

BoDs of Citizen’s Cooperative Bank Ltd Jammu call on LG

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JAMMU: A delegation comprising the Board of Directors of The Citizens Cooperative Bank Ltd. Jammu on Sunday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan.

The delegation headed by Parveen Kumar Sharma, Chairman of the Bank accompanied by Surinder Singh and Rajesh Tandon, Managing Director, apprised the Lt Governor about the functioning of the Bank and concerning issues of Cooperative banks in J&K. They also submitted a



Delegation of BoD of CCBL Jammu calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

memorandum to the Lt Governor to redress the issues of Co-operative Banks

in order to enable these banks raise their equity and improve financial parameters

as per the regulators standard.

The Lt Governor was fur-

ther apprised that The Citizens Cooperative Bank Ltd. Jammu is having eleven branches and four Extension counters catering to the banking needs of people and extending credit to its members to fulfill their financial needs.

The Lt Governor gave a patient listening to the issues put forth and assured all possible assistance from the UT Government on merit. He impressed upon the management of the Co-operative Bank to continue working with dedication and spirit of service to the people.



Surinder Singh Gilli joins BJP

Mir, Bhalla join Sunderbani people’s protest against delimitation draft report



Working President JKPC, Raman Bhalla speaking at a public meeting in Sunderbani.

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SUNDERBANI: JKPC President G A Mir and Working President Raman Bhalla on Sunday joined people at Sunderbani in lodging protest against proposed delimitation report, which was outrightly rejected by gathering of prominent people comprising Sarpanchs, Panchs and retired civil and army officers.

JKPC President G A Mir and Working President Raman Bhalla reached out to the people of Sunderbani to listen to their grievance regarding delimitation report and to extend them full support to the agitated people against the discriminatory report which has caused injustice to the area. A large gathering of prominent people and intellectual class outrightly rejected the proposed delimitation report by raising hands and slogans against the commission and lodged their strong resentment against it, blaming BJP for tailoring the report.

The speakers expressed resentment against denial of Independent constituency to Sunderbani and its bifurcation and clubbing with Kalakote, which too has been downgraded from a separate and independent constituency, besides clubbing Nowshera as well as Rajouri Poonch with Anantnag Lok Sabha.

Responding to resentment of people, JKPC Chief said that architect of lop-sided report belongs to Nowshera -Sunderbani constituency, who has himself confessed this in audio conversation. He has meted out injustice to his own constituency and people who elected him.

Mir and other senior leadership of the party are on tour of different areas where people are showing anger against injustice. Congress solidly stands with the aggrieved people against injustice meted out to them in various parts of Jammu region as well as Kashmir region, he added.

Working President Raman Bhalla fully sup-

ported agitated people of Sunderbani and said that the Congress shall stand shoulder to shoulder with the aggrieved people to fight against injustice. "BJP has caused great injustice with people in different areas for their vested political interests. People are aware that the commission has been misled by the ruling party and BJP govt which is crystal clear from the viral audio clip of Ravinder Raina with his party colleague.

Bhalla said great injustice has been done to Sunderbani in the report as it stands bifurcated and clubbed with kalakote, which lost identity. "Nowshera and Rajouri-Poonch has been clubbed with Anantnag Lok Sabha against all norms and aspirations," said Bhalla, asking Ravinder Raina to contest again from Nowshera constituency to prove that he did justice to his people.

Chief Spokesperson JKPC Ravinder Sharma, Former MLA and National coordinator Vichar Vibhag Ashok Sharma, Pranab Shagotra Ex-PYC President, Seva Dal Chief Vijay Sharma, Gajan Singh, Jatin Sharma also accompanied JKPC President.

Prominent who addressed and attended the gathering include Block Presidents Nain Chand Sharma, Bakshi Chander; Ajit Singh, Col K L Khajuria, Sarpaches KD Sudan, Sdr Mohan Singh, Yog Raj Sharma, Gurnam Singh, Ashok Sharma, Chuni Lal, Novel Sharma, Mohinder Singh, Abhishek Sharma, Sahil Khajuria, Babu Ram Bhagat, Raj kumar Raina, Om Parkash, Sarbjot, Dr Ved kukka, Mahesha Sharma, Patel kumar; capt Sadiq, Fiteh Singh, Lok Nath,Babhu Gupta, Monu Dutta, Sat Pal Sharma,YC Leaders Govind Sudan, Pardeep Sharma, Bhupinder Singh, Rakesh Narwal, Anilbhav Varma, Bindu Sharma, Vivek Sharma, Sonu Kohli, Puran Sharma, kamal Singh, Pramod Sharma, Subash Verma and Prem Sharma.

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JAMMU: Tracing the genesis of separatist tendencies across the country and terror campaign in Jammu and Kashmir to poison injected during the Khilafat Movement in early years of the last century, Pradesh BJP today cautioned against anti-national acts being perpetrated by elements inimical to unity, integrity and sovereignty of India.

"If analyzed, the on-going tirade on Hijab is also the manifestation of the seeds of hatred sown decades ago", J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul said while welcoming a prominent social activist Surinder Singh Gilli and his supporters into the party fold at Bantalab here at a well-attended public meeting.

Koul also attributed the prevailing political ills across the country to the Congress, the creation of a British national by Hume in 1889 and said this followed certain movements including the Khilafat Movement. He said the creation of the Congress was not a good omen for the country.

Referring to the role of National Conference, the avatar of the Muslim Conference, he slammed the party for observing July 13 as the so-called Martyrs Day, which ironically relates to the atrocities committed on minorities in 1931.

Koul said the BJP is well poised to restore national pride and make India a world leader. He said the



Senior BJP leaders welcoming social activist Surinder Singh Gilli and his supporters into the party fold.

party got a big fillip in 1989 when the cadre of various political parties joined the BJP which was a logical beginning of the new era of politics in the country. He said this had to happen as streams have to ultimately merge in the big ocean-the BJP.

The General Secretary Organisation also recalled the abrogation of Article 370 under the premiership of visionary Narendra Modi and said soon after the BJP declared the Accession Day as holiday as on this historic day Maharaja Hari Singh had signed the instrument of accession.

Speaking on the occasion Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana exuded the confidence that under the bold leadership of the Prime Minister, all the regions and sub regions of Jammu and Kashmir will grow as vibrant units with opportunities of progress to all, without any

discrimination or any favour of appeasement.

Describing the Delimitation Commission as an independent, autonomous and non-partisan constitutional body, Rana said the draft report of the Commission is aimed at providing equitable political empowerment to each individual in J&K which is the essence of democracy and this definitely is threatening the hegemony of a particular section of the UT who consider J&K as their feudal fiefdom and so they are jittery, nervous and frustrated. He said the Commission works under a constitutional scheme and once in public domain, the people of J&K UT will be able to register their observations / objections but some among those crying hoarse today have already through their associate members in closed doors endorsed the report before the Commission. So why this drama, he

asked.

Rana said the Jammu region will be empowered politically, economically and socially and see a new era. He said the voice of the region, is being now heard and wrongs and discrimination it has been subjected to will be undone.

Member Parliament Jugal Kishore described the BJP as a mass movement, which is traversing on the path of nation building in a big way. Pradesh BJP Vice President Sham Lal Sharma said that Jammu and Kashmir is poised to a new era of peace, progress and development, as the Centre is committed to see the Union Territory through from the difficult phase it has undergone, especially during the past over three decades.

The senior leaders congratulated Surinder Singh Gilli, his brother Devender Singh Sarpanch and all their supporters on their joining the party, hoping that will further strengthen the BJP at the grass roots level.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Bharat Bhushan, DDC Chairman Jammu, Abhinav Sharma, Advocate, Rajinder Singh Chib, District President Jammu Rural, Omi Khajuria, Vaishno Devi, Dharamveer Singh Jamwal, Ashok Singh Manhas, Arshad Choudhary, Kuldeep Kumar, Suresh Khajuria, Kuldeep Singh, Kapil Chib, Baba Chanchal Singh, Sanjeev Singh, Rekha Manhas and Rajni Devi.

Army pays tributes to soldiers martyred in Shopian encounter

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SRINAGAR: The Army on Sunday paid floral tributes to soldiers martyred in an encounter with terrorists in Shopian district.

"Army today paid tributes to Sep Chavan Romit Tanaji and Sep Santosh Yadav, who made the

supreme sacrifice on 19 February 2022 at Chreymarg in Shopian district." Defence spokesman Col Emron Musavi said.

In a solemn ceremony at Badami Bagh Cantonment here, Chinar Corps Commander Lt Gen D P Pandey and all ranks paid

homage to the gallant soldiers on behalf of the proud nation, he said.

Sepoy Tanaji (23) had joined the Army in 2017. He hailed from Lokmanya Nagar village in Thane district of Maharashtra and is survived by his mother; the spokesman said.

Sepoy Santosh Yadav (28) had joined the Army in 2015. He belonged to Tadvra Village in Deoria District of Uttar Pradesh. He is survived by his wife, he said.

"The mortal remains of Sep Tanaji and Sep Yadav will be taken for last rites

to their native places, where they would be laid to rest with full military honours.

In this hour of grief, the Army stands in solidarity with the bereaved families and remains committed to their dignity and well-being," the spokesman said.

Parliament resolved on 22nd Feb 1994 demanding Pakistan must vacate PoJK & it was for GoI to execute

Narendra Modi made a fair use of Art-370 in 2019 - Hope he also executes 22nd Feb 1994 Parliament Resolution

■ DAYA SAGAR

The February 1994 Resolution of Indian Parliament had demanded that Pakistan must vacate the areas of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir, which they have occupied through aggression; and resolves that all attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of India will be met resolutely.

In reply to Rajya Sabha unstarred question NO.2957 (MEASURES TAKEN TO LIBERATE POK) for 21-03-2018 by SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN MP, " Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state : (a) whether Government is still committed to the resolution on Jammu and Kashmir passed by the Parliament on 22nd February, 1994; and (b) if so, the measures taken to liberate Pakistan Occupied Kashmir from Pakistan"> MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR) had replied < "The Government of India's principled and consistent position on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir is that the entire State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under the forcible occupation of Pakistan. This position has been reaffirmed by the Resolution on Jammu & Kashmir adopted by the Parliament of India on 22 February, 1994. India is committed under the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration, to resolve all issues with Pakistan peacefully through bilateral discussions"> But Government had said in reply to the question that India is committed under the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration, to resolve all issues with Pakistan peacefully through bilateral discussions with-

out telling what had been the progress.

The reply was no different than it was to Q No 2957 of 21-03-2018 when in reply to Lok Sabha Q* NO.32 (ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED AREAS) of December 12, 2018 by MP DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA: (a) whether the Government has asked Pakistan at diplomatic level to vacate all illegally occupied areas of Kashmir; (b) if so, the details thereof; (c) the details of the areas in Kashmir under illegal occupation of Pakistan till date;(d) whether Pakistan has reverted and taken initiative to vacate the illegally occupied areas of Kashmir; and (e) if so, the details thereof? The MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) had tabled the reply as <" India's consistent and principled position, as also enunciated in the 1994 Parliament Resolution adopted unanimously, is that the entire State of Jammu and Kashmir has been, is, and shall be an integral part of India. Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of approximately 78,000 sq.kms of Indian territory in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Under the so-called 'Boundary Agreement' signed between China and Pakistan on 2 March 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq.kms of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir to China. We have repeatedly and consistently called upon Pakistan to immediately vacate all areas under its illegal occupation, most recently on 30 November 2018. Pakistan continues to be in illegal and forcible occupation of a part of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir"> Minister did not tell where & when India had asked Pakistan to vacate occupied areas by a nominated date ? Question had been once again asked on 11-03-

2020 in Parliament where in reply to a Lok Sabha unstarred Q. No 2977 for reply on 11-03-2020 regarding 22nd Feb 1994 RESOLUTION ON POK from SHRIMATI MALA ROY asking :a) whether the Government is aware of a Parliament resolution on PoK; (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to realise the resolution; and (c) the details of steps taken till date on PoK? the MINISTER OF STATE MEA SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN said in a written reply <" . Government's consistent and principled position, as also enunciated in the Parliament resolution adopted unanimously by both Houses on 22 February 1994, is that the entire Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have been, are and shall be an integral part of India. Government monitors all developments taking place in the territories of India including in territories that are under illegal and forcible occupation of Pakistan. We have consistently called upon Pakistan to immediately vacate all areas under its illegal and forcible occupation, and to put an end to the human rights violations and desist from continued attempts to bring material change in these territories." But here too no specific details were given of steps taken after 22-02-1994 on PoK vacation.

After 1994 once again war was initiated by Pakistan in 1999 along Ladakh region of J&K but that too ended in only throwing out the Pakistan intruders/ forces from areas intruded in 1999, the 1947 POJK areas still remained not vacated by Pakistan and 22nd Feb 1994 resolution of Indian Parliament which demanded that Pakistan must vacate



A Look through the Mist Part-I

Indian Parliament made on Pakistan the 22nd Feb 1994 could be well read from the replies as given by government of India in parliament to3 questions listed here in above.

Since some where around 22nd Feb is being observed as Sankalp Divas every year. Many leaders/ societies/ association/ institutions, particularly concerned with affairs related to Indian state of J&K,do talk of 22nd Feb 1994 Parliament Resolution every year and observe the day holding seminars / public functions. Some in their wisdom appear to use the occasion to only express that J&K has been and is an integral part of India is the theme of the 22nd Feb 1994 resolution.

Where as, while reiterating/ declaring (Art-1 of Constitution of India 1950 / Section-3 of J&K Constitution) on 22nd Feb 1994that The State of Jammu & Kashmir has been, is and shall be an integral part of India and resolving that any attempts to separate it from the rest of the country will be resisted by all necessary means; it was demanded that Pakistan must vacate the areas of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir, which they have occupied through aggression.So, this day is to remind ourselves that People of India had demanded through a parliamentary resolution about 3 decades back on 22nd Feb 1994 that Pakistan must vacate the occupied areas of J&K &resolution of Parliament has to be Executed by the Government of India. It is now more than 3 decades of the said Resolution and 7 decades since about 40000 families facing com-

munal genocidewere displaced from the areas of the Indian (princely) State of J&K whichhave been in 1947 occupied through aggression by Pakistan, who have not been even given the claims of the properties / assets left behind in POJK by government of India unlike 1947 refugees in India are still hope fully hoping to return to their 'ancestral' hearths as promised by India government.

To be brief it has been mainly due to 75days delayed offer for accession made by the then Princely State of and that too after the then Princely state was openly attacked by 'Pakistan' on 22nd Oct 1947 from Muzaffrabad side that nearly40 % of the area of the Indian State of J&K was unauthorisedly occupied by Pakistan in 1947-1948 and more than 40000 displaced families had to run for life leaving behind almost all of their physical assets, almost some member of every household losing a parent / becoming a victim of rape / losing a kin / living in relief camp separated from others family members. No any regular registration count was neither made by GOI nor State government after POJK DP's managed to reach safer areas in J&K /other India states. Many of these families who were denied claims of properties left behind (pleading POK is apart of India but any action to register the property claims could give rise to the feeling that Government have given up the hope for the return of the territory held by Pakistan)were not given a meagre ex gratia relief of even equivalent of Rs.3500 per family in 1960s. Not only that some of the families who were though recorded as from POJK areas (Mirpur/ Muzaffrabad/Poonch/ Kotli/ Bhimber /GB etc) but had reached in Indian states other than J&K had been

disowned as residents of 'J&K state' even by the J&K Government. What to talk of giving the property / monetary asset's claims to POJK DP's these '1st.Victims' of Pakistani atrocities/ aggression have not been giving any type of socio economic support like reservations in education/ services,concessions intrade etc.These families too were hoping after 22Feb1994Parliament Resolution that atleast 'now'GOI will be gettingPOJK areas vacated & they shall be returning to their ancestral lands.

So, this day 'WE' must remind 'OUR-SELF' that it is now 75 years of POJK lands being under enemy / foreign occupation, the 1947-POJK DP families which might have grown to atleast 1,50,000 family units by now have remained without claims of the properties left behind for nearly 75 years since as per government of India policy their properties in POJK are to be restored to them and it is now nearly 3 decades since Parliament of India had demanded that Pakistan must vacate the areas of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir occupied through aggression and 'IT' is the duty of Government of India to execute the Demand of Parliament made on Pakistan so that when ever now after 22nd Feb 2022 a question in reference to 22nd Feb 1994 comes for reply in Parliament GOI is able make a specific pointed reply as regards (a) GOI having asked Pakistan to vacate all illegally occupied areas of J&K by an appointed date (b) if so, Pakistan has reverted and taken initiative to vacate the occupied areas (c) if not what action next.

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