**TIME to *Rebel and Revolt***

*Peaceful Revolutionary*

Have no Fear. Make no mistake. It is time to rebel and revolt to clean up the mess we are in. Can’t you hear the public outcry and sense their frustration, from villages to cities, and from Pamban pass to Pathankot, and Kandla to Kohima?

Do they the corrupt, represent us? Really? Is it what we voted for? Is this true democracy or a polluted version of our pan Indian one? Are our elected representatives fair and genuine samples of our large populace? If not, what are we doing about developing alternatives?

Thank our fortune, that the Courts are finally standing up and ruling against the established rotten system. Unfortunately, they may not be able to execute their orders, power and will. For, those lie in the hands and muscles of shenanigans, cronies, coteries, goondas and thugs.

Let us sort out conflict and separation of powers issue between judiciary and the executive. We can’t have them agreeing to disagree or disagreeing to agree and take us all for a ride without sorting out fundamentals; issues fundamental to our nation-state, fundamental rights and citizenship. Amend and rewrite Constitution for Reject, Review and Recall !!! Soonest!

Yes, sooner the better. Let us get the States reorganised to 50 with brand new capitals at their geographical centres: well planned and laid out to serve people with information technologies and easy transportation for quicker, easier and cleaner governance. Referendum soon please.

Why should we elect criminals? If the elected are found criminal why can’t they be dumped? How can a criminal in jail stand for election? If an elected turns criminals, shouldn’t they be thrown out immediately? Is our electoral system beyond correction? Is this what the world’s largest democracy has to offer? As a shining example of democracy to young countries? Are we going to let criminals rule us with their criminalised strategies? *Quo ducti* meritocracy?

Unsurprisingly all the political parties are coming together on their birth-right of imposing criminals on the electorate. Is party politics a part of our well-meant system? Aren’t they extra constitutional and a source of power and corruption? Why shouldn’t they be audited, accountable, and brought under RTI too? Do we have choices? No and yes! No, if we don’t change the system. Yes, if we stand up for our rights. Demand the courts to protect our rights.

It is `we the people’ that is supreme in Constitution. The Party system is imposed on us by those seeking power; that too a feudal kind of dynastic oligarchy. Have we failed ourselves? Or the so called leaders failed us? Or Judiciary –in cahoots with those in power succumbing to their own greed for power and pelf- failed us. Let us not condemn next generations to fail.

When to respond? NOW! Where do we gather: On the streets. What do we do: Express our concern, show solidarity and DEMAND. Why? Because it is already late, we need a mini-revolution to set things right; sooner the better. How do we do: Mobilise all the concerned from youth to senior citizens, ex-servicemen, women folk, NGOs, educated and the illiterate.

We do not have options unless we want to drag our feet on these, inviting a violent revolution that seems unavoidable. Let us start with Gandhian time tested ways of non-violent, non-co-operation, civil disobedience\*\* through Satyagraha to usher in fast track changes for cleaner governance and sustain it till the desired results are achieved. Be prepared for the long haul. Let us make a beginning with Citizen’s walk on Aug 15th ; then on Oct 2nd, Dec 9th (UN Anti-Corruption Day) & Jan 26th involving all the right thinking & committed from all fields. The well aware, well informed, elitists, intelligentsia –if we think we are-must take the initiative.

\*\*In any case, we Indians have no intention to obey any set of rules e.g. at traffic signals, in queues… like politicians not bothered about court restraints; so let us channelize that energy.