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RAJIV GANDHI ASSASSINATION AND MERCY POLITICS

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Abstract:

In India the new Janata Alliance government under the leadership of Chandrasekhar and with the support of Congress had taken the oath on 10th November 1990, but 6th March 1991 Congress taken back the support and the elections of Lok Sabha had been declared. In this election it was clear the possibility of Congress government to come in power under the leadership of Rajiv Gandhi once again. For the election campaigning Rajiv Gandhi reached to Madras (Chennai) on 21 May 1991, he went to Perumbudur for election campaign.

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INTRODUCTION

He reached there 10.10 PM at Sabha Mandapam one 20 year young girl offered garland of sandal and bent down to salute and suddenly there was deafening explosion of human bomb. Along with Rajiv Gandhi 18 people were died on the spot and many people were injured. It was clear that Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) was responsible for this blast. After seeing the successful tour of Rajiv Gandhi and the possibility of Congress government to come in power LTTE had finished Rajiv Gandhi to avoid the repetition of Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) in Sri Lanka.

The convicts of Rajiv Gandhi's assassination Santhan, Murugan, Perarivalan, Nalini, Robert Pious, Jaikumar and Ravichandran had given punishment. On 18th February 2014 the Supreme Court cancelled death sentence to Santhan, Murugan and Perarivalan and given life sentence. Tamil Nadu Government immediately given the order to release all seven convicts. Central Government challenged to Tamil Nadu Government for this order when conflict had taken place for this decision. On the adjournment of Central Government Supreme Court had given stay for Tamil Nadu Government decision. Now this case has been merged to the Constitution Bench. So at present all offenders are in jail.

TADA gave death sentence to these three offenders in 1998 and Supreme Court continued it on 19 May 1999. After that around 16 years the mercy petition was remained in the office of the President of India. In these 16 years, 10 years Congress was as a ruling party still the President not given any kind of decision. The real reason is our attitude is also political about political assassination.

In Tamil Nadu there had been Non-Congress government continuously since 1967. DMK and AIADMK came in power alternatively and the relation of these party's with Congress have been changing continuously. By the matter of punishment to the killers of Rajiv Gandhi the political parties of Tamil Nadu have bought Congress in trouble by giving the shade of regional identity and Congress could not taken any strict action regarding this matter as it was the period of coalition government. After the assassination of Indira Gandhi Congress had pandered feeling of people against Sikhs. But such kind of mistake Congress has not done after the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi about the Tamil people. It was good decision. All Tamil

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leaders recognized the political weaknesses of Congress and they were united for demand of mercy for the offenders of Rajiv Gandhi.

The Politics of Mercy:

There was politics in the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi and till today it is going on some days before when there was uproar in Tamil Nadu for Prime Ministers attendance in CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting) conference, there was same kind of politics. Congress was the victim of this racial identity. It always happens whenever racial pride denominates national interest. There was terrorist racial politics behind the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi. The same racial politics is there behind the decision of releasing planners of this assassination. In fact Jayalalithaa's opinion was to demolish Prabhakaran (Tamil Terrorist) completely and Karunanidhi had compassion for Prabhakaran and Sri Lankan Tamils for political advantage Congress collaborated with DMK. It is one kind of supporting to the supporters of Rajiv Gandhi assassins. Now when Jayalalithaa decided to release the Rajiv Gandhi assassins Congress could not bear it. In this situation Congress was first to take political advantage and Jayalalithaa was aggressive. On this way Vaiko and other aggressive groups in Tamil politics were happy by the decision of Supreme Court. Jayalalithaa had taken the decision to free the convicts and now it seems the political happiness will curdle because of this decision.

There are 39 seats of Lok Sabha in Tamil Nadu. Jayalalithaa already successfully captured the chair of Chief Minister from DMK. Now her attention is on Lok Sabha. 2009 election DMK had got 18 seats and Congress was success in 8 seats because of collaboration with DMK. Because of these 26 seats DMK had in limelight in UPA government. But at present winds are changing the direction in Tamil Nadu. The present environment in the State supportive to Jayalalithaa's AIADMK. It is expected around 25 seats will be in the hands of AIADMK. As per the opinion of political experts majority will not go for any party. AIADMK have 9 seats at present in Lok Sabha and in coming election about 32 to 35 seats if AIADMK seeks then the government in centre will not take any step without support of AIADMK. Jayalalithaa have complete awareness of this political advantage, so Jayalalithaa have taken the decision to release the convicts of Rajiv Gandhi to seek privilege of Tamil votes.

In South India every state have a intensive regional identity. In the Tamil Nadu the question of Tamil identity always arises. If Sri Lanka arrest the Tamil fisherman who enters the marine boundary of Sri Lanka it reflects in entire state and the central government immediately notices it. Indian PM rescinded to attend the CHOGM conference to maintain Tamil dignity. After the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi in 1991 Jayalalithaa's AIADMK came in power but now Jayalalithaa has buried these memories and only for Perarivalan (Indian Tamil) She has taken the decision to free all the assassins of Rajiv Gandhi.

APATHY ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS:

All political parties in India, disinterest about human rights because not a single party has involved (mentioned) about human rights in their Political Manifesto. Both Congress and BJP avoid it to discuss about this matter because their hands already involved in the violation of human rights.

Sri Lanka government raised 4th Eelam War against LTTE around 40 thousands Tamil rebels (LTTE Commandos) were killed. The proposal of demanding enquiry about this massacre was presented in front of UN's Human Rights Committee but India was not present for this voting which was great mistake. Pandit Nehru had mentioned some where that "We can not neglect violation of human rights or attack on our nation" Still Dr. Manmohan Singh government not taken any efforts for the protection of the rights of Sri Lankan Tamils

In Sri Lanka LTTE was defeated it was right as LTTE was terrorist organization. But the LTTE Commandos and their supporters have been beheaded even after surrendering. It is unfitting behavior. The President Rajapakse and his brothers, Defense Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapakse and Special Advisor for President Basil Rajapakse never expressed any kind of regret.

The scenes of 4th Eelam War had been broadcasted on Channel-4 in which it was showed that little leader Prabhakaran's 12 years old son Balchandran was killed by Sri Lankan Army by firing five bullets in his chest and in this mission thousands of Tamil people were killed. Instead of providing food, medicines in NO FIRE ZONE AREA, cluster bomb blast had taken place. The rebels who were arrested alive later on killed by Sri Lankan Army.

The World could not be aware of this massacre if BBC Channel-4 had not given the information. The enquiry of Sri Lanka government is one kind of throwing dust. The government has declared guilty Sri Lankan Tamils for this massacre. India should have done voting against Sri Lanka in Human Rights Commission and could give justice to Tamils. But it seems that Indian government violated Human Rights

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by neglecting this matter.

CONCLUSION:

Indira Gandhi's courageous politics had given arms and training to Tamil terrorist groups and Tamil Nadu Government appreciated it. On the other hand Sri Lanka Government also provided arms to LTTE against IPKF . In short the terrorism in Sri Lanka has been promoted a developed by both India and Sri Lanka Governments. At the end it was not in the control of any country. Many leaders of Sri Lanka , Indian Former PM Rajiv Gandhi were assassinated.

In short the law is becoming a means of leap frog for the politics which is becoming practice in our countries politics. The unavoidable sequel of this custom is the Tamil Nadu government's efforts towards releasing the convicts of former PM Rajiv Gandhi. In such situation law can be put aside for the sake of power politics. It is clearly reflecting by this affair.

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