

RESTORE THE RESERVATION RIGHTS TO GENUINE JANJATI COMMUNITIES

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The converted janjatis were only 9% of total janjati population in 1947 in the country. Today, this population has increased to 18 % within the span of 60 years. Thanks to rapid conversion crusade launched by Church with the help of their foreign masters. These 18 percent converts have managed to snatch away 70% of total reservation benefits meant exclusively for Hindu janjatis who are 82% of the total janjati population of the country. These 82% genuine janjatis have been put to share just 30% reservation benefits all over the country particularly in the states like **Jharkhand, Orissa, Chhattishgarh and Madhya Pradesh**. The Christian dominated mini-states of Northeast region, the condition of Hindu janjatis are worst. In **Nagaland**, Hindu janjatis are denied their reservation rights straight way. All the budgetary funds are shared amongst Christians only. Even the funds allotted to **Village Development Boards** are digested by Christians only. In **Mizoram**, the condition of Hindu janjatis like **Chakma and Reang** is more deplorable. The **Chakmas** are treated as second class citizen. They are put to inhuman humiliation at almost all the available opportunity. They are even asked to vacate the seat in buses for the **Mizo passengers**. Their lands are being snatched away by Mizoram Government manned by Christians only on the plea of Reserved Forest and Zoo etc. The condition of **Reangs** is worse than **Chakmas**. A decade ago, there occurred an ethnic cleansing of **Reangs** by Christian Government of Mizoram. Hundreds of **Reangs** were killed, the ladies were raped, the youths were targeted. To save the lives from the Christian inquisitors, the **Reangs** fled in thick jungles who are still in refugee camps. The **Chakmas and Reangs**—both are very often subjected inhuman torture by the Mizoram Government, Church and mission sponsored student organizations, civic organizations and NGOs etc. In Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura, the dominance of Church and its matching influence on the respective state governments put the genuine janjatis in deprived condition No human rights. No land rights for genuine janjatis. Their rights are hijacked by converted people. In **Imphal Chingmeirong Kabui** village, there is no Christian convert and the villagers have unanimously resolved not to allow any conversion to Christianity or Islam as per customary law. This Hindu village has become an eyesore to Church which sends Christian Missionaries and evangelists on routine basis. Somehow, one **Kaphun Kamei** was secretly converted who flouted the customary law. This aberrant of customary law caused humiliation and irritation to followers of **Tingkao Raguwang Chap-Riak** by inviting Christian missionaries regularly. He was advised many times and finally warned not to do so by Hindu Rongmeis. Instead of complying the provisions of customary law, Kaphun brought more and more missionaries. Because of this, there occurred a scuffle between this Christian miscreant and the youths of the village. The Church took sky on head and complained to Prime Minister and President of Bharatvarsh and the Christian organizations like **All India Christian Council** took up the issue at highest level in Delhi. The pseudo-secular and Christian media made it front-cover news in their bulletins. News portal **News Blaze** was quick to pick up the story. There is no Church in **Chingmeirong** village but Church Organizations and reverends spread the concocted story that a Church was demolished. That is how the human rights of genuine janjatis in Chingmeirang village of Imphal were

trampled by the so-called champions of secularism and human rights. Arunachal Pradesh is now the first and foremost target of Church which is working to transform Arunachal Pradesh into Nagaland where there will be no right to Hindu janjatis. The janjatis of Assam are bearing the brunt of Church and Bangladeshi Muslims as well. Their religion is being snatched away, their land is being encroached and their security is jeopardized. The condition of genuine janjatis in the states of **Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat** and southern states are all the same. It may be recalled that British Govt. had classified them as **Indian Christians** separate from janjatis of the country and reservation benefits were exclusively for the janjatis who followed traditional religion (indigenous faith).

The question is why should this discrimination still continue in independent Bharatvarsh? A member of Scheduled Caste ceases to be Scheduled Caste as per existing law the moment he converts to Christianity or Islam. Why this rule does not apply in case of Scheduled janjatis? The gruesome murder of Swami Laxmananand Saraswati masterminded by Cheenath Raphel, the Bishop of Cuttak and Bhubneswar and his coterie of Priests and nuns joined by Christian naxalites in Kandhmal (Orissa) on 23rd August 2008 is a grim reminder of Church hostility. Cheenath Raphel – the Bishop and Johan Dayal the Advisor of All India Christian Council (AICC) met Sonia Gandhi three times, Prime Minister two times, Home Minister three times, National Human Rights Commission and National Minority Commission two times each. This knocking of doors of rulers of the country by the Bishop of Cuttak and Bhubneswar and Advisor of All India Christian Council (AICC) New Delhi was aimed at showing the world that murderers of Swami Laxamananda Saraswati were very ‘innocent’ people and that Hindu ‘terrorists’ were torturing the ‘innocent’ Christians in Orissa.

The highest constitutional body in our country-**Parliament**, initiated to undo the injustices to the janjati communities. A joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs-janjatis) (Amendment) Bill 1967 recommended **“2A-notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 2, no person who has given up tribal faith of faiths and has embraced either Christianity or Islam, should be deemed to be a member of any Scheduled Tribe (janjati)”**

A memorandum in support of the above recommendation was given to the then Prime Minister- **Smti Indira Gandhi** by **Shri Kartik Oraon**-a veteran janjati leader and former Member of Parliament on 17th June 1970 containing the signatures of 235 MPs of Lok Sabha and 13 MPs of Rajya Sabha. Smti Gandhi had assured to move a bill in the Parliament in this regard to fulfill the aspirations of genuine janjati.

In a judgment relating to a case of Kerala, the Supreme court said that after change of faith, a person ceases to be a member of Scheduled Tribe (janjati) if he has given up the customs and traditions also and is still suffering from social disability (Kerala Vs Chandramohan-AIR 2004 SC 1672). In another categorical judgment, the Supreme Court observed, “A converted Christian (tribal) cannot contest in the election for the post of a Dolloi (traditional village head) as he cannot perform religious rites and administrative work at a time which the Dolloi has to do as per customs of the janjati community (Jayantia Hills-Meghalaya Case, 2006 (3) scale).

The President of Bharatvarsh is the only competent authority to make necessary amendment in the President’s order for Schedule Caste and Scheduled Tribes, 1950. The

President functions as per the advice of Parliament and Prime Minister. Obviously, the nation has to elect such representatives in both houses of Parliament who will support this cause. The next general election to constitute next Parliament is in offing in April and May this year. This is the god-given opportunity to put forth the demand. In this context, a nation-wide signature campaign is under taken under the apex body-Janjati Suraksha Manch from 1st – 31st March 2009 in a memorandums addressed to President of the country.

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