

LOKPAL BILL – NEWS & INCIDENTS REPORTED SINCE MAY'11

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The news and incidents reported and corroborated by messages sent by E-mail on computers and/or statements of Govt. ministers have led to one conclusion that the Govt. wishes to suppress people's voice by one way or the other and there is utter lack of political will for any change in the running systems. The Government does not wish to be transparent at all.

R E A C T I O N

The moot questions or confusions in public mind appear to be the following:-

- a) Will an independent LOKPAL be the solution to rampant corruption in Public departments? How will it check the delay caused by Babus th. misplacing a file or application?
- b) **Why Govt. is reluctant to adopt the Lokpal Bill submitted to it with the consent of the general Public as it is ?** This Lokpal Bill has been under consideration of the Govt. since 1960 ,then why did not they take steps earlier on their own for its formulation. Now when a bill which is in the interest of the public at large can't be passed in parliament in one shot like MP's Salary bill ? What is the need for other versions of the bill now? The parliament is of the people, by the people and for the people.
- c) **What can be the solution for small level corruptions** – like service only on receiving bribe, help only to known or relatives, low quality of public work, dereliction of duties, bogus or ineffective employees, no written or fixed functions of MLAs ,litter on roads etc. etc. etc. ? Who will complain? How the LOKPAL will entertain them?
- d) How 'Parivartans' enlisted by Sh. Anna at the time of breaking the fast at Ram Lila Maidan, New Delhi can be brought ?

SOLUTION

Firstly there should be **Judicial reforms** by including 'Negative Voting' and 'Public right to recall' in our voting & election system. This will enable the election of true representative of public and hearing of public voice in making or amending a system.

Secondly general Public is very angry about taxes imposed by the Govt.. **The taxation system has led to- Generation of Black money** which in turn is responsible for all sorts of corruptions (please think deeply) , and

- **very high inflation**- all standard things have become very costly and middle & lower classes have to reconcile with low quality goods.

But the tragedy is this that they have no alternative to suggest . We all should devote time in arriving at **an alternative taxation system**. One such system our society has suggested and sent to central Govt. as ' New Tax Regime ' (NTR) is appearing on our website www.actionforchange.co.in.

In short, the system is like as follows-

A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL AND HIGHLY POWERFUL CIVIC CENTRE in the AREA of an MLA or PANCHAYAT headed by a BOARD comprising of MLA,COUNCILORS/PANCHAYAT MEMBERS of the area AND AN EQUAL NUMBER OF GOVT. NOMINEES technically sound in its functions WITH POWER to keep census of public and properties(land, Building & vehicles only) and TO COLLECT a SINGLE POINT TAX based on properties of permanent residents of the area and turnover of businesses/services being carried out in the area.

A FIXED AMOUNT out of taxes collected by different centres in a state can be handed over(or left with) to the civic centre by CMO office and balance can be passed on to the centre .

SUCH a CIVIC CENTRE will render the following functions-

- Maintenance & beautification of the area;
- Regulating contracts being executed in the area;
- Ensuring good education in schools;
- Ensuring good medical services in the area;
- Liaison services to residents for passport, Registry, ID cards, connections etc.
- Running training centres for weak students, downtrodden & the illiterates.
- Helping the needy locals & people having low understanding.
- Keeping check on encroachments of roads & pavements.
- Maintaining a social security fund for helpless residents of area.

IF YOU AGREE WITH THE SOLUTION KINDLY CONTRIBUTE BY SUGGESTING< SPREADING> CONTRIBUTING WHICHEVER WAY YOU LIKE BUT DO NOT REMAIN SILENT OR INACTIVE ON THIS FRONT.

Hindi Hindustan dt.16.6.2011 Page on Declaration of achievements of Ms. Mayawati's U.P Govt. -

R E A C T I O N

The dirt, garbage dumps and poor sanitation conditions in villages/districts and broken highways, roads and dust/mud spread everywhere in U.P except in few areas of Noida, Lucknow or few towns and poor conditions in Govt. schools & dispensaries clearly reflect that either civic agencies of the concerned areas are not bothered about cleanliness & maintenance or they do not wish to spend funds on these. Thus the achievements enumerated by Ms. Mayawati Govt. have not improved the living conditions in U.P towns. Further the report card of each and every scheme will generally reflect help to the public who did not deserve or needed it. The declaration does not show district-wise upliftment of the poor people or where the money has been spent. **What is the use of such a report(just an eyewash)** when the image of the state has not improved? The same is the story in many other states.

Area wise civic centres only can provide fruitful statistics about use of public money. And thus can provide a data to Chief Minister which can be relied upon by public. CMO should concentrate only on matters relating to all round development of state through managing civic centres

TOI dt. 18.7.2011 Pg.14 – About failure of Satyagrah by Baba Ramdev

R E A C T I O N

Many reasons can be advocated and many lessons can be taught but one thing is clear that in our country a public non-political man can not raise his voice and his all efforts prove to be a drama to many sections of public. The sorry state is that when opposition parties were being accused of supporting Baba Ramdev, they could come out openly and using their mass base or workers throughout the country, **a revolution could be started for getting result on causes taken up by Baba Ramdev.** But sadly nothing such happened. That's why it appears that religious or spiritual gurus confine themselves to motto of 'Improving the society' and ignore the all essential campaign for 'Improving the system'. In such a situation public themselves will have to encourage their leaders to take up issues relating to inefficiency of Govt. & its employees and to support with full force the groups taking up issues relating to changes in the system like- Janlokal Bill Andolan.

TOI dt. 31.5.2011 Pg.1- Proposal for Splitting MCD into three & 50% reservation for women in them.

Hindustan dt. 16.6.20011 Pg. 7 – Rs. 700 crore Plan for Relaying of 111 more than 45` roads by MCD.

R E A C T I O N

The public may please note that the later news is quite opposing or is in contradiction with the former. When splitting & reservation proposal is in the fray how any new plan can be announced by MCD ? First the proposal should have been settled out .

Secondly please note and watch that two and half year have passed since General election and there was no relaying done, now the plan will materialize by end of 2012- Roads will be relaid in 2013 just to garner support of public in casting vote in 2014.

If you recall ,This is happening again and again. Moreover pl. keep track on-whether work announced is done and, if yes, on its quality.

Mail Today dt. 15-4-2010, Pg.-15

A report on documentary film ‘Harvest of Grief’ depicts the plight of Punjab farmers resulting in suicide by about 2500 farmers every year there. Since 1988 human right activists have been trying to bring rural suicide to the government’s notice but in vain. Only two dignitaries of the like of Mr. K.Narayanan and Mr. A.P.J abdul kalam helped them. Now the director of the film hoped that the film will prod the central govt. to do something for the beleaguered agricultural state.

R E A C T I O N

The moot question is why there was need to draw attention of govt. to something which could well be known, had a govt.agency been assessing the situation and solving the problem right at the spot ? In short Government should decentralize and help the people one to one.

My Times dt. 19.3.2010, Pg.-1

The article is highlighting the bad road conditions of **age old** Wazirpur Industrial area which are bought to the notice of municipal corporation of Delhi.The reply of MCD official is –

“ We were not aware of any such problem. But now that we know ,we will definitely look into the matter and see what can be done.”

REACTION

Had there been an agency/office owned and regulated under public –pvt. Partnership system in the area, such type of situation would have never arisen? The money or taxes paid by the industrialists of the area are not being spent for their well being as they do not know where their taxes are and how they are being spent.

Reactions contributed by Sh. L.R.Gupta- Examples of lack of appropriate action on the part of the Govt.

Excise scandal in Nicobar Island and Home Ministry shielded the IAS officer involved. The guilty persons in the Ministry should be banned forever from entering into politics within seven days of conviction or proving of charges.

CRPF personnel found giving arms to Mao Naxalites. If found guilty the culprits should be given deterrent punishment in full public view.

In china two persons found convicted in adulteration of Baby Milk powder were hanged within seven days of conviction and admission of crime. Such transparent act will surely act as a deterrent for crime. Why can this not happen in India?

POPULATION CENSUS EXCERICE BEING IN VOGUE

REACTION

There appears to be no professional action plan in this respect. The forms have been distributed without sufficient instructions. The agencies have been hired and their personnel appear to be least concerned about the work. The collection of forms may start when the last date will be near and all sorts of discrepancies will be likely to creep up in the data then. A permanent agency having office within the town/colony/village knowing the area and residents well, should have been assigned this work with instructions and checks to ensure toughness in the matter.

Mail Today dt 16.04.2010 Page 2

Nearly 100 victims of the Bhopal Gas tragedy are camping in the capital to press for the setting up of an empowered commission for rehabilitation.

Reaction:

Even after so many years of the tragedy, the government is not able to solve the problem of rehabilitation just because of centralization of power and funds. The people at the centre fail to implement the assurance given due to the missing one-to-one touch with public. The state govt. feels helpless due to paucity of funds. Had there been a local office collecting taxes from the affected area and having power to spend the same therein, the problem could have been sorted out much earlier. The affluent of Bhopal could bear the burden of the deprived or surplus of one Bhopal area could be spent in the other.

Mail Today dt. 16.04.2010 Page 26

The country's inflation rate spiraled to 9.9% in March, according to official figures released.

Reaction:

Had there been area wise control over demand and supply of products, the situation would've been different definitely.

My Times dt 16.04.2010, Page 1

The menace of stray cattle continues. Despite assurances and efforts of MCD officer to check the menace, it is continuing.

Reaction:

The reason you many know is the lack of infrastructure, will on the part of the MCD employees and lack of efforts. The area wise control, or as residents demand- control by private contractor -will be better.

Times of India dt.17.04.2010 – Times City Page.4

On April 12 in the early hours a truck smashed into the crash barriers on Moolchand flyover, leaving the wreckage dangerously jutting out, right in the way of traffic. But till April 17 no one bothered to remove the wreckage or repair the damage.

Reaction:

This happens as there is no supervision & maintenance area wise. Further the working of city government has so lost in procedures that the ultimate action comes out only after someone puts pressure from above. They also appoint private contractors who execute the work for double the amount needed for such repair etc. Public should come out and demand the report on action and amount spent.

Times of India dt 17.04.2010 Page 4

-LG begins the process for preparation of local area plans (LAPs) for Delhi's 272 municipal wards after notification of all 18 zonal plans under Master Plan 2021. These plans will have the involvement of the community that will use the facility like parking lot, recreation centre, market etc. Monitoring committee led by renowned planner E.F.N Rebeiro has been formed to set the process rolling.

Reaction:

Why only Delhi? This is required everywhere in India. The neglect of other parts of India is increasing pressure on Metros and that is the reason why all plans fail even in Metros like parking plans, ceiling plan etc.

Members of disaster management authority carry out a rescue drill in CAG building?

Reaction:

The authority is just doing a show to fill its statistical report. Why don't they perform this drill daily in different part of India, particularly congested areas ?

Times of India, Times City Page.2

Glaring example of failure of government scheme:-

“ The Mayapuri radiation fiasco could have been avoided had the department of environment been more rigorous about registering scrap dealers who deal in hazardous waste. As it happened - the registration scheme – which was started some time back – was not pushed adequately and only 50 of the 250 dealers were registered.

Reaction:

Why government bow to the pressures of scrap dealers? It should have anticipated their resistance –for being illiterate - to any thing good, and then it should educate & explain first what is good for them and then be hard.

TOI dt. 09.02.2012 – HONEST MCD ENGINEER BRUTALLY BEATEN BY GOONS

TOI DT. 26.04.2012 – RTI ACTIVIST Mr. Ravinder Balwani murdered in mysterious circumstances.

REACTION

The irregularities in Govt. procedures and bungling in deals finalized by PSUs or in arrangements approved by Ministries have become a regular phenomenon . Although

protest by honest officials or disclosures through RTI Act put a check on something for some time but Mafia find some other way and funds and organizations remain mismanaged.

S O L U T I O N

The revamping of whole system of Govt. functioning in Public service field is the only solution. A check on generation of Black money by adopting 'New Tax regime' spelt out in this site is the only solution for allowing Mafias to enjoy in a legitimate way and also to use their money for upliftment of poor and area around them.

TOI dt. 07.03.2012 - 12-03-2012 - SAMAJWADI PARTY forms Govt. in UP and Mr. Akhilesh yadav took oath as young CM

R E A C T I O N

The promises made by the party in election manifesto talks about help to poor and upgradation of educational facilities in the state. However the ealier governments misused the funds and were not able to keep such promises or fulfilled only to few extents. Therefore Akhilesh Govt. has a great challenge before it of proper use of funds.

S U G G E S T I O N

The new Govt. of UP may recognize the rights of Gram sabhas and city councils and by allotting equal funds to all of them may enact a social service security Act allotting functions as spelt out in this site (for a civic centre) . Only then in our opinion , the Govt. will succeed in satisfying aspirants/deserving of schemes announced through out the state and also thus the whole state will develop and will be free of dirt and inequalities.

TOI dt. 08-04-2012 – Pg.14 ‘ LOCAL BABUS WANT ME TO FAIL, I WON'T GIVE UP’ Says CHHAVI RAJWANT , MBA and SARPANCH of village Soda near Jaipur.

R E A C T I O N

In the interview the revolutionist sarpanch express her anger over delay and hurdles created in approving and funding of projects suggested by her.

S O L U T I O N

Here again all such problems will vanish once the ' NEW TAX REGIME' suggested herein is implemented. So all such revolutionists are urged to start fight for adoption of regime by the H'ble Parliament of India.

TOI dt. 02-05-2012 – Pg.11 - Govt's bid to widen tax base comes unstuck.

REACTION

In the wake of high inflation people are pressed for survival or standard maintaining problem and so how they can think of paying taxes . The high indirect taxes are already breaking the back of middle class. There appears distinct possibility of widening of tax base if present taxation regime continues.

SOLUTION

The NEW Tax REGIME is the only solution for widen & equitable tax base.

END OF REACTIONS - After presenting solution to various problems of Govt. & public in this column we hope that public might have understood the solution and thereby our society wish that this may be spread to all corners of our country and therefore invite suggestion and or help in doing that. Please download 'JAN JAGRAN PATRAK' OR get it printed & distribute with explaining it to General public. Also support Sh. Arvind & party whole heartedly as only an honest and bold Government having majority can bring any fundamental change in the country.