**Call in the Forces?!**

***A concerned Citizen***

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| **HEADNOTE:** Understandably, the first reaction on expected lines is that `this is not on’; but that wouldn’t do. The challenge is to convert ideas to action and get them implemented soon enough to achieve targeted goals and outcome.  So doing nothing is not an option; they could be as usual, wait and watch, expect something to happen, hope others do something and pray things will improve.; but that has been g0ing on for too long. Thus it is timely to lead, follow and contribute. To reiterate, this is not a call to violence, arms or revolution. It is to wake up us all from moral/political slumber, network with ideas, spot the committed & identify leaders. |

It is that critical juncture indeed to consider out of box solutions airing contrarian views! Our democratic- republic stands imperilled; there is no hope of cleansing the system in the short run. India’s potential to shine is enormous, illustrated, and recognised. It is imperative that our inherent resilience is used to safeguard ourselves from threats within and at the borders. We have become our own worst enemies due to tolerance and inaction, but despondency can fuel the right recoil.

All major political ideologies have let us down; coalition miasma and *adharma* has made transparent what realities dictate. Without a general will for drastic change -duly implemented steadfastly by trust-worthies, what fractured mandates will impose will have to borne. The absence of genuine leaders, parties, leadership and agenda need be addressed with alacrity. Violent uprising of the masses can be avoided only by drastic timeous actions. Raiders are at our financial borders to loot and scoot.

It is a daunting challenge; never before tried i: ***Inviting Forces to govern as an interim measure to clean up and get rid of the unwanted, judiciary included***. Whilst pros are considered, let cons be assimilated! China as a competitor is real, but our diversity, culture, population are our strengths. The red dragon as a neighbourly threat is overstated but her industrial might better be respected. Pakistan is a failed state –needing our help soon perhaps, Bangladesh is an eager observer, Myanmar a non-entity, the seas are natural barriers and so borders are secure.

India cannot be ruled by force by the military. Father of our nation has imbibed cardinal principles of non-co-operation, non-violence and disobedience. But if the populace can be taken into confidence with the promises of better future –devoid of current political nexus -they would go along, be governed and administered on fast-track change-management.

The Forces are incapable of usurping power and holding on to rule and run the country. Long peace period has seen the standing units becoming less sharp, distracted, mollycoddled and pleasurably ensconced in barracks. They are trained, capable, committed, huge enough and can be trusted with the task without power going to their heads.

Let us utilise our resources and manpower, in times of peace and trouble –such as now- for the betterment of the nation, society and *aam admi*. For, the latter has no kith, kin and connections at right places to highlight and look after their plight and interests. Funds earmarked for their well-being by providing better opportunities have consistently failed to trickle down –being siphoned off by all and sundry. Of the earmarked for their welfare through catchy political schemes as little as 10% only is said to be reaching them. PDS, Microfin, Reservations et al are being pocketed by intermediaries. Internal threats of Naxal, maoist, tribal and disenchanted poor is larger than external dangers. Team Anna is being forced to go their way, (beginning to look like JP’s call for national boycott/strike and intervention by forces). Let us carry this down to state, district,cities, panchayat levels etc.

Let us initiate macro process through micro procedures and paradigm shifts. To start with, criminals must be banned from contesting elections, providing reject and recall too. Known proven leadership material should be invited to govern. The judiciary need be given time-bound tasks to clear backlogs. The inept civil administration system should be revamped, holding them responsible for what they ought to be. It wouldn’t be difficult to spot the good ones and separate them from the chaff: in all pillars of governance. We might as well ***re-write the Constitution, start a new trend setting example to the world that nation states can be turned around***. Current political class will disappear into thin air once they are chased and checkmated.

There is not an iota of hope –*a la* Lok Pal against corruption- that current crop of parliamentarians, legislators, their ilk and dynasties would ever endeavour to clean up. The system has been built of nepotism and favouritism with bricks of bribes and mortar of malfeasance. The country, its minerals and wealth is being looted and apportioned disproportionately through laundered funds. Can the majority remain silent when minority in power manages the systems to suit themselves, relatives, friends, cronies etc? 2G, SEZ etc are only symptomatic. Aren’t Sports to Missile portfolios being cornered by shenanigans and coveted underhand deals fearlessly handed out? It is our last chance to usher in change. Kudos to whistle blowers and those with spine in CAG, CVC, CBI, CEC, RAW, JPC…

Participatory Notes is the favoured one to reroute black money to buy shares of worthy firms. Sycophancy is so deeply embedded that those seeking power kowtow to whims and fancies of those in power, permeating the process with about 70% of the elected found to have familial connections. A new-found caste system!

Let President invite or let the Chief of Staffs ask to be invited. Civil liberties need not be suspended, but could be side-tracked whilst purging the system on war-footing. It can be an `emergency’ of the proven type, focused, time-bound and oriented to usher in and implement drastic changes at a fast pace. Let us go ballistic/viral.

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| FOOTNOTE: As a compromise move, one could settle for decriminalising politics and elections by banning and better monitoring, following up with cleansed up judiciary and accountable administrations, ensuring alleviation measures reach the needy.  Of late, Election Commission has been more effective and getting into action. But they need be supported by the Forces and others to ensure a free and fair elections, as corruption, violence, booth capturing has not been effectively curtailed.  Aren’t we ashamed to accept that our electoral process is tainted and run as an dirty business giving away liquor, cash, sari, TV, cheap grains, whatever else……..  Come on, we can’t just wait and watch the rot, and pass it on to next generations.  I**n the interim**, the best we can do is to encourage whistle blowers, unearth each and every scam and follow them up till justice is meted out. These should put some caution amongst scamsters. Let us bring out all the skeletons in all the cupboards. |

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Those capable are requested to make an effort