

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL EXTRAORDINARY JURISDICTION

CIVIL WRIT PETITION NO. 13 OF 2002.

In the matter of :

COMMON CAUSE
(A Registered Society)

... PETITIONER.

Versus

UNION OF INDIA.

... RESPONDENT

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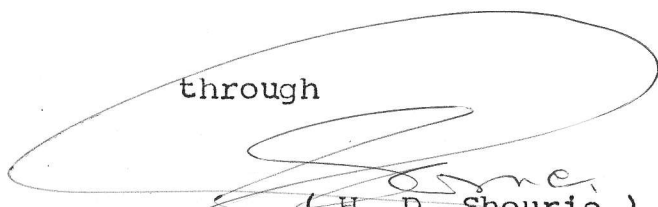
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Petitioner

through



(H. D. Shourie)

Director, COMMON CAUSE

Place: New Delhi.

Dated:

LIST OF DATES AND SYNOPSIS

Hon'ble Court will have observed that in recent years there has been a spate of big-sized, full-page and half-page advertisements placed in newspapers by different Ministries of the Central Government as well by the State Governments, ostensibly for projecting the image of politicians, utilising occasions of various types such as commemoration of a departed leader, encouraging rural handicrafts, opening of a new bridge or road or railway connection, or laying foundation-stone of building, etc. These big-sized advertisements are quite frequently being placed in newspapers, in different languages, all over the country.

Petitioner feels that projecting the image of the politicians, whose photographs are also prominently displayed in these advertisements, and of their political parties, is obviously the sole purpose of these big-sized advertisement. If, for instance, people have to be invited to the function of a foundation-laying ceremony or a bridge opening ceremony this purpose can well be served by sending invitations or even through beat of drums in the area where the ceremony has to be performed, instead of placing advertisement, related to the event, displayed in newspapers in other parts of the country. Governmental functioning and achievements can, where necessary, be projected through medium of radio and TV.

Petitioner has secured information that each full-page advertisement (black and white) in

a widely circulated newspaper costs about Rs 6.00 lakh to Rs 8.00 lakh (advertisement printed in colour costs upto about Rs 15.00 lakh), and half-page advertisement costs about Rs 4.00 lakh to Rs 5.00 lakh. On certain days 2 to 3 such full-page, half-page advertisements appear in newspapers. Total number of advertisements of various sizes which appeared in three newspapers of Delhi in, one week, were 18 (details furnished on top of each of the A to K). These 18 advertisements of various sizes total upto 12 full-page advertisements. Taking the total of 12 full-page advertisements appearing in one week, in three newspapers, the average comes to four full-page advertisements in one newspaper in a week. Assuming that there are only 500 newspapers and magazines in the country, printed in various languages, which is obviously a conservative figure, the average total of full-page advertisements of this nature appearing in one year will be $4 \times 500 \times 50$ (approximate number of weeks in a year) = $200 \times 500 = 1,00,000$. Cost of full-page advertisement in newspaper of wide circulation ranging from Rs 6.00 lakh to Rs 8.00 lakh, even if we take the average cost of Rs 2.00 lakh, the total expenditure on 1,00,000 full-page advertisements will be $\text{Rs } 2,00,000 \times 1,00,000 = \text{Rs } 2000 \text{ crores}$. This much cost is incurred by the Centre and States with the primary purpose apparently to project the image of politicians and their parties. Petitioner feels that such action on the part of Central Government and State Governments amounts in fact misutilisation of public funds which can be more gainfully utilised for betterment of

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life of the people.

Annexures
A to K

The attached Annexures A to K are photo-copies of such advertisements which appeared in about one week in November, 2002, some of them in colour. Relevant details including the number of times particular advertisements appeared, have been typed on the op of each Annexures.

Petitioner has felt that in dealing with this matter there is no alternative excepting to approach the Hon'ble Court with the prayer that directions may be issued to the Central Government to initiate steps to determine as to how this type of expenditure can best be minimised in relation to the Central Government as well as the State Governments, and that initiative should be taken by the Central Government to also persuade the State Governments to take appropriate steps. Petitioner has named only one Respondent in the Petition, namely, the Secretary of the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, under which Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity functions, instead of burdening the file also with Respondents of State Governments along with any other Ministries of the Central Government.

Hence this Writ Petition.

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CIVIL EXTRAORDINARY JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. OF 2002.

In the matter of :

COMMON CAUSE
(A Registered Society)
A-31, West End,
New Delhi - 110021
through its Director
Shri H. D. Shourie.

... PETITIONER.

Versus

Union of India,
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi - 11001
through its Secretary.

PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 32 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA FOR ISSUANCE OF
A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF CERTIORARI
AND/OR MANDAMUS AND/OR ANY OTHER
DIRECTION, DIRECTING THE UNION OF INDIA
IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING TO DETERMINE THE STEPS
THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO CHECK PROFLIGACY
IN THE PLACEMENT OF BIG-SIZED ADVERTISEMENTS
IN THE NEWSPAPERS FOR PROJECTING THE
IMAGE OF POLITICIANS AND OF POLITICAL
PARTIES, WHICH IS BEING EXTENSIVELY DONE
BY DIFFERENT MINISTRIES OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA AND ALSO BY THE STATE GOVERNMENTS,
INVOLVING HUGE AMOUNTS OF GOVERNMENTAL
EXPENSES OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
STATE GOVERNMENTS, WHICH CAN BE UTILISED
TO GREATER ADVANTAGE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF
LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE, IN THE
CONTEXT OF THEIR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
GUARANTEED UNDER ARTICLE 21 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

To

Hon'ble The Chief Justice of India and His Lordships
Companion Justices of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

The Humble Petition of the Petitioner abovenamed,
MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

1. That the Petitioner is a Society duly registered
under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, and is

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engaged in taking up various common problems of the people for securing redressal thereof. The Petitioner Society has also brought to Court various constitutional problems. The Petitioner has an established locus standi in its capacity as a bonafide public interest organisation for taking up matters of general public importance. The Petitioner is submitting the present public interest Petition for consideration of the Hon'ble Court.

2. That the Petitioner strongly feels that increasingly during the recent years the tendency has grown among politicians, at the Centre as well as in the States, to project through large-scale advertisements in newspapers various tasks undertaken by their Ministries and their governmental functioning in general, obviously for projecting the image of politicians and political parties. This tendency has grown to such an extent that almost every few days there are such large-scale (full-page, half-page and quarter-page) advertisements in various important newspapers. The Petitioner has ascertained that cost of these big advertisements ranges upto about Rs 6 lakhs to Rs 8 lakhs for each full-page advertisement (in black and white) in newspapers of wide circulation, and corresponding cost for half-page and quarter-page advertisements.

3. Annexures A to K are photo-copies of the full-page, three quarter-page, half-page and quarter-page advertisements which appeared during one week of November, 2002, in three English newspapers of Delhi, namely, Hindustan Times, Times of India and Indian Express. On the top of each of these Annexures Petitioner has

furnished details of number of times the advertisement, along with its sizes, has appeared in this one week.

4. That advertisements, with photographs of the Ministers of the concerned Ministries generally appear along with the photograph of the Prime Minister or Chief Minister or of some important political personality. All sorts of occasions are utilised for making these projections through advertisements. These occasions range from laying the foundation-stone of some project, opening of the road or bridge, opening a railway line to some new station etc.

5. That the Petitioner submits that such full-page, three quarter-page, half-page and quarter-page advertisements appear quite frequently and are projected through various newspapers. Taking a very conservative estimate that there may be about 500 newspapers and magazines published in the country in respective languages, and that the cost of advertisement is also about Rs 2.00 lakhs for full-page (black and white printing), it can be assumed that aggregate cost of advertisements in newspapers and magazines, incurred by the Central Government and State Governments, will not be less than about Rs 2000 crores a year. Details of the relevant calculations have been given on page 2 of the Synopsis of this Petition and are not being repeated for avoidance of burdening the Petition. This expenditure, in the context of conditions of inadequacies and poverty in our country is obviously irksome to people who feel about matters of such nature. Copy of the Article placed at Annexure "L" which appeared in the OUTLOOK magazine of Delhi (dated 18-11-2002) is an example of such expression of feeling.

6. That the Petitioner does recognise that political leaders have to resort to such projections for raising their image as well as the image of their parties. The problem that emerges from consideration of this matter is whether the concerned politicians can devise suitable alternatives through which the objective of projecting their image may be satisfactorily fulfilled and yet the expenditure of present high-level may not have to be incurred. The Petitioner does not consider it necessary to emphasize that in the conditions of inadequacy prevailing in the country it would be desirable that every effort should be made to utilise government funds to the maximum extent in the interest of meeting the multifarious essential requirements of the people.

7. That the Petitioner considers that it would be unavailing for him to communicate these views to any governmental authority, at the Centre or in the States. They are not likely to be thus persuaded to abstain from placing such costly advertisements in newspapers. Therefore, the Petitioner has considered it appropriate to bring this matter before the Hon'ble Court with the prayer that in the interest of the people the Hon'ble Court may kindly consider what directions can be given to the Central Government through the Respondent for examining this problem and to also communicate it to the State Governments, for determining the measures that need to be taken to utilise alternative means, including Doordarshan and TV and appropriate smaller-sized government notices, for projecting the important events instead of doing this through such large-sized expensive advertisements, so that Government funds may not get misutilised and frittered away when these are very much required for meeting the other urgent requirements of the people and of governmental functioning.

8. That the above grounds are being submitted without prejudice to one another and the Petitioner craves leave to add to or to amend the above.

9. That the present Petition is being submitted bonafide and in general public interest.

10. That no other Writ Petition or Proceeding has been initiated by the Petitioner in any High Court or the Supreme Court of India on the subject matter of the present Petition.

11. That the Petitioner has no alternative equally efficacious remedy in law for the cause of action being agitated herein.

P R A Y E R S

In the above premises, it is prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased :

- (i) to issue a writ, direction or order or in the nature of mandamus and/or any other writ, direction or Order directing the Respondent, Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, after securing the requisite approval of the Central Government, to communicate to the Ministries and Departments of the Central Government and also to the Chief Secretaries of all State Governments, that it is inappropriate to issue big-sized advertisements of the above mentioned nature in newspapers, for commemorating any personality or event, or for purposes of nature of foundation-laying or initiation of a project, and that suitable alternative methods should be adopted for informing the people about the projected events and to extend

invitations to them for securing their presence at the projected event such as foundation-laying ceremony, opening of a new road or bridge or railway line or other important facility for the benefit of the people, thereby avoiding the heavy expenditure which is being presently incurred by placement of advertisements in newspapers.

- (ii) to pass such other and further orders as may be deemed necessary and proper on the facts and in the circumstances of the case.

FOR WHICH ACT OF KINDNESS, THE PETITIONER SHALL,
AS IN DUTY BOUND, EVER PRAY.

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(H. D. Shourie)
Director, COMMON CAUSE.

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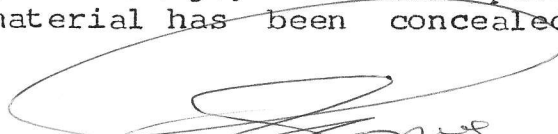
A F F I D A V I T

I, H. D. Shourie son of late Shri S. L. Shourie,
aged 90 years, Director, COMMON CAUSE, A-31, West
End, New Delhi - 110021, do hereby solemnly affirm
and state as follows :

1. That I am the Director of COMMON CAUSE, the
Petitioner Society in the above Writ Petition, that I
am aware of the facts of the case and am competent
to depose thereon.
2. That the Writ Petition aforegoing has been prepared
by me and I say that the contents thereof are true and
correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
3. That the Annexures to the Writ Petition aforegoing
are true copies of their respective originals.


DEPONENT
Verification :

I, the Deponent, abovenamed do hereby verify
at New Delhi on this day of 2002 that the
contents of the Affidavit aforegoing are true and correct
to the best of my knowledge, that no part of it is
false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.


DEPONENT



KALYAN WEEK

13TH — 19TH NOVEMBER

Inauguration of Kalyan Week

by

Shrimati Sheila Dikshit

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi.

Presided by

Shri Raj Kumar Chauhan

Hon'ble Social Welfare Minister, Delhi.

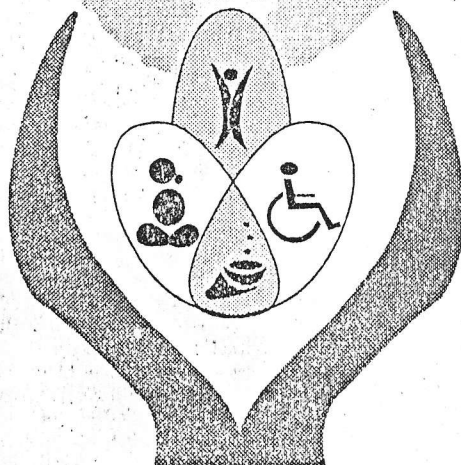
Followed by a Candle Light Ceremony.

Date : 13 November, 2002

Place : India Gate Lawn

Time : 05.00 P.M.

Over 5000 marginalized children, women and disabled will assemble and be joined by school children and people of all walks of life at India Gate Lawn this evening and light a candle each to kindle their hopes and strengthen their aspirations. You also come and join this flame of volition, volition to combat the forces, which undermine the dignity of human beings, their childhood, womanhood, old age and disability.



**WE CARE
YOU SHARE**

Be a proud Delhi citizen.

Join us

and

make the

Kalyan Week

a success.



Smt. Sheila Dikshit
*Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Delhi*



Sh. Raj Kumar Chauhan
*Hon'ble Social Welfare Minister,
Delhi*

DATE	PROGRAMME
13.11.2002	Inaugural function & Lighting the candles.
14.11.2002	Cultural evening at Dilli Haat.
15.11.2002	Painting competition for destitute and mentally challenged children.
15.11.2002	Seminar on problems of senior citizens and their solutions.
16.11.2002	Sports Competition for destitute and mentally challenged children.
17.11.2002	Children's theatre.
18.11.2002	Workshop on beggar laws and anti-begging campaign.
19.11.2002	Photo Exhibition followed by cultural evening

Department of Social Welfare
Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

YET ANOTHER LANDMARK IN OUR QUEST FOR PROGRESS



Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

MESSAGE

With the commissioning of the Eastern-Northern Inter-Regional HVDC (1x500 MW) back-to-back transmission system at Pusauli (District Kaimur), Bihar, the nation has taken a vital step in the integration of the power transmission network of the country. The HVDC system would allow the Eastern Region to export its surplus power to the Northern Region which will benefit by getting access to low cost power. This event marks the completion of the first phase of the National Power Grid, the nation-wide exercise undertaken by POWERGRID to enable exchanges of power with improved reliability and quality between all the regions of the country.

I congratulate POWERGRID for this achievement and wish them success in their future endeavours.

(A. B. Vajpayee)



Shri Anant G. Geete
Hon'ble Union Minister of Power
will preside over the function

MESSAGE

It is a matter of great pleasure that Power Grid Corporation of India Limited has achieved yet another milestone in the development of Power Sector. I am glad that the commissioning of Eastern Northern Inter-Regional HVDC (1x500 MW) Back to Back transmission System at Pusauli (District Kaimur), Bihar marks the completion of the first phase of National Grid with its commendable feat. This project involving high level of technology is a stepping stone for POWERGRID to finally construct the National Grid thereby enabling exchange of reliable and quality power between all the five regions of the country. With the commissioning of this HVDC project, both the Northern and the Eastern regions will be benefited by improved plant load factor thereby reducing generation tariff and better control of frequency.

It would also facilitate emergency assistance to either regions under adverse operating conditions and would improve the overall system stability.

I congratulate POWERGRID on this occasion.

(Anant G. Geete)



Smt. Jayawanti Mehta
Hon'ble Union Minister of
State for Power

MESSAGE

I am happy to note that POWERGRID, the Central Transmission Utility under Ministry of Power, has commissioned the Eastern Northern Inter-Regional HVDC (1x500 MW) Back to Back Transmission System at Pusauli, Bihar. This is an important step towards establishing of the first phase of National Power Grid. The implementation of this HVDC Project will lead to optimal utilization of resources between Eastern & Northern Regions.

I congratulate POWERGRID on accomplishing this memorable feat. On the occasion of commissioning of this Project, I reaffirm my belief that the POWERGRID would achieve many more benchmarks in future and help to lead the Nation towards the road of prosperity.

(Jayawanti Mehta)

P. V. Shahi
Secretary, Ministry of Power

MESSAGE

Optimal utilization of generation capacities and balanced power flow, inter-connections of various regional grids is an important initiative of the Government of India. Today is an important day in the power sector when the Eastern-Northern Inter-Regional HVDC (1x500 MW) Back to Back Transmission System at Pusauli (District Kaimur), Bihar is being dedicated to the nation by Hon'ble Prime Minister. The scheme completes the first phase of National Power Grid being implemented by POWERGRID. This HVDC scheme / project will benefit both Eastern and Northern Region and facilitate bi-directional exchange of power upto 500 MW. It will also make energy exchanges possible with other regions thereby ensuring quality and reliability of power supply.

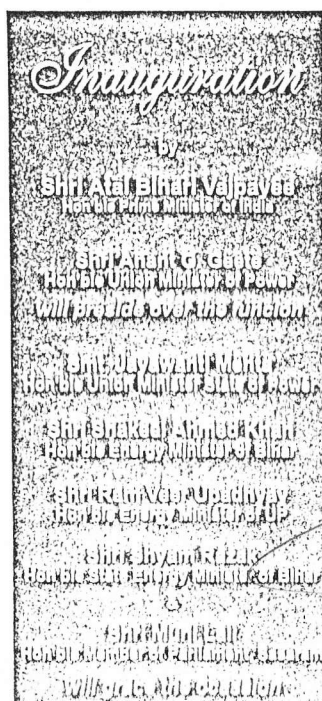
(P. V. Shahi)

POWERGRID TO THE FOREFRONT: PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- One of the world's largest transmission utilities.
 - Carries over 40% of total power generated in the Nation.
 - Diversifying into telecom business through establishment of broad-band Optic-Fibre Telecom Network over its extensively spread transmission infrastructure.
- a) Transmission System:
- i. 1x500 MW HVDC back to back station at Sasaram
 - ii. Bihar-Sharif - Sasaram 400 kV Double Circuit line
 - iii. Sasaram - Allahabad 400 kV Double Circuit line
- b) Estimated Project Cost : Rs. 677 Crores.
- c) Funding : World Bank
- d) Commission Schedule : Sept. 2002

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROJECT:

- The project involves construction of about 760 Ckt. kms 400 KV AC lines and a 500 MW HVDC back-to-back station at Sasaram.
- The Sasaram sub-station would be the 5th substation of POWERGRID in the state of Bihar and would give a boost to the power supply in the area of Sasaram, Mohania, Karaninasa, Behni, Garwah Road etc.
- This link would facilitate bi-directional exchange of power of 500 MW between Eastern and Northern Region.
- Provision at Sasaram has been kept to augment the transfer capacity to 1000 MW by installing additional HVDC module at Sasaram.
- This project would benefit both Eastern and Northern regions. Eastern Region would get benefited by improved plant load factor, thereby reduced generation tariff and better control of frequency. Northern region would get benefited by getting additional power to meet the part of the unmet demand.
- It would also facilitate emergency assistance to either regions under adverse operating conditions and would improve the overall system stability.



R. P. Singh
Chairman & Managing Director, POWERGRID

I have the pleasure of informing all of you that POWERGRID's HVDC back to back project at Sasaram inter-connecting Northern Region and Eastern Region in asynchronous mode is getting inaugurated today by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. This project consists of a single block of 500 MW HVDC at an associated 800 circuit kms. of 400 kV AC transmission line in Bihar (Eastern Region) and Uttar Pradesh (Northern Region) along with extensions of Bihar Sharif and Allahabad sub stations.

Commissioning of this project marks completion of first phase of National Power Grid and with this country-wide inter-regional exchange capacity has risen to 5000 MW. This project has been completed by POWERGRID within the contractual schedule and at a cost of Rs. 595 crores against Govt. approved cost of Rs. 672 crores. This high technology project is going to play a vital role feeding 500 MW of power to power deficit Northern Region on continuous basis as Eastern Region likely to remain power surplus for a long time.

HVDC technology facilitates interconnection of two regions having incompatible electrical parameters. This technology also facilitates inter-regional exchange of energy while taking advantage of diversity of load generation conditions in the two regions. In contrast to the conventional alternating current transmission systems, power flow can be regulated in a precise manner through HVDC Projects.

Recently, we have also commissioned first pole of prestigious HVDC bi-pole link connecting Talai (Eastern Region) to Kolar (Southern Region) 9 months ahead of schedule and at a cost of Rs. 100 crores less than the approved cost. This project is also facilitating export of surplus power from Eastern Region to Southern Region. Advance commissioning of this project has relieved South Region in bridging some gap in their power requirements and has helped Eastern Region optimization of their generation resources.

By the end of this month, we will be commissioning the second pole of Talai Kolar and 400 kV Talai Kolar transmission line to enhance the inter-regional exchange capacity to 800 MW. These projects are getting commissioned much ahead of Govt. approved schedules. This commissioning of our projects ahead of schedule and at cost lower than the approved cost, beneficiary state utilities tend to derive dual benefits, one, by way of reduction in transmission tariff, the other, by way of early availability of electricity to them.

We are committed to develop a strong and vibrant National Grid, which will have inter-regional exchange capacity to the level of 23,500 MW by the end of 10th five year plan (Year 2007) and 30,000 MW by the end of 11th plan (Year 2012).



MINISTRY OF POWER

On Children's Day

We affirm our commitment
towards Universalisation of
Elementary Education

Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi
Hon'ble Minister for Human
Resource Development

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee
Hon'ble Prime Minister



Year 2003

All children in school, EGS Centres or
Bridge courses by 2003;

Year 2007

All children complete five years of
primary school by 2007;

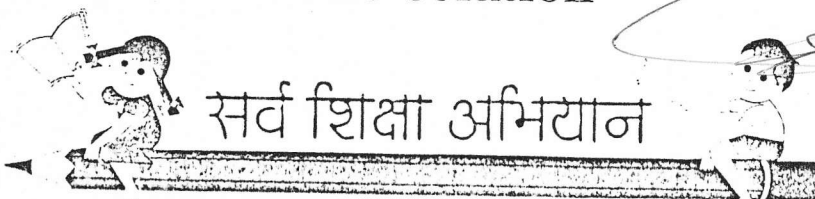
Year 2010

All children complete 8 years
of schooling by 2010;
Universal retention by 2010.

- * Out of 19 crore children 3.5 crore
out-of-school children being provided
with complete education facilities
- * Primary School/EGS Centre within
1 kilometer
- * Focus on girls, especially belonging to
SC/ST community and minority groups
- * Nearly Rs. 3900 crores approved for
the States during 2002-03 so far, to
achieve the goal of Universalisation of
Elementary Education
- * 21,219 new school buildings, 23,490
additional classrooms approved.

* 28 States * 7 Union Territories * 600 Districts * 5,161 Towns
* 6.4 lakh Villages * Crores of Children ...

... one solution



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Department of Elementary Education and Literacy
Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India

Atal Bihari Vajpayee
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" Our children are the future of our nation. We are committed to nurture them through their childhood and their most impressionable and formative years, so that they can realize their full potential and contribute richly to the development of their motherland".

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee
Hon'ble Prime Minister

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Hon'ble F
commemor



This half-page advertisement appeared on 14-11-2002 in the HINDUSTAN TIMES (in color)



The rich legacy of rural handicrafts direct from the heart of India

India lives in her villages.

SARAS represents the rich tradition of artistic skills & talents of rural craftsmen, inherited through generations & offers a wide variety of handicrafts and artifacts beyond compare... A unique platform focusing on a range of handicraft products for rural development and social upliftment.

Come take your pick from the widest possible range of products from rural India under one roof at SARAS Pavilion, Hall-7, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.



Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat
Hon'ble Vice-President of India



Shri Shanta Kumar
Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development

SARAS 2002 Grand Inauguration Today

by

Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat
Hon'ble Vice-President of India

Chief Guest

Shri Shanta Kumar
Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development

Guests of honour



Shri Subhash Maharia
Minister of State for Rural Development

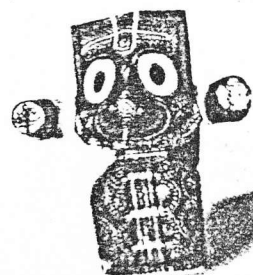


Shri Annasaheb M.K. Patil
Minister of State for Rural Development

PROGRAMME

Inauguration
Date
Venue

11:00 a.m.
14th November, 2002
Hall -7, Pragati Maidan,
New Delhi



Ministry of Rural Development
(Govt. of India)



Council for Advancement of People's Action
and Rural Technology (CAPART)

Attended by copy

Attm S. K. Singh

Welcome To the Mogli Land
Indira Priyadarshini Pench National Park



Renaming of Pench National Park as Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini National Park
is a tribute to the former Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi.

This is the jungle that inspired renowned writer Rudyard Kipling to pen
"The Jungle Book". The wildlife sanctuary adjoining the National Park would be
appropriately renamed as "**Pench Mogli Sanctuary**"

Pench reservoir spread over 65 square km gives rare pleasure of boating and
the Pench river, opportunity for rafting. The National Park with the
highest herbivore density, is counted among the best tiger reserves.

Renaming Function on November 19, the Birthday of Indira Gandhi

Distinguished Guests

Shri Vilas Rao Deshmukh, Chief Minister of Maharashtra

Shri Digvijay Singh, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh

Shri Kamal Nath, Member of Parliament

Shri Harvansh Singh, Minister for Forest, Madhya Pradesh

Smt. Urmila Singh, Minister for Tribal Welfare, Madhya Pradesh

Shri Swaroop Singh Naik, Minister for Forest, Maharashtra

Shri Doman Singh Nagpure, Minister, Backward Classes Welfare, M.P.

Venue: Ghatkohka, Seoni

THE TIGER STATE
MADHYA PRADESH

National Park is situated on Jabalpur - Nagpur National Highway, 195 km from Jabalpur and 92 km from Nagpur

Atash Stone 9/17
Stone

ANNEXURE H'

शक्ति थी जिनकी बाणी में,
त्याग था जिनकी कहानी में !
इन्दिरा जी का बलिदान,
याद रखेगा हिन्दुस्तान !!

आधुनिक भारत की निर्माता

महान राष्ट्रभक्त

महासंघाम की नायिका,

भारत की प्रथम महिला प्रधानमंत्री

स्व० श्रीमती इन्दिरा गान्धी

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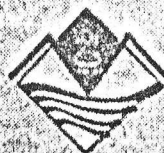
उत्तरोत्तर वासियों का शत-शत नमन !

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सामाजिक सुरक्षा पर राष्ट्रीय बहस का राजस्थान से शुभारम्भ

सामाजिक सुरक्षा के लिए कटिबद्ध - राजस्थान सरकार
गत चार वर्षों में कमजोर वर्गों के सामाजिक उत्थान के संकल्प और परिणाम

राजीव गांधी सामाजिक सुरक्षा मिशन का गठन

210 करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान कर 8 लाख वृद्ध, निशक्त और विधवाओं को पेंशन देने का निर्णय

अनुसूचित जाति, जनजाति, अल्पसंख्यक व अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग वित्त एवं विकास निगमों का गठन कर 9 करोड़ से बढ़ाकर 57 करोड़ की गारंटी

सम्पूर्ण शिक्षा को पहली प्राथमिकता स्वीकारते हुए 2003 तक सम्पूर्ण राज्य को साक्षर बनाने का संकल्प

शिक्षा से वंचित 23 लाख बच्चों को शिक्षा से जोड़ने का सार्थक प्रयास

अल्पसंख्यकों में शिक्षा प्रसार हेतु मान्यता प्राप्त 619 मदरसों को सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई जाकर छात्र-छात्राओं को निःशुल्क पाठ्य पुस्तकों का वितरण

70 लाख बच्चों के लिए मिड-डे-मील योजना प्रारम्भ

मुख्यमंत्री रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत 34 हजार गुमटियों का निर्माण एवं निशुल्क आवंटन

मैला ढोने की प्रथा के उन्मूलन के लिए कानून

महिला, मानवाधिकार, अनुसूचित जाति एवं जनजाति, अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग और अल्पसंख्यक आयोगों का गठन

—: सेमीनार में पांचों विषयों —:

समाज कल्याण, खाद्यान्न सुरक्षा, रोजगार की उपलब्धता, स्वास्थ्य सुरक्षा, शिक्षा की उपलब्धता पर चिंतन उपरान्त "जयपुर घोषणा पत्र" का प्रस्तुतीकरण

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सुजस
राजस्थान

Indira



India will never be the same without you.

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DELHI
GOVERNMENT



(1917-1984)

"Democracy Does Not Mean Elections We Have To Keep The Country Alive"

Indira Gandhi

at Guwahati AICC Session, December 197



Under the dynamic leadership of
Smt. Sonia Gandhi

&

the able guidance of
Capt. Amarinder Singh

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab



Punjab Marches Ahead

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Relief to the farmers @ Rs. 30/- per quintal for their paddy procured during Kharif-2001, Rs. 10 per quintal as a first instalment of bonus of Rs. 30/- per quintal as promised in the Congress manifesto.

As an alternate to the Paddy-Wheat rotation an area of 28,000 acres is being brought under Contract Farming for Rabi-2002.

Bhatinda -Delhi Shatabdi launched to encourage trade and commerce in the State.

Concept of Community Policing launched at Ludhiana to ensure law and order efficaciously. Six more districts to be covered soon.

Arduous tasks/action policies taken up to root out corruption from the state which has reached unimaginable levels during the last 5 years.

Summary sacking of corrupt administrators including Punjabi University VC, Chairman PPSC and other officials.

Effectively strong action being taken against previous Government's misdeeds.

Transparency results in Rs. 100 crore additional excise revenue in liquor vend auctions.

Strong legal framework for ex-servicemen's property protection.

Special attention to small and medium Industries and other business.

Rs. 64.09 crores Sarv Sikya Abhiyan (Universal Education Scheme) to attain 100% literacy.

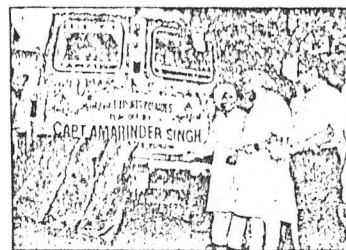
Strengthened the Panchayati Raj Institutions through more powers.

Record procurement of paddy by one million tonnes over the last year's procurement through 1661 new mandis / purchase centres, despite drought conditions, delayed announcement of MSP by the Centre and a shorter procurement season.

- The record paddy procurement became possible essentially due Govt's decision to provide a minimum 10 hours power supply to sector despite acute drought related power shortages. For the first in order to save the farmers crop the Govt. made downright purchase additional power worth Rs. 6300 crore from other states.
- Directorate of Disinvestment has been set up to ensure transparency and fairness while carrying out govt. disinvestment.
- World-class infrastructure to raise standards of living in the State - supply, roads & bridges, civic amenities, health & education facilities.
- Civic amenities to cent percent of the population within the next 4 yrs - safe drinking water and advanced sewerage facilities to all.
- Introduction of latest technology for sewerage treatment plants & solid waste management in the Urban areas of the State. MOU signed for setting up first sewerage treatment plant in Ludhiana which will produce electricity from waste.
- To meet the growing demand of power in the State, high level empowered committee has been set up for construction of projects like GHTP Lehra Mohabat, Shahpurkandi Project, etc.
- Un-interrupted 24 hours power supply for the rural areas of Punjab planned.
- Special stringent measures to check the menace of female foeticide.
- Efficient system without harassment-computerised issuance driving licences, Registration & Route permits, etc. and power grant registration of motor vehicles to private dealers proposed.
- the spot summary disposal of traffic challans.
- 54 secondary care hospitals at district, sub divisional and block level have been physically upgraded through the support of World Bank

Markfed - Facilitating Punjab's Voyage to Cooperative Prosperity

- AEZs for potato at project cost of Rs. 10.41 crore in 1st phase and Rs. 102 crore in 2nd phase.
- AEZ for basmati rice at project cost of Rs. 42.32 crore.
- Stock points at various port towns in India to facilitate smooth exports.
- Wheat worth Rs. 775 crore already exported out of Rs. 1000 crore orders in hand.
- Export house status due to sterling export performance.
- Rice exports worth Rs. 83 crore contracted.
- New markets abroad for Punjab farmers.



- Passed on fertilizer benefits worth Rs. 6.5 crore to farmers during Kharif 2002.
- Highest paddy procurement agency in Punjab with over 21 Lac MTs of paddy worth Rs. 1400 crore procured.
- Over 99.2% milling of paddy crop 2001-02, saving an interest of Rs. 14 crore.
- Special designated mandis for direct paddy procurement in 2002.
- 1.5% extra income for paddy farmers at Markfed Designated Mandis in 2002.

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IMPRESSIONS MADHU TREHAN

PUBLIC ROADSHOWS

ARE you aware that you just gave away half a crore of your rupees to Shri Anant G. Geete, minister for power? You also gave it away to Dr Murli Manohar Joshi, minister for human resources development; Uma Bharati, minister for coal and mines; Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, minister for chemicals and fertilisers; M. Kannappan, minister of state for non-conventional energy sources; and T.R. Baalu, minister for environment and forests. The people of Haryana, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Punjab gave it to their chief ministers. On Indira Gandhi's death anniversary, you gave it to the Delhi government. You must be angry. Why wouldn't you be? Because you know you did not give it away. So was it stolen? Well, you can say, as good as. If some greedy person takes half a crore rupees to enhance his personal image without so much as asking you, you have every right to be livid. Just look at the newspapers, I am not asking you to read them. People have possibly not reacted because they turn a natural blind eye to it. The stuff is not normally read except by those who put it in and beguile themselves into thinking that the whole world is not only reading it but believing every word printed. I am talking about this trend of government ministries using taxpayers' money for full-page colour ads in leading national dailies for odes to themselves, that extol their ministries, their achievements and generally glorify themselves along with colour pictures of themselves. And, it is our money. Hey, it's our money! (I am shouting!)

If all that these ads claim is true, how come we as citizens have not seen any change? And can't the money be put to better use?

For people who live in Delhi it is doubly galling to read, "THREE YEARS OF SUSTAINED PERFORMANCE POWER SECTOR TURN AROUND HAS BEGUN." Sure fooled me. Even worse, it's in bold capitals. With the ubiquitous power cuts, the "three years of sustained performance" missed our boat. The best is yet to come. There are diagrams that detail that the national grid cumulative inter-regional transfer capacity has increased from 3,400 MW in 1997-1999 to 4,950 MW. And it will increase to 10,000 MW by 2005. Get it? Doesn't matter. You are not supposed to. There are minute diagrams of capacity addition, power sector reforms in states, generation performance, financial performance of power sector CPSUs. If you are not asleep already, there are tall claims that "all villages will be electrified by 2007 and all households by 2012." And, to rub salt into the wound "nearly 2,100 roadshows conducted throughout the country in 2001 itself to sensitise opinion makers, media persons, students and general public on the need for power reforms and strategy for power sector development." I weep just thinking of how much of our money went into these roadshows. It would be more beneficial if the public put up roadshows for the ministers to sensitise them to our problems.

The unkindest cut of all is Narendra Modi's two-page ad in a national newsmagazine, which came along with a highly professional CD, with specially created music. He

even says in it that "the Samras Village scheme has made Gujarat villages dispute-free and vibrant". With Gujarat now an international term for communal violence and seriously affecting investment and commerce, the people of Gujarat have paid not only in their suffering but also paid for the man's self-aggrandisement.

I would tell these self-advertising ministers to take a page out of Arun Shourie's book. Beleaguered as he is, Shourie took the time to write and give real information in a series of articles in *The Indian Express* about the problems he faces in his ministry and what needs to be done. That kind of stuff is not only read, it has credibility. If all what these ads claim is true, how come we as citizens have not seen the change? And, couldn't this money be put to better use? For example, wouldn't it be better to put the money into improving the horrendous working/living conditions of coal miners rather than paying half a crore to announce "3 YEARS OF GROUNDBREAKING PERFORMANCE BY COALS AND MINE MINISTRY". Or fixing the toilets in a few schools instead of taking out a full-page colour ad announcing again, "GLORIOUS 3 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENTS" in the HRD ministry.

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AND how much is being taken out of your pocket? The rates below are applicable for colour, weekdays and for Delhi only. *Hindustan Times*: Full Page: Rs 15,40,000. Half Page: Rs 7,70,000. *The Times of India*: Full Page: Rs 13,72,000. Half Page: Rs 6,60,000. *The Indian Express*: Full Page: Rs 4,20,000. Half Page: Rs 2,10,000. Does it even occur to these ministers that the money they spend is not their personal income to do with as they please? Why are they not accountable for such wasteful expenditure? For every question one asks, you get only two answers: 1. It's all very well for you to talk and criticise. You live in air-conditioned homes and drink whisky (I don't drink whisky). We know the masses. (Do you really? But, didn't you do your best to get out, to get into a ministerial air-conditioned home, car plus all benefits, paid for by us? Okay, well forget the whisky.)

2. There is no money. We are short of funds and resources. (How come there is always money for VIP security, felicitating ministers and boring political functions? Sometimes all three at the same time!)

Politicians like these with funds and unaccountable power just bring home what P.J. O'Rourke said: "Giving money and power to government is like giving whisky and car keys to teenage boys." We have to look at where our money is going like any investment and right now it doesn't look good. What do you do in any bad investment? Pull out. The way this government is going in terms of getting votes, it may be a good idea to not consider the money they take from you as taxes. Consider it a quick deal stock option that will change as soon as the CEO's replaced and the company changes hands. ■

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