

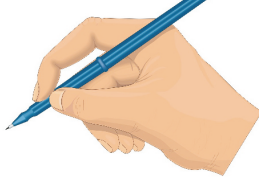
Secularism Vs Nationalism

Seventy five years have passed since India got independence from Britishers and country was divided into two parts. Pakistan was made on the basis of Islam and India a secular democratic country. But till date deliberations on day celebrations of India, there was a huge discussion and brick batting in Indian parliament between the ruling party and opposition parties on 'secularism vs communalism are continuing in national print and electronics media and also amongst political parties. Opposition blamed that ruling party is not following the principles of secularism and democracy while ruling party's blame was that under the pretext of secularism opposition has only been doing the job of appeasement of particular community under the pretext of minorities and backwardness. and backward classes, for the sake of vote politics. But the important point is that even after Seventy five years, conditions of these sections of society have not improved.

As far as the Sikhs (a minority community) are concerned, they have already tasted the secularism in the year of 1984 when Indian army attacked most sacred temple of the Sikhs, the Akal Takhat and Harimandir Sahib. The year of 1984 was the year of holocaust (created for political gain only) for Sikh community, but unlike present days, there was no voice raised while thousands of Sikhs were burnt alive on the roads of Delhi, since the national electronic media was under the control of the Government of that time. And now even when one Muslim/SC is killed, whole so called nationalistic press and electronic media makes hue and cry and defames the Government branding it communal and anti poor. For seventy years country was ruled by so called secular party. Right since independence, Congress under the leadership of Pt Nehru created an anti-RSS (Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh) phobia, as if India will be doomed if any other party comes to power. Hindu-Muslim riots had been the very common event in UP in the past and RSS (Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh) was always blamed for this.

Mahatma Gandhi, on the name of secularism, protected Muslims during partition of the country. To please Muslims, he had gone on a fast for release of Rs 55 crore from RBI's cash balances to Pakistan. Pakistan

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was made based on Islam but even after dividing country on the bases of Islam, India still remained secular. Now in some of the states, (West Bengal and Kerala) Muslim population is almost 28% in some of the districts. In India Hindu and Sikh population has gone down by 4% during last 10 years

where as Muslim population has gone up by more than 4%. This partially is because of migrations from Bangladesh and partially, because Muslims do not believe in family planning. It is because of secularism of Congress that no Sikh was made General of Indian Army for sixty years (First Sikh Army Chief was during S. Manmohan Singh's time), although Sikh population in Army was 30% during independence. Seventy five years after independence a Sikh was made CJI by BJP government.

Indian boundaries were right up to Afghanistan and ruled by Hindus about 1400 years back. But with the attacks by the invaders from Persia and Arab countries, its boundaries reduced. And all this happened on the basis of religious fanaticism of Islam. And this is still continuing and is funded by oil rich countries like Arab. Of late conversion on the behest of 'love jehaad (crusades)' in Kerala has surfaced, which has been referred to NIA (National Investigation agencies) by the Supreme Court of India. It has been reported in print and electronic media that thousands of girls have been converted, radicalized and recruited for joining ISIS. And this is not new. In England many Sikh girls have been trapped in this 'love jehadd'.

Kashmir has already become an headache for India. Congress government gave lot of relaxations to Kashmir with article 370 and 35A. Even under the name of minority commission and Haj subsidies, huge sum of money was given to appease Muslims. Even in some states reservation was recommended for Muslim community in government jobs, which was stopped by Supreme court. This all has not helped Congress but on the other hand, only Hindus as majority community were alienated towards BJP/RSS.

Question is, what is the future of Sikhs in the present so called Hindu Govt? To understand this issue one will have to go back to the events after independence.

First example is the Punjabi Suba agitation. All the states had been demarcated on the bases of their language but Punjab was left. And after lot of

sacrifices, demand was met only by removing all Hindu dominated PunjabiTo be continued on page-7 areas from united Punjab.

Blue Star Operation was the outcome of Khalistan movement in Punjab, lead by S. Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala. But who was the creator of Bhinderanwala? It was Congress who created Bhindranwala as well 'Dal Khalsa' to remove SAD from Punjab.

Now main Sikh political party, 'Akali Dal' in Punjab is an ally of BJP (earlier Jan Sangh). For per the ideology of RSS (BJP is having same ideology as RSS), Hindus are Aryans who belong to the national race of India while Muslims and Christians are viewed as aliens, came from outside India as invaders. The RSS also believes in a brutal caste system and orthodox Hindu texts that subjugate women as inferior.

When India was divided on religious lines in 1947, the year it got its official independence from British, RSS cadres indulged in violence against Muslims to drive them out to fledgling Pakistan. Since the time of its foundation, the RSS has always seen India as the land of Hindus, while viewing Christianity and Islam as foreign religions. Other minority faith groups such as Sikhism and Buddhism have always been viewed by the RSS as part of the Hindu fold. During the riots of 1984, which targeted the Sikhs, BJP and RSS had no hand in the genocide of Sikhs. Only Congress goons who were led by Jagdish Tytler, Sajjan Kumar etc had hands in Sikh genocide. Then PM Rajiv Gandhi gave tacit support to riots. This holocaust was the result of political tactics of Congress which wanted to win Hindu votes and lack of intelligent Sikh leadership in Punjab.

Sangh (RSS) was silent because majority of the Hindus were against Sikhs that time due to escalation of terrorist activities in Punjab. But, RSS and its affiliates tried supporting the displaced Sikhs and provided them medical and legal aid.

But not even a single leader of BJP or RSS was involved in the heinous massacre as they believed that Sikhs were patriots and the situation was created by Congress purposefully. All this was not able to shake of Hindus in legacy of Sikh Gurus.

There is no doubt that Sikh votes are insignificant in India. Sikh community has to think

seriously, which way their future is safe.