Articles and Notes

Perspective on Muslims Engagement with the Government

Yes indeed but we have no other way but write to the govt of the day bring such incidents out seek legal help without which it will be impossible to tackle this . That is why we need to engage with those in power and the rss . too . .. if one feels that without them we can solve this . i am sorry they are mistaken . only those in power can control this large scale hatred ., if it exists (we need a proper assessment) .. I diasgree with amina on a lot of things but i dont consider her as a exaggerator . These things could be area specific too . . lucknow , gurgaon are two places where it is possible ... i live in gurgaon and a cousin too told me that her tailors were asked to leave by the gujjar landlords after the markaz incident , they were scared but would not call the police either . as they had no faith in them . however with time things cooled down . . if such incidences are brought to our notice . we must take govt help and act fast so that it does not spread . These things spread faster than the virus

Lets put the things in perspective.

- 1.Economic boycott of marginalised muslims may be area specific but wherever it is located, it is a serious, serious problem.
 - 2. This is not just a random development but part of an organised campaign.
- 3. We can address isolated incidents through local admin but cannot do much about mindset which is convinced about Muslim guilt of spreading the virus.
 - 3. This mindset can be addressed only by those , who are behind this. We know them.
- 4. We have to approach govt for more such specific statements that all these stories about muslims contaminating food items are false. There is not one single proven incident anywhere. This statement must be issued by govt through all media.
- 5. As some people rightly pointed out this is not a proper time to approach RSS. What will do before RSS , plead , beg for mercy for poor muslims.?

What else would be the way to adress Mr Bhagwat except through a mercy petition? Any thought of requesting Sh Bhagwat for a hearing, and it would only be a hearing and not a dialogue as we mistakenly feel it would be, is counterproductive at this point.

We should only approach all govt authorities at centre and state for issuing statements that THERE IS NOT ONE SINGLE INCIDENT OF FOOD CONTAMINATION BY MUSLIM VENFORS. That may soothe the nerves.

Thanks. I hv said it earlier and I m repeating that as a principle, I am not against 'dialogue', 'communication' or 'negotiations' with RSS etc. But why I m not with the "hurry" in mtg RSS or BJP chief is simply 'coz of strategic timing. Our initial motto was to win/command respect in the community on whose behalf we are going to spk or stand up.

For the same reason we did not spk against ZIK or not welcoming likes of Aarif Mohd Khan. (All the knowledge and wisdom of Aarif looses its impact due to din of opposition he has earned from the community).

It rightly said by Mr Mallik that we know that who are behind this huge organised anti Muslim campaign. And I'll add, we know why they undertake this hate and false campaign. Therefore, I believe that our simply meeting them is not going to make much change (except "introducing"

ourselve and highlighting the miseries of the folk). We may, on the one hand, get no change of heart but on the other hand loose our likely and possible supporters from Muslims and even Hindus.

At the cost of repetition, we first establish our voice and strength as representative of INDIAN MUSLIMS (for PROGRESS AND REFORM -- IMPAR), then interact with 'them' with some possible impact. I hope I hv made my pt clear.

- (2) We hv few very impt urgent issues on hand to carry forward our mission as mentioned in recent posts on this gp.
- (a) a list of 138 false news as laboriously organised (22). Let us take it up with all concerned to rectify it; (b) persons are detained in quarantine despite found Corona negative as highlighted by Khalid Ansari. Earlier Siraj Qureshi sb hs also cases from Bulandshehar etc; & (c) hate campaign and ec. boycott of Muslim vendors and bussiness people. LET US CONCENTRATE ON THEM.

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