

WHY NOT ACT IN THIS GRAVE GRIM CRISIS OF KERALA?

It is strange to find gross Pachydermy in the Trinity of Constitutional Instrumentalities. Why this insensitivity? Why not act? There is scarcity of everything, shocking price rise for all essential commodities and services. There is frequent borrowing for buying luxuries and attraction for alcoholism, drug addiction and glamorous lifestyle. Side by side, we behold suicides and starvations, rape and robbery ubiquitously marring sobriety and safety in society. And yet Governments, Central and State, do not function sternly or legislate effectively or on the judicial dimension sentence severely. We are nowhere near becoming a super power but very much near super-poor. Beautiful Kerala, a political chaos and literate wonder is a riddle of wealth and want dazzle and depravity. Economic crisis, communal rivalry and sexist excesses are appalling. Energy shortage is exasperating.

Why is there no crisis seriousness among political parties nor awareness of frustration among the public? We have precedents of shortages, black markets, hoarding and profiteering and Emergency legislation controlled social disorder and other anti-social cravings during World War II. Mafia maneuvers, terrorist violations, power-grab politics and corruption at all levels prevail now without fear. The

Defense of India Act and the rules saved the nation in those days. Today, Indian people starve and perish because of spiraling prices; but Parties are pachydermic and hardly care for the fate of the masses so long as hired goondas, slogan-shouting processions and hartals over trivia are in their arsenal. Why is there no stern austerity, no control over wasteful feasts, five-star sky-high hotels and motels, gold shops and pompous illuminations? Why is extravagance in private and public life not banned by law? Why is there no law rationing all essential commodities and fuels? Why are automobiles rash and lawless on narrow roads with the Police blinking at traffic violations? Why is there no Grow More Food campaign organized by the State with all parties acting unitedly? Green fields and fine ponds are filled up and concrete jungles spoil Nature. Why are our Ministers spending so much on travel and telephone bills and our legislators wasting energy on trivial polemics, leaving spiralling inflations and other violations forgotten in obstreperous bedlam in the House? Where are the Courts which care to hear grave cases of anti-social implications with burning seriousness and determined speed of Justice? Where is the State-driven battle for saving public economy on a war footing? Why oceanic alcoholism and drug profusion expanding and the Government lives on Abkari revenue? Why liberal imports and foreign investments,

especially for luxurious cars and other consumerist crazes? 'The petty done, the undone vast' is the comment one makes on slow-motion judicialese and litigative logomachy, administrative bureaucracy and legislative chaos in the solemn House where walk-outs and no lucid debates become the stultifying exercise? There are great judges, capable ministers and eloquent legislators. Yet why this anarchy?

My passionate plea to all Parties, ministers and judicial wonders and the people : Fight on till Kerala becomes free as a Socialist Secular Democratic State with Justice social economic and political. Never surrender till then!

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