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Dear Friends,

**Subject: Minorities Discriminated In India? No, Not at All AND BY No Means.**

Today, we first beg apology for thrusting on you a very heavy load—a note of 8 page. If it deters you or does not appeal to busy people like you, you may leave it at any stage, We are doing this because we feel it is our duty of sorts to share some thoughts on a subject not many will like to take up for fear.

Today, we are on a somewhat "sensitive" issue. It has become so because of our having ignored facts for long. We are presenting the subject, as in the title above, with some degree of trepidation at heart (but with lots of confidence based on facts and facts only) lest we are misunderstood and blamed for fuelling communal divide that the country cannot afford.

**The minorities in India are discriminated is a common refrain we have been hearing again and again after the Modi government took over.** The latest to join this chorus has been Sonia Gandhi, for whom we are unable to find any appropriate appellation! But, no matter who says what, this is a "**White Lie**", manufactured and being propagated/highlighted by both known and unknown channels, especially the privileged electronic media of all shades. As a matter of fact, some of them are really and almost lovingly passionate over it.

Friends, we shall prove to the hilt how far are all of them from the truth, that is, facts. We had some time back shared with you all a factual report compiled by a friend how much the members of the majority community were under attack. But the **recent research** product by the **IndiaFacts**, again shared with you by us, takes the cake. They have demonstrated by charts and diagrams how badly off was the propaganda machinery, claiming alleged minority victimisation.

Some parts from that report are worth recalling here:

* Highlighting a very tiny number of incidents of Church attacks and giving it frequent and repeated coverage while downplaying the real fact of repeated attacks against temples (almost one temple attack per day), certainly lends itself to the conclusion that the media is indeed creating, shaping, and pushing a false narrative.
* There were 145 incidents of attacks on temples during the stated period—that is, approximately, at least one temple was attacked every day (more precisely, 0.8 per day).

Inspite of the country having a statutory "Minority Commission" in position, the last UPA government had created (January 29, 2006) a "**Ministry of Minority Affairs**". It would be interesting or, one may call it amusing also, to know the reasons formally given out. This was "to ensure a more focused approach towards issues relating to the minorities and to facilitate formulation of overall policy and planning coordination, evaluation and review of other regulatory framework and development programmes for the benefit of the minority communities."

The question that arises is: would not the in situ constitutional body like the Minority Commission have been able to discharge this responsibility? The real purpose was to create the Sachar Committee. That was ab initio invalid under Art. 15A of the Constitution, that does not allow formation of such Committee for religious purpose. How could a former judge (Justice Sachar) accept this assignment will remain a mystery!

Friends, we have also brought to your notice on many occasions **how well-off are the "minorities in India" vis-a-vis the members of the majority community, making the latter feel they are second-grade citizens of this country, that is, Bharat.** The biggest proof on record on this is the "fraudulent" report of the illegally constituted Sachar Committee.

The figures of religious break-up of the Indian population in the 2001 Census Report of the government of India had as such proved how the Muslims in India are better off than their Hindu counterparts in four of the five globally accepted human development indices. A major factor was the rate of Muslims' urbanisation—a sure indicator of being financially and socially better off.

Our current apprehension is the percentage of the majority community, religious break-up wise, in 2011 Census Report, will be still worse now, and that is why these are being kept in wraps even after four years and by the NDA government, too. Our repeated appeals/demand to them to make this public, have proved of no avail till now.

Then, the **doles, mostly in the shape of scholarships**, amounting several lakh crores of rupees every year given out to the minorities following the recommendations of the “illegal Sachar Committee, challenged and pending in the Supreme Court of India, are mind-boggling and at the cost of denying these to comparatively much poorer sections among the 34 crore poorer sections of Hindus living below the poverty line, especially in the villages. All facts relating to this situation have been fully brought out in the outstanding publication, by two senior police officers, namely Shri R.K. Ohri and Shri J.P. Sharma, by the name "**The Majority Report**". Readers’ blood will boil if they find time to go through this landmark publication, at least **Chapter 4 of the book**.

In Annexure 8 of the book, a true case study describes vividly how a girl came back crying from the school because her friend next door had been given a cycle and she had been denied that because she is a Hindu whereas her next-door neighbour happened to be a Muslim that she never bothered to know earlier. The mother, also crying, promised her daughter she would buy her a cycle, selling her golden bangles. Friends, would you still say that the minorities in India are discriminated against?

And, the money for all this comes from the public exchequer, just as the Haj money, not in vogue even in any Muslim country. And, even then, it is claimed that minorities in India are discriminated against.

It deserves mention at this stage that the governments are also taking advantage of the recommendations of yet another body, namely, the Ranganath Misra Commission, whose recommendations, we understand, are not yet placed on the floor of the House, another illegal act to endow undue benefits on the minorities.

Incidentally, the Muslim leaders in India have been enjoying a kind of freedom of speech, a fundamental right guaranteed under the Indian Constitution, unheard of any where in the world including Islamic countries. The younger of the two Owaisi brothers (Akbaruddin) is on record that that if the police forces were withdrawn for about 15 minutes or so, they can account for the Hindus.

Some of the other similar speeches of respected Muslim leaders are like:

1. Hindus shouldn’t make the mistake of considering Indian-Muslims any different from the Pakistan-Muslims. If India may dare to attack Pakistan, then the 25 crore Indian Muslims will join Pakistan Forces and fight against India.

(Asaduddin Ovaisi, Loksabha Sansad, MIM, Hyderabad)

1. Hindus do not have any rights to vote in Arab, Pakistan or any one of the 56 Islamic Nations. I challenge: Has even a single Hindu the strength (guts) to impose restrictions on our (Muslims’) voting-rights in India?

(Maulana Badarrudin Ajmal, Loksabha Sansad, AIUDF, Assam)

1. In Hyderabad, our Muslim population has crossed 50%, and now we are in majority. Therefore, I demand the Administration to impose restrictions on celebration of Hindu festivals such as Ram-navami, Hanuman Jayanti etc. In the Bhagya-Lakshmi temple, near Char-Minar, we have already shown our strength by stopping the ringing of the Bell/gong. We Muslims will ensure that this temple is also destroyed.

(Akbaruddin Ovaisi, Sansad, Majlis-e-Ittehadul-Musalmeen, (AIMIM), Hyderabad, India)

1. Muslims have ruled India for 1100 years. Lacs of Hindus were beheaded. Crores of Hindus were converted into Islam. We divided India, and snatched Pak & Bangladesh. Demolished 2000 temples and converted these into mosques. It is out of our fear that Hindus even today chant: “Hindu Muslim Bhai Bhai”. This is the strength of Islam.

(Maulana Jhakir Nayeek, Mumbai)

Additionally, we understand the Shahi Imam of Delhi's Jumma Masjid had openly declared that he was not answerable to Indian Courts of Law and that a non-bailable warrant of arrest is pending against him unexecuted for years. Taken all these together and by all accounts, most of these speeches and statements would come under various sections of laws on treason, conspiracy and fomenting communal passion or creating law and order situations but, they are yet freely roaming around. Would we still call them discriminated against?

Friends will also recall that on the unilateral declaration of the Islamic Caliphate by the ISIS last June, an important Muslim leader from the State of UP had addressed a letter to the Saudi King that he was prepared to send 5 lakh Shia volunteers towards the formation of a global "jihadi force" for promoting the cause of the Caliphate. Does this not amount to incitement to join jihadi movement? The Maulana did not suffer from any legal action. Do we still say that the minorities in India are being discriminated against?

Let us then look at the unchecked/growing list of what ought to be true Islamic education centres, Madrassas. What has the Burdwan incident of October 2, 2014, taught us? These Madrassas have turned out to be terror-producing outfits. Interestingly, the situation in respect of the role of Madrassas in Pakistan is no different. According to press report on May 20, the Information Minister, supported by the Defence Minister of Pakistan, openly called as late as May 19, 2015 the Madrassas "**as universities of ignorance and spreading an ideology of hatred and conservativeness to the society**."

The authorities are aware of the significant security implications of these bodies, which would be numbering not less than several thousands. Yet, there is no ban on them. They are flourishing unchecked. Is this discrimination againnst the minorities?

It is interesting to know the Mullahs have stoutly stood against governments' drive to modernise the Madrassas, both by the former UPA and the current NDA, on the ground that would amount to administration's interference into the religious practices of the Muslims. What a lame excuse indeed! And, do we still maintain that the minorities in India are being discriminated against?

More facts. While addressing a meeting of the National Development Council on December 9, 2006, the former UPA Prime Minister had made an unprecedented and clearly illegal statement that “t**he minorities, particularly the Muslim Minority, must have the first claim on the nation's resources**.” So, then the minorities were not being discriminated against. By virtue of that statement, Manmohan even now stands guilty of violating his oath of office that he will not make any discrimination on grounds of race, community and religion. Did not that violate all ethics or norms of political behaviour in order to downgrade the majority Hindu community in the cover of unduly promoting of minority interests?

Perhaps, the cake for the complete freedom being enjoyed by the minority Muslim community goes to the State of West Bengal—almost like an independent Islamic country within the Union of India. Friends would be fully seized with the current law and order situation in that State. The Hindus in that State live in fear of the. TMC-led MuslIms. A commentator observed that West Bengal is living with "Islamic insurgency".

A self-confessed founder member of the SIMI and a Pakistani citizen (Imran Khan) has been sent from that State as a TMC MP to the Rajya Sabha. Inspite of this being widely known and brought to the notice of the concerned, he is freely roaming around both in India and in Bangladesh. Friends, in which other country can any particular community member enjoy such freedom? And, senior political and 'secular' leaders still claim that the minorities in India are being discriminated under the present political dispensation. As a matter of fact, as some veteran commentators say, patronising the Muslim minority alone is what is known as "dharma nirapekshta", that is, you are keeping equi-distance from all religions, and not being communal. You are thereafter only entitled to be known as being secular.

Though not directly related to this case, the readers will be shocked to know some poorer sections from among the BCs and OBCs have, as we have been given to understand, already got converted to Islam in order to get the benefits pointed out. It is likely such cases will multiply further & at faster rate. Is the government keeping any check on that? The figures will be astounding.

Picking up the main thread, it is generally known that no Indian Muslims can be persuaded to leave India and settle in any of the over 50 beautiful Islamic countries, even with one-time financial incentive/support. This is because the Muslims in India are so well settled and enjoy such undue freedom of speech and are generally so well looked after that they are often described, and truly, as the "sons-in-laws" of the country as against the Hindus made to feel as second-grade citizens in their own motherland.

Well, friends, will you still say that the minorities in India are being discriminated against. **There cannot indeed be any worse travesty of truth!**

Here is the latest move within India to cultivate the "beloved" minority community. On May 20, 2015, the State of Telengana has accorded Urdu, identified with the Muslim community, the status of the first language in the State. The State has also announced more scholarships and other benefits to the Muslims. The Union Home Ministers’ making a veritable “untrue” statement on May 24, 2015, that the Muslims in India are nationalists. How for shall we go? How much do we need to placate them?

As the facts submitted by us would automatically suggest, the minorities (read Muslims) are being so much cultivated and by all sections of political parties, that they would have possibly lost some of their "fighting ability" and may not find place in the current urge to join the ISIS or the Caliphate movement!

In some ways, we non-minorities are to be blamed for this. Thanks to various factors, starting from our gene, culture and tradition of non-violence, we have mastered the art of being non-vocal, taken to the false notion or half-truth of "ahimsa parama dharma" and forgotten the need for registering protest even when demanded by the circumstances. But, for how long friends? Let us think over this.

The non-minorities may have to wake up. The continued minority appeasement policy, read in the context of the fast-changing demographic composition, threatening to overtake the majority community, is a matter of deep concern. Has not the time come for defending ourselves?

Lastly, again we assert with all the strength in our command that there has been no intention of causing any misunderstanding between different communities in the country. Our mind is clear on that. We have given out facts. Some of these are grievances of the "**second grade**" citizens of India, that is, the Hindus of India. Yet, we carry no malice against any one.

But, let us also state equally strongly that we have learnt the art of speaking the truth and the truth only, no matter the consequences.

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