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NOTE TO THE CHEIF MINISTERS OF ALL THE STATES IN INDIA.

Sub: State - wise data of the brutal killings of the SC / STs in India by the so-called Hindus due to communal revenge / intervention of the rulers / political motivation - Request for furnishing relevant details and proper remedy-Reg.

Ref: NCRB / MHA / Chp-9, of 1992-96 & Chp-7, of 1997-1998.

As you may appreciate as the National President for All India Dr. Ambedkar SC/ST Welfare Federation, I have been taking various initiatives to highlight the plight of the SC/ST people in order to get them relief.

Fundamental Rights and specific provisions, namely, Articles 38, 39 and 46 in the Constitution of India stand testimony to the commitment of the State towards its people. The strategy of the State is to secure distributive justice for social, economic to the SC/ST's peoples to avoid injustice and exploitation. The Indian Constitution vide Article 15 lays down that no citizen shall on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth be subjected to any disability or restriction. It also guarantees that every citizen shall have equality of status and opportunity.

But, as you are aware, the Dalits - SC / ST people as a class in India have been highly oppressed and suppressed over the years and they have been the singular target of attack in the hands of upper castes - the Hindus. This sort of sufferings. I must stress, they continue to experience despite the interventions of the elected governments both at States and Centre. The racial crimes committed against the Dalits from the Year 1992-98. relating to your state is indicated in the annexure.

The reported figures themselves portrays, the hapless condition of the SC/ST people. Such unabated inhuman happenings, you may agree, provoke anger and frustration even among the right-minded persons of our society, leave alone the SC/ST people. Of late, there is a simmering discontentment and frustration set in among them that they have been belittled and denied their legitimate support from the custodians of the Government.

As a head of their Welfare Federation, it is my bounden duty to convey their plight to the authorities and at the same time apprise them of the various initiatives taken by the respective governments. This is possible and easy for me if only I am posted with the relevant details. As far as the racial violence reported in your state is concerned, Sir, I have the following issues to raise for the sake of clarification and enlightenment so as to enable me to educate myself before I interact with the sufferers.

- a) Why are such racial violence and killings against the SC/ST people take place quite often. Is it due to ineffective implementation of the poverty alleviation programmes meant for them (or) internationally to perpetuate and demonstrate the ego superiority of the upper castes or merely because of the government's inaction.
- b) What measures have been initiated in your State to uplift the living-standards of down-trodden SC/ST people - backwardness and utter poverty conditions, I believe, facilitate such exploitations.
- c) Is the existing security set-up is inadequate to control the situation or biased against them - whether any re-orientation of the police personnel is called for or revamping of the system as such is necessary.
- d) Is the existing system ensures registration of such crimes reported to the concerned authorities without any discrimination. It is felt that isolated cases of racial violence and killings against SC/ST people are not accounted for: only cases of wider ramifications are attended to.
- e) In so far as the cases of racial discrimination reported, how quick is such incidents investigated and guilty punished. How effectively is the prosecution conducted and how many of them resulted in punishment - acquittal. What measures have been initiated to quickening the pending cases before the courts.

I earnestly request you to furnish the relevant details and also enlighten me in the above issues for the larger benefits of the SC/ST people. And awaiting your immediate response.

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