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**MANIFESTO AND CHARTER OF DEMANDS**

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 **“Unity of Backward Classes holds key to the victory to enter in to the Indian Parliament and Legislature"**

**"Our every single vote is precious.**

**Let us exercise it for the cause of Social Justice and Empowerment"**

**Prologue**

Backward classes, i.e., SCs, STs, and OBCs constitute about 78% of the Indian population. For more than 3000 years, BCs were deprived of education and jobs of their choice and were forced to serve the upper caste Brahmins. It is to say that they were deprived of equal opportunities and not allowed to express & demonstrate their abilities. This led not only the BCs remain backward and captive to upper castes, but also the country to remain backward.

It is our holy book "*The Indian Constitution*" written by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar granted for the BCs equal rights and opportunities without any discrimination, treating all Indians equal before the law whether the rich or poor, upper caste or backward classes.

But, even after 70 years of Indian independence, the social, educational, economic, and political status of BCs remained unchanged, and the fruits of the development have not reached to them. Large majority of BCs, that is, about 78% of them are landless, and many among them are artisans and small occupational castes who lost their professions and jobs due to technological advancements, globalization, and free trade. They have been pushed to remain as laborers for want of proper education, training & skills, coupled with lack of attention and support from the successive governments. Further, the occupational and traditional vocations of the artisans have been taken over by the rich upper castes by bringing in the modernized gadgets and technologies, like modern laundries, fish trawlers, jewelry making, etc forcing the poor washermen, fishermen, goldsmiths to work as laborers in their respective fields.

On the other hand, BCs are doubly punished by the dual education system of corporate private educational institutions and the poorly managed and ill-equipped government schools. It's a known fact that the education of Nagar Palika Schools/Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya and Board Schools is not up to the expected standards in the country. This has been pointed out time and again by many educationists, politicians, and social activists. Rich and privileged upper castes educate their children in CBSE, ICSE, Dehradoon Schools or international schools and ultimately they become the rulers of the country by occupying more than 70-80% of Class-I services in the Central and State Governments. A noted sociologist Marc Gallanter has righty said in his book "*Competing Equalities*" that competition can be amongst the equals, and not among the un-equals. A 12th Class pass out student of Nagar Palika or Zilla Parishad or government schools can never be able to compete with the pass outs of CBSE, ICSE, and International schools as the education and training offered to the elite and rich class children in corporate schools is always different from the government schools.

 Efforts to provide free toilets and cooking gas connections to the poor is welcome but this will not help them in getting equal access to education & employment due to their poverty and social backwardness and hence the fruits of development do not reach the poor backward class communities. It is shocking to note that 80% of cooking gas connection beneficiaries did not go for refilling their cylinders due to their poverty. Unfortunately, the government does not consider them as EWS. Thanks to the British Government which conducted caste-based census of population of undivided India in 1931, and based on such 90 years old data, our reservations are based. Thereafter no government at the Centre thought of conducting socio-educational-economic-political and caste-based census. The Governments at the centre and states kept social justice on backpedal, and hence the backwardness, discrimination, and inequalities continue to exist in the country.

The social discrimination, atrocities, and social boycotts have become common on some of the vulnerable BC castes by the upper castes in the country. Therefore, to safeguard their rights, there is a need for an Act to prevent atrocities on BCs similar to the SCs and STs Atrocities Prevention Act.

BCs are neglected by the successive governments for being fragmented on their castes. When we fight individual caste wise, we are small and ignored. But when we come together and work in unison, we can become strong and big and the government will pay attention to our justified demands.

In the backdrop of the above-stated inequalities, ill-treatment, suppression, and deprivation of social justice to the backward classes, the All India Backward Classes Federation (AIBCF) was formed in 2018 under the stewardship of Justice V Eswaraiah, former Judge of High Court of Andhra Pradesh, and former Chairman, NCBC. The Association was established with a basic purpose to bring justice and equality to the backward classes in the country and to function as a united platform of backward classes for the cause of securing the constitutional rights and social justice to them.

Further, the AIBCF strongly considers that it is the time for the backward classes to unite, and rise to achieve social justice and equality in all fields like education, employment and parliament, legislature and judiciary. And the struggle of BCs should continue till they achieve equality and social justice.

**Objectives of AIBCF**

The primary objective of the All India Backward Classes Federation is to ensure social justice and equality to the so-far suppressed and underprivileged Backward Class communities, and to achieve the goal of "Our Share in Proportion to Our People" in all fields of activities such as education, employment, including the representation in local bodies, legislature, parliament and the Judiciary. The other objectives of AIBCF are:

1. To improve the condition of the socially and educationally backward classes (BCs) in India and to take steps to remove the backwardness and to make appropriate representations & recommendations to the Central and State governments.
2. To educate and enlighten the socially and educationally backward classes for their unity and to secure the social, economic and political justice for them;
3. To work for the equality of status, equal opportunities, and to promote fraternity among the backward classes assuring the dignity of individuals, and unity and integrity of the nation.
4. To ensure proper implementation of reservations to all the backward classes in admissions to educational institutions including private educational institutions, whether aided or unaided by the state under Article 15(4) and Article 15(5) of the Constitution of India.
5. To work to ensure equality of opportunity in the matters of public employment and adequate representation for OBCs in the Central and State government services including the Public Sector, at all levels and cadres.
6. To ensure the caste-based enumeration of socio-economic caste census of all the citizens of India, comprising of social, educational, economic, employment, cultural and political status for the purpose of scientific approach in implementation of reservations in education, employment and representation in local bodies, legislation, parliament and in higher judiciary, and also in all other nominated public appointments.
7. To build and establish a value-based society without corruption, exploitation, oppression, suppression, discrimination and to provide quality education imparting moral, spiritual and value-based character of human beings for an enlightened society and a strong Indian nation.
8. To unite the Backward Class Castes and unions, and increase the awareness among the BCs of their rights, guaranteed by the Indian Constitution for social, political and economic justice, and to engage them to fight for their rights peacefully and democratically.
9. To work to sustain social justice movements, to motivate and educate the people from different walks of life and different parts of the country to promote the Constitution’s "VISION" of social, economic and political justice, and social transformation of India and the "MISSION" to secure the Constitutional Democracy.
10. To develop collaborations with the Government, NGOs, Unions, Associations, Organizations, and the people to bring under one umbrella for the “2nd National Movement” for a Progressive, Casteless, Enlightened, and a Developed India by 2036.

**Our Charter of Demands**

The Manifesto and Charter of Demands to achieve our objectives and to bring development to the backward class communities with the ultimate aim for a developed India are presented here under to impress upon the Central and State Governments to realize the need for taking appropriate measures for the development of BCs who were deprived of social justice in all these years.

**1. Socio-Educational-Economic Caste-based Census 2021:**

We appeal the Government to take up the Socio-Economic Caste Census, 2021 needed for planning of social, educational, economic, and political development of Backward Classes and proper implementation of reservations. This will also help each caste / Varna gets its justified share in admissions in educational institutions, jobs and other areas putting an end to the dominance of some castes over the other. Respecting Hon'ble Supreme Court which has been time and again asking for collecting exact caste-based data, the Government should consider caste-based census in the ongoing 2021 census on priority basis to provide social justice to all in the country.

**2. Total Implementation of the Mandal Commission Report:**

Implementation of the Mandal Commission Report in total is the long pending demand of the BCs. Of which, increasing the OBC reservations from the existing 27% to 52% in proportion to their population is the major demand. On the contrary, the present Government went on to offer 10% reservations to the EWS among the upper castes, purely on economic criteria, without any demand from the upper castes. When the population of upper castes are not even 15% in the country, the government volunteered to provide 10% reservations to the economically weaker sections among the upper castes which is an unconstitutional act. We appeal the government to implement 52% reservations for BCs whose population is 54% in the country--a justified demand.

**3. Implementation of Justice Rohini Commission Report on Sub-categorization of OBCs:**

Justice Rohini Commission was constituted by the Modi Government-I in Oct. 2017 for sub-categorization of OBCs and was asked to submit the report within 12 weeks. But it is understood that the Commission got extensions after extensions and ultimately submitting its report by December 2019. In this regard, we earnestly demand the Government to bring to the light the Rohini Commission Report and implement the OBC sub-categorization immediately, so that justice to all the Backward Castes in reservations are ensured, instead of the present day exploitation and grabbing of reservations by a few somewhat advanced Backward Class Castes, depriving many others.

**4. Provide Political Reservations to Most Backward Classes:**

To establish an equal society without discrimination, and dominance of few advanced castes in the society, political reservations are required for MBCs and Nomadic Tribes in proportion of their population in all the elected bodies from Gram Panchayat to MPs level on the lines of reservations offered to the SCs and STs. Today, we rarely find any MBC person as MP or MLA or Counselor, though the MBCs account for 36% in our population. The Government is requested to implement political reservations to the MBCs and Nomadic Tribes to become part of the governance of the country and to develop faith in them that in the democratic system of governance, the downtrodden and suppressed classes do have a share. Otherwise, they feel alienated.

**5. Repeal of Creamy Layer in OBC Reservations:**

Representation of OBCs in Class-I services in the government sector is stated to be negligible, and the OBCs are only between 12-14% in the Central government services in all the levels in spite of having 27% of reservations to them. The creamy layer is also a reason for rejection of the qualified OBCs into the government service. This resulted in 60-70% Class-I posts in central and state governments occupied by the upper caste people who constitute only about 15% of the population. Large majority of OBCs, i.e., 80% of them today are agricultural, construction, industrial and domestic laborers who can only aspire for class IV and class III jobs and those who can qualify for central services have been deprived because of the creamy layer clause. This appears like a conspiracy against OBCs to stall them from entering into the government services. Therefore, we demand for removal of creamy layer clause for OBCs immediately, so that that the OBCs can get their rightful share of reservations.

**6. Implementation of Reservation in Private Sector:**

There are a large number private sector units like schools, colleges, universities, trusts, Industries, Corporate houses, Hospitals, Print and Electronic Media houses, etc which have taken benefits from the government in terms of allotment of land at concessional rates, subsidies, etc, but do not have reservation policy for the weaker sections in such organizations. The present government has recently written off Rs.8-9 lakh crores for sustenance of corporate houses. Hence, the government has to make it mandatory and introduce the reservations to the Backward classes, viz., SCs, STs, and OBCs in such private/corporate institutions benefitted by the government policies, financial and other support. It is to be rightly understood that reservation is not the mercy of any government, rather it is the compensation to their being deprived of many things, since ages.

**7. Provision of Reservations in Judiciary and Constitution of National Judicial Service Commission:**

Representation of Backward Classes in High courts and Supreme Court is almost negligible. Providing reservations in the judiciary is important to bring overall justice to the deprived classes. Providing reservations at all levels of judiciary to BCs and constitution of national and state level Judicial Service Commission will be an important measure of securing social justice.

**8. Constitution of LOKPAL to Ensure Total Implementation of Reservations:**

The benefits of reservations are not reaching the BCs for one or the other reason and their share is transferred to upper castes. As a result, whatever the meager reservations offered to BCs, they are not reaching them. Non-implementation of reservations gives the impression that governments are not serious about the development of BCs. Constitution of LOKPAL shall ensure the implementation of BCs reservations, hence the present Government is requested to constitute LOKPAL at the earliest.

**9. Nationalization of School Education to Ensure ‘One Education to All’:**

Due to the dual educational policy of the Government, backward classes are unable to compete with the upper castes, as the latter get education in corporate and international schools whereas, the BCs study in Nagarpalika and State Board Schools where the standard of education is deplorable and un-comparable with the corporate schools. Besides, in the families of upper castes, there are already engineers, doctors, Class-1officers who motivate and educate their children. This makes a lot of difference. Marc Galanter states that in the context of India, fair competition is only justifiable amongst equals. Therefore, the Government is requested to introduce a single education policy for all. This will be the real development of the country and that may achieve "Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas" in real sense.

**10. Nationalization of Primary Health Services:**

There is a pressing need to nationalize primary health services so that everyone gets the best treatment by specialist doctors, and each hospital must be equipped with testing and diagnostic equipment. An amount of Rs.10 Lakh as medical grant-in-aid per annum per family is to be provided to BPL families for treatment of seriously ill patients who can get the treatment either from government or private hospital on the recommendation of primary health center/hospital. The Government is requested to establish such a network of Primary Health Centres.

**11. Ensure Full Rights to STs on Jal, Jangal & Jamin:**

Scheduled Tribes' lands are being taken over by the government or captured by the people with muscle power in connivance with local political leaders, MLAs or MPs in power. There should be a check on such practices. The Government is requested to pass a bill protecting the full rights of STs on Jal, Jungle, and Jamin.

**12. Inclusion of Nomadic Castes of Haryana in the STs List:**

A large number of nomadic population of Haryana state are waiting for their inclusion in the STs list. They need to be identified and included in the STs list at the earliest to get the benefits of reservation, they deserve, but deprived in all these years after the Independence.

**13. Distribution of Government Unutilized Lands to Landless SCs, STs, and OBCs:**

Unutilized Government lands need to be allotted to landless SCs, STs, and OBCs to make a dignified living. Further, lands already allotted to SCs, STs, and OBCs sometime back, need be given possession immediately. Respective State Governments have to ensure the possession of such pieces of land, and to take up fresh allotments for the deserving SCs, STs, and OBCs.

**14. Withdrawal of 10% EWS Reservations to Unreserved Category:**

The present government provided the uncalled for reservation of 10% to EWS aiming at benefitting the upper caste people. This is unconstitutional when the Supreme Court has imposed a cap of 50% reservations. Further, the 10% EWS reservation has ignored the EWS families among BCs and MBCs. The EWS reservations are brought in without any proper research and study. Economically Backward Classes Commission did not recommend any kind of reservations to EWS of unreserved category but the government has unilaterally granted EWS reservations to the upper caste people on the criteria of economic backwardness. Hence, the Government is requested to withdraw 10% unconstitutional reservations to EWS of upper-class castes and do the justice to OBCs.

**15. Reservation for SCs, STs, and OBCs as Priests in Temples:**

There are more than a crore of small and big temples across the country. Presently, Brahmins have 100% reservations in temples and earning huge sums from lakhs to crores of rupees per month without income tax. Hence, the Government is requested to provide reservations to SCs, STs, OBCs, and upper castes in proportion of their population in the posts of priests in the temples. It is justified that reservations be given to all the castes and communities, both backward classes and upper castes in proportion to their population.

**16. Deletion of Objectionable Quotes from Ramayana, Mahabharata, Manusmiriti, etc.**

Humiliating and derogatory quotes like, "DHOL GANWAR SHUDRA PASHU NARI YE HAI TARAN KE ADHIKARI" written in the scriptures like Ramayana, Manusmiriti and Vedas which state that if Shudra listen or heard of Veda, melting glass may be poured in their ears. Shudra men and women are meant for serving Brahmins and their physical and mental exploitation continued for thousands of years. Chanting of such shlokas is a great humiliation to Shudras, and on every occasion reminds us of the black old days. All such statements are uncivilized in the present educated and cultured democratic society. Therefore, either such books may be banned or objectionable parts of the scripts are removed from such unscientific books. Such writings are detrimental to the harmony of Hindus and the Indian society. The present generation rejects tooth and nail such statements/quotes in the scripts, but the Brahmins and priests are still preaching them even today.

Hence, the government is requested to scrap such objectionable parts from the scripts at the earliest or else the enlightened and educated Hindus may disown Hinduism and allure Buddhism or Sikhism, as there is no superhuman or inferior human in Buddhism or Sikhism or other religions of the world, except in Hinduism.

**17. Updating and Reviewing of Survey of BPL Families:**

Crores of deserving BCs and weaker sections of the country are not included in BPL, due to which they are not able to avail of the benefits from the government welfare schemes. BPL card is the right of the deserving families. Lack of awareness among the poor, illiterate families on one side, and the government or the officials' inability to reach them, on the other hand, has resulted in not identifying the deserving BPL families in the country. Therefore, it is demanded that the government and its officials should focus on identifying the actual BPLs and provide the needed succor to them.

**18. Abolish Castes and Verna Vyavastha and Save the Country**

The castism and Verna Vyavastha are the roots of Hinduism which are detrimental to the harmony and development of the nation. The caste system and Verna Vyavastha have made Shudras to suffer extensively in the hands of Brahmins and upper caste people for more than 3000 years. We may recall the slogan to discriminate 'Brahmins and non-Brahmins' given by the then Justice Party in Tamil Naidu in 1917 which brought them to power in 1920. The manifesto of the party favoured equitable share to all castes including Brahmins in admission to education and jobs and rejected the dominance of Brahmins. India is a peculiar country in the world wherein, in spite of the advancement of education, casteism is not eradicated, rather its roots are getting deeper and deeper. No Governments have moved an inch forward in this direction rather they have found advantages in casteism. Banning of caste indicating suffix and prefix word with name from all records probably can solve this problem to some extent and the governments have to work in this direction.

**19. Affirmative Action on Online Filing of FIR:**

It has been generally observed that Police Stations function and operate under the influence of local muscle power and politicians, and do not treat the poor, uneducated and other backward classes equally. As a result, lot many crimes like rape, murder, exploitation, atrocities, etc on BCs go on unreported. Online filing of FIR is to be effectively implemented, and the needed action is taken irrespective of the caste, poor or rich. In such cases, police accountability can be easily fixed and the rate of crimes will get gradually reduced. Poor, uneducated SCs and MBCs are being soft targets of the crime. Rickshaw pullers, laborers, poor MBCs’ girl child rape cases are on the rise particularly from the northern part of the country and because of which BCs are reluctant to send their girl children to schools. This kind of atrocities on backward classes may find a solution with the online registering of FIRs.

**The Last Word**

It is the time for all the Backward Class Communities and their Associations and Unions to unite under one umbrella to fight for equality and social justice, and for achieving the primary goal of "Our Share in Proportion to Our Population" in education, employment, in local bodies, legislature, parliament and in the judiciary.

The vision of AIBCF is for building such a society, where there is no discrimination in the name of caste, rather to bring a casteless society, no discrimination between poor and rich, and where everyone is assured of equality and social justice in all aspects. "When there is no exploitation of man by man, no unemployment and there is no fear in the mind of losing job, bread, home can be called independence in real sense…". The AIBCF is aiming at such a society.

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**To**

**The Hon’ble Prime Minister of India**

**All the Central Ministers**

**The Chief Ministers of all the States and Lt Generals of UTs**

**All the Parliamentarians, Legislators and Heads of Local Bodies**

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