, have given additional bonus for paddy farmers to provide remunerative price.

The tobacco growers want Rs. 1 lakh as additional loan per barn and refund of the penalty they paid for growing additional crop. It is surprising to note that inspite of the Tobacco Board recommendations, the Commerce Minister is sitting on the same without giving clearance.

The farmers also want a time bound action plan to modernize the drainage system because it was the failure of this system which has led to the devastation of such a magnitude.

A comprehensive crop insurance scheme with farmer's individual holding as a unit needs to be implemented.

The BJP urges upon the Government of India to take immediate note of the seriousness of the situation and initiate substantial and meaningful remedial measures to help mitigate the sufferings of farming community. The agony and despair of hapless farmers cannot ever be in national interest. We demand the government to act before it is too late, or else, it will incur the wrath of the people

The BJP wants this devastation to be declared as a national calamity.

The BJP is of the opinion that all these demands are reasonable and is also of the view that the relief announced by the centre is both 'too little and too late'. The Rs. 400 crores release from the calamity contingency fund is nothing but an eye wash as this amount was already due for Andhra Pradesh from the NCCF.

The centre is adopting an anti-farmer attitude and as a result of this it will face the consequences. The BJP has decided to intensify its agitation in support of just demands of the affected farmers.

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government to act before it is too late, or else, it will incur the wrath of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

The BJP demands that the Government of India should immediately direct the FCI to relax the specifications of discolored paddy to create buoyancy in the market and rescue farmers from distress sale. The party further demands that centre should immediately release Rs.3000 crores to the state of Andhra Pradesh to mitigate the sufferings of farmers, weavers and fishermen.

Orissa

The condition of farmers is very grim in Orissa because of the untimely heavy rains. All the 30 districts got heavy rainfall in the mid season of harvesting. Neither the state government could give the details of the crop loss nor the union government has come to the rescue of the farmers so far. Only blame game is going on the farmer's issue. The farmers are in distress and they need to be given maximum support from the centre.

Maharashtra

Maharashtra which was once a number one state in the country on agriculture front has now become a state of farmer's suicides. This is because of wrong and anti-farmer policies of the Congress led alliance. Earlier it was drought which broke the back of the farmer and now it is untimely rain that caused huge loss to the farmer. More than 20 lakh acres of crop including paddy, cotton, santra, soya bean, onion and grapes was affected and farmers suffered heavy losses. The centre has only released advanced money from the NCCF.

The centre's apathy towards the farmers is one and the same in every state. Be it is Andhra, Orissa or Maharashtra. The unrest is growing and we only hope that the centre acts fast before the situation goes out of hand.

The BJP feels there is a need for new approach to the entire issue of agrarian crisis and the need to initiate a new agriculture policy which will sustain agriculture. ■

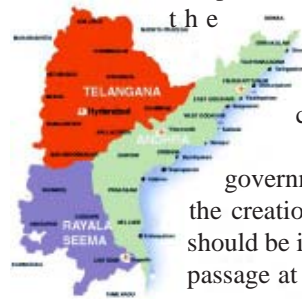
Govt. should introduce a bill for creation of Telangana

The BJP National Executive adopted the following statement on Telangana.

The BJP expresses its disappointment at the attitude of the UPA Government in delaying the creation of a separate state of Telangana. The BJP believes that the expectations of the people of the region for the creation of Telangana are legitimate.

It will help in the creation of the small state, a better administrative unit which will accelerate the economic development of the region. The region needs the creation of the Telangana as a state and not merely the possibility of six options under consideration.

The BJP demands that the government should announce that a bill for the creation of a separate state of Telangana should be introduced in the Parliament for the passage at the earliest. ■



Rashtriya Ekta Yatra will not stoped : Anurag Thakur



Rashtriya Ekta Yatra will be held and 'Tiranga' (Tricolor) will be hoisted at Lal Chowk on 26 January. Announcing this BJYM President Shri Anurag Thakur said, Kashmir is an integral part of India and no one should stop us from going there. The statement by Thakur came after JKLF Supremo, Yasin Malik's threatening that the separatists would not allow hoisting of Tricolour at Lal Chowk in Capital city of Srinagar. Shri Thakur said, upholding the unity and integrity of India is the duty of all those who live in the country. Instead of breaking the unity, they should develop a mindset to unite the entire nation.

Making comment on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's opposition to the rally, BJYM President said that Chief Minister by making such a statement was playing in the hands of separatists. Saying that the purpose of BJYM's Ekta Yatra is patriotic & Nationalist. He said that the only purpose of this yatra is to strengthen unity of India. Expressing his concern over the role of central and state governments on Jammu and Kashmir, BJYM President Shri Anurag Thakur and General Secretary Shri Nitin Navin in a joint press statement said that instead of learning from past mistakes both governments are repeating the same blunders. ■

The war against corruption initiated by the NDA will be converted into a people's movement : Advani

From Our Correspondent



The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) organised a Mahasangram rally against corruption and Price rise at Guwahati in Assam on January 9. The rally was attended by NDA Acting Chairperson Shri L.K Advani, NDA Convenor Shri Sharad Yadav, BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Arun Jaitley, former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh, BJP National General Secretary Shri Vijay Goel, Assam BJP President Shri Ranjit Dutta, Shri Anand Rao Adsul of Shiv Sena, and Akali Dal General Secretary Shri. Chandu Majra.

The leaders while lauding the courage of Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS) in bringing to light several instances of corruption perpetrated by Assam Ministers, challenged Assam Chief Minister Shri Tarun Gogoi to publicly clear his stand on the KMSS's latest allegation against him.

KMSS leader Akhil Gogoi has alleged Shri Gogoi of owning five houses in the US and the NDA leaders described this as reflective of the trend of 'loot' set by the Congress regime.

NDA Acting Chairperson Shri LK Advani in his address said that Congress and corruption was synonymous and one of the prime reasons for the skyrocketing prices of all essential commodities including food grain that has pushed the common men almost to the point of starvation was the characteristic corruption of the successive Congress regimes. He further said that the war against corruption initiated by the NDA will be converted into a people's movement. Shri Advani also raised issue of infiltration in Assam and observed that the centre has to play a proactive role in addressing this problem.

Shri Advani also attacked UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi, said that she has been trying to safeguard those allegedly involved in the

recent scams including the 2 G and Commonwealth Games that has brought shame upon the country.

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari slammed the Congress for wrong economic policies and bad governance urged all like-minded forces in the region to unite and demand for a resolution on the issue of infiltration.

Shri Nitin Gadkari while urging the people of Assam to support the BJP in the Assembly elections said that the party would ensure social and economic equality, eradicate poverty and generate employment opportunities on getting the mandate of the people.

Shri Rajnath Singh while appealing to the North East to support its fight against corruption and price rise assured the people of the region that corruption would be eliminated and prices would be brought under control when it gets back to power at the Centre. It also called upon the people of the State to vote for change in the coming Assembly elections.(FOC)■

Will the PM apologize to the nation on his comment about Quattrocchi : Ravi Shankar

The Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) has named Italian middleman Ottavia Quattrocchi as one of the main beneficiary of kickbacks in the Bofors gun deal. By its very elaborate order dated 31 Dec. 2010, it has clearly found that payments were illegally made to Quattrocchi and Win Chaddha to the tune of Rs. 41 crores. In view of this elaborate finding based upon evidence by a competent Tribunal working under the Revenue Department of Government of India; will the Prime Minister of India will apologise to the nation for making a very emphatic statement that "It is not a good reflection on the Indian legal system that we harass people and that Quattrocchi case is an embarrassment for the Government of India". This Statement of the Prime Minister is widely reported in the media today and the elaborate finding of the ITAT is completely to the contrary. The P.M. has recently observed that Caesar's wife must be above suspicion. Therefore, his comment exonerating Quattrocchi having found to be false by a competent Tribunal, would the Prime Minister stand up to his own bench mark and apologise to the nation.

It is too well-known that the Italian middleman Quattrocchi was very close to the Gandhi family and the Congress Government has unabashedly tried to bail him out at every stage because of his proximity to the Gandhi family. The Prime Minister and Smt. Sonia need to answer the following questions:

In July 1993 Quattrocchi fled India or, was allowed to run away to



*Press statement issued by
Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad
MP, BJP General Secretary
and Chief Spokesperson on
January 04.*

avoid arrest when the Supreme Court in that year rejected Win Chaddha's plea for quashing the letters rogatory sent to Sweden. Mr. Narsimha Rao was then the Prime Minister.

When the NDA was in power in 1998, for the first time Charge-sheet was filed and in Nov. 1999 Trial Court issued arrest warrant against Quattrocchi and other accused. He approached the Supreme Court for quashing of arrest warrant and in spite of the Court asking him to appear before the CBI he refused to appear.

In July 2003, at the request of the then NDA Government UK freezes Quattrocchi bank account in which taxpayers' money paid as kickback has been deposited. Very surprisingly when the UPA came to power, based upon a collusive legal advise under the supervision of the then Law Minister Mr. Hansraj Bhardwaj, in Jan. 2006, the then Additional Solicitor General Mr. B. Dutta went to London and falsely represented before the Authorities that no case is pending against

Quattrocchi and the account be de-frozen. It was done accordingly and huge amount of taxpayers' money was withdrawn. Under whose pressure this was done?

In 2005, the then Attorney General refused CBI permission to appeal against the Delhi High Court order exonerating Hinduja's involvement in the deal. Why it was done, when all previous orders of Delhi High Court in Bofors matters were set a side by Supreme Court with strong disapproval?

The same Attorney General, again gave a collusive advise that because Delhi High Court order has become final therefore there is no point in continuing the red corner notice against Quattrocchi or the proceeding. This in spite of the fact that even in Hinduja's case Quattrocchi's matter was not considered at all. Under whose pressure these collusive advise were given? In the Court at Argentina, deliberate delay was made in not filing appeal because of the time taken in alleged translation of documents into Spanish and he was allowed to escape. In Sep. 2009, the Centre conveyed to the Supreme Court about its decision to withdraw case against Quattrocchi.

All this clearly shows that the entire machinery of the Government of India, was trying to help him and bail him out at different stages. All this because he enjoyed high patronage owing to his proximity to the Gandhi family. The Prime Minister and Smt. Sonia Gandhi both owe an explanation to the nation as to why this was allowed to happen? In view of the decision of the Tribunal the entire case against Quattrocchi needs to be reopen again and be investigated by SIT. ■

UPA government reluctant to take proactive steps due to fear of self incrimination

New Delhi
January 6, 2011

Dear Prime Minister,

There has been a large number of expose which have recently come into the public domain in relation to the corruption in high places. The scandals relating to the allotment of the 2G spectrum has exposed the huge volume of loss caused to the public exchequer. The scandals in the organization of the Commonwealth Games at New Delhi have tainted the organization of the international event and created a negative environment around it. The order of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal authorizing the levy of tax on the kickbacks received in the Bofors case by middlemen and tax evaders has conclusively exposed the twenty three years attempt by the beneficiaries and their political masters to cover up the payment of kick-backs. They have also proved conclusively that those close to then Prime Minister's family were among the recipients of the kickbacks.

Needless to say that the location of this tainted money is not necessarily in India. Monies earned out of crime and monies tainted by corruption can be located in any part of the world. The motivation for such location is both to hide the tainted money as also to evade taxes on the same. Tax havens located in various parts of the world have provided a safe haven for this money. The motivation to keep money in these tax havens is that they provide a veil of secrecy around their banking system and protect holders of the accounts and its beneficiaries. The economy of these havens thrives on the location of the tainted money.

It is no secret that businessmen, hawala dealers and those involved in forbidden and unlawful business and also politicians and civil servants have located some of their monetary assets in these tax havens.

Under the conventional system it has been reasonably difficult to unveil the secrecy behind these accounts. Conventionally it was only based on the existence of a bilateral arrangement following the principle of dual criminality that some tax havens assured cooperation to investigators. Some other tax havens did not even oblige with the cooperation even when the money deposited therein was a profit of crime which was recognized as a crime in both countries.

The U.N. has adopted a Convention against Corruption. Out of 240 countries who were signatories to this convention, 14 countries have not ratified the Convention and India is one of them. Several countries in the world have brought pressure on the Swiss authorities persuading them to make disclosure with regard to wealth stashed abroad. The countries like USA, Germany amongst many others have even received the list of beneficiaries of account holders from Switzerland. India has taken no such proactive steps. A Task Force appointed by the Working Chairperson of the "National Democratic Alliance" has come out with an extensive report on this issue. We are annexing herewith a copy of the recommendations of that Task Force comprising eminent persons.

Our apprehension is that the reluctance of the UPA Government to take proactive steps on this front is motivated by the fear of self-incrimination. After all the Volcker report of a Committee appointed by the United Nations in the 'Food for Oil' scam had named the Congress Party as one of the beneficiaries. The investigations of our investigating agencies and our Revenue agencies have conclusively proved as reflected in the order of the ITAT that amongst the beneficiaries of the kickbacks in the Bofors bribery case was Ottavio Quattrochi through front companies like AE Services and Cole Bar Investments. The relationship of Ottavio Quattrochi and his wife Maria with the first family of the Congress Party is a matter of public knowledge and cannot be disputed.

The investigative report in a recent Swiss journal.. 'Schweizer Illustrierte' dated 19/11/91 have named 14 global leaders of the Third World countries with accounts in Switzerland. The name of a former Indian Prime Minister was also mentioned. This report has never been denied. Some startling revelations in a book "The State within a State -- The KGB hold on Russia in past and future" by Dr. Yevgenia Alberts mentions the benefits received by a former prime Minister of India and his family for benefits accruing from commercial dealings with the Soviets. ▶▶

BJP got a massive victory in Karnataka Panchayat polls

From Our Correspondent

The Bharatiya Janata Party in Karnataka on January 4 got a massive victory in the Zilla and Taluk elections. The BJP bagged 12 of the 30 Zilla Panchayats while the opposition Congress and JD(S) captured four each. The verdict for the remaining 10 was fractured.



Addressing a press conference after the victory Chief

Minister Shri B S Yeddyurappa said, "The results of Zilla and Taluk Panchayat elections have vindicated people's support to our government's development programmes. They have given a befitting reply to the baseless allegations of the opposition". He added the outcome had proved that BJP is not confined to urban areas, but has a base in rural areas too. He said the result was setback to the Congress party and JD(S). The People of Karnataka taught JD(S) and the Congress party a lesson for leveling baseless charge of corruption against ruling BJP Government allowing it to continue the work on development hereafter.

The BJP also secured majority in around 70 Taluk Panchayats (TP), while Congress and the JD(S) bagged around 30 TPs each. In more than 40 other TPs, the verdict was fractured.

BJP, which had bagged only one Zilla Panchayat (Bellary) in 2005 has now bagged 12 Zilla Panchayat seats. ■

BJP wins three civic body seats in MP

The Bharatiya Janata Party won three nagar palikas out of five in Madhya Pradesh. The party has not only retained the



Mandsaur and Shajapur nagar palikas (municipalities), but also wrested the Sehore nagar palika from the Congress.

Of the five-nagar panchayats, results for which came in on January 8, the BJP has won three. These are Harpalpur in Chhatarpur district, Orcha in Tikamgarh district and Shahganj in Sehore district. The Congress Party has won the Bhedaghat nagar panchayat while Majhoulai nagar Panchayat has gone to an Independent candidate. ■

►► These are researched pieces put out as articles or books. The targets of investigations have not denied these allegations formally nor have they taken action against the impugned publications. It is important for government to ensure that the fair name of India and its leaders, past and present, including any former Prime Minister, is not sullied. So, either these allegations must be effectively rebutted or they must be investigated.

Shri L K Advani, working Chairperson of the NDA as also various constituents of the NDA have on several occasions raised the issue of a proactive role of the Government of India in unearthing this money. Our prime motivation was that corruption must end or at least be de-incentivized. The Prime Minister had responded in the 2009 elections by categorically declaring that UPA would take effective steps within 100 days of the election to unearth this crime money. Regrettably, the role of the UPA Government in this regard has been disappointing.

Thus it is important and necessary that this environment of suspicion leading to the loss of credibility of public life in India is removed. This can only be done if all these matters are investigated and the truth is discovered. The truth can only be discovered if the Government of India takes proactive steps as suggested in the Task Force report as also the steps taken by several other countries in order to investigate and find out the details of the monies stashed abroad by Indians.

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Working President, N.D.A.

Nitin Gadkari
President, BJP

Sharad Yadav
Convenor, N.D.A.

Sushma Swaraj
LOP (LS)

Arun Jaitley
LOP (RS)

Shivanand Tiwari
Leader JD (U), RS

A.R. Adsul
Chief Whip (Shiv Sena)

Naresh Gujral
Leader SAD (RS) ■



Is hoisting National Flag a 'crime' in Kashmir?

By Amba Charan Vashishth

It is a strange coincidence. In Pakistan the fundamentalists have threatened people against mourning for the slain Pakistan's Punjab Governor Salmaan Taseer. In Kashmir some pro-Pak and secessionist leaders have taken offence to the proposed national flag hoisting on the Republic Day on January 26 this year by the Bharatiya Janata Party's Yuva Morcha led by its President, Shri Anurag Thakur MP: at Lal Chowk in Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir.

Tri-colour, the national flag, is a symbol of nation's unity, integrity and sovereignty. It is beyond controversy. Displaying respect for it is the duty of every Indian citizen worth his salt. Even if a foreigner exhibits sense of reverence for the Indian flag it should only beholden us for his gesture. Everybody can unfurl the national flag at his house and display it on his attire and vehicle. Anyone can enter any public place or even the home of a fellow citizen wearing and displaying the national flag. No offence intended and felt. How can then the unfurling of the national flag at a public place in any part of the country whether by our political friend or foe be an offence that some should not take kindly to it?

Firstly, Jammu & Kashmir State, like any other State in the country, is an integral part of India and Srinagar is its capital. This has been stated by the Parliament of India through unanimous resolutions about five times. The Lal Chowk is a public place where every person can

go without offending the other. And entering the place with a national flag in hand and unfurling it there cannot - and should not - offend any person who thinks India to be his motherland.

A leader of the Hurriyat Conference has taken offence at this venture of the BJYM and threatened retaliation. The same Hurriyat Conference is known for questioning the integration of Kashmir into India. The same self-styled leaders of Kashmir who for fear of being exposed never had the guts to face the people in an election to test the measure of their clout with the people. Therefore, in the democracy we have in India, who rules the country and particularly in Kashmir - those who have the people's mandate, the

expressed support of the silent majority or those who have the vocal support of the minority and stone-pelters?

It is not uncommon for the Abdullah family to feel comfortable with diverse political ideologies of every hue and political parties. They were as at ease with Congress, as with VP Singh government and United Front governments, as with the BJP-led NDA government for six years at the Centre. They change with the change of government at the Centre. When Omar Abdullah felt threatened at his home turf, he took pride in echoing the sentiments of secessionists who question the merger of J&K with India coming out with his now infamous theory that J&K 'acceded', not 'merged' with India. When he uttered these words,

BJP President constitutes a team to study the situation in J&K

BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari has constituted a team led by former BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh on January 05, 2011 to study and assess the situation in J&K. This team will discuss various issues with the people of Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Kargil and other places of the state and submit a report to the party.



- ▶ Shri Rajnath Singh
- ▶ Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad
- ▶ Syed Shahnawaz Hussain
- ▶ Smt. Maya Singh
- ▶ Dr. J K Jain

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National Spokesperson
Chief Whip Rajya Sabha
Prabhari Minority Morcha

he perhaps forgot that earlier he and now his father is a Union Minister only because J&K is one of the States of India.

Omar's power still continues to be unsafe in his home State. So, instead of daring to perform his constitutional duties as an elected chief minister, he took cudgels on behalf of the secessionists saying that the attempt to unfurl the national flag at Lal Chowk "would be a provocative act" and that "BJP aim is to set Kashmir on fire".

As is commonly understood, it is the duty of the State government, Kashmir included, to ensure law and order without hindering the lawful, peaceful activities by any section of the people. The programme of the Yuva Morcha can by no standards be called "provocative" or threat to peace. If there is any threat and provocation, it is from the other side. It is these elements which the chief minister needs to rein in and not those who wish to perform their national duty on a national day. By declaring that "I should not be held responsible" Omar Abdullah is shirking his responsibility as a chief minister and abdicating power to unruly elements which have no respect for law. If he cannot control them and ensure peaceful conduct of a programme that infringes no law, he has no right to continue as the chief minister.

The day people are prevented from unfurling the national flag at a public place peacefully in any part of the country on the pretext of "threat to peace and law and order" that will only be undermining democracy in the country. Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Arun Jaitley and BJYM National President Shri Anurag Thakur, have reaffirmed the Party's resolve to go ahead with the programme under all circumstances in the interest of the unity and sovereignty of the nation. ■

'Sangathan Sarvopari' released

'Sangathan Sarvopari', a book on one year of BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkari was released on 09 January 2011 by BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L.K Advani in the National Executive meeting held in Guwahati. The book was published by Dr. Mookerjee Smruti Nyas. It is a compilation of the work accomplished by Shri Nitin Gadkari in one year of his tenure as BJP National President.



The book comprises of BJP's struggle against Mehngai, agitations against corruption cases, Common Wealth loot, 2G Spectrum scam, Adarsh society scam and other issues of grave concerns. It also enumerates initiatives for organisational consolidation, study teams constituted by the BJP National President and the study trips to various countries. The book also covers massive victories in Bihar Assembly election and civic body elections in Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh,



Rajasthan, Union Territories of Daman, Diu, Dadra & Nagar Ha-veli during the tenure of Shri Gadkari.

Apart from rallies organised by BJP on Corruption and skyrocketing prices of essential commodities the book also contains selected speeches of the National President, his first press conference and profile along with insightful documents and resolutions on issues of public concerns. The editorial of the book is an analysis on Shri Gadkari's contribution to party organisation and country. The book mainly focuses on a new era of activism and initiatives along with analytical and insightful responses.(FOC) ■