

PART IV

HOW IT CAN BE DONE

*“Ignorants elect ignorants to run the country ignorantly.
Change it!”*

*Dear countrymen in the previous chapters we have tried to diagnose our perpetual maladies and have found their cure in a true leadership and a prudent system of governance. And then implementing the plans as discussed. This section deals briefly on this aspect and is relevant only when the message contained so far is well received and understood by you and you also feel as strongly as **we** do that we can transform our country to stand amongst the most powerful and prosperous nations in the world. Like the struggle for freedom from feudal system now it is struggle for freedom from ignorant and treacherous system of governance and this we plan to achieve through a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) against the system of governance and then execute the plans of prosperity as deciphered in the book.*

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Governance

*Without a rigid foundation one cannot construct a super structure neither without a prudent system of governance can **we** construct a prosperous nation. Solution to all problems afflicting our nation and implementing the ideas discussed in this book call for establishing this kind of governance first*

26.1 Our present system of governance

- The government of a country is supposed to be the guardians of its people. **People look in their government the love of a mother, prudence of a father and ability of a guardian to show them the right path and lead them to prosperity.** The basic virtues of a good governance are sincerity, devotion and a will to work with integrity and prudence. There must be an unflinching loyalty and determination to achieve the promised goals. However, what was expected has not happened. The power went into the hands of those who were incapable by their actions and callous by their deeds. It erected a system that eroded human values and character, such that kleptocracy and fratricidal attitudes reigned supreme. Dwindling hopes, defeated morales and depleted strength of the people with haunting uncertainties for the future have become the order of the day. The sacrifice and purpose of the struggle for freedom is long lost. Unemployment is rising and would be rising even more rapidly in times ahead. The youth is worried because of a sprawling bleak and uncertain future before them. The parents are worried for the welfare of their families and future of their children (talking of a common man).
- We liberated ourselves from the clutches of the British but fell prey to the dictums of our own guardians, their haggard philosophies and the falsely created bureaucracy. We are now under the shackles of our own system of governance and are more caged in than

liberated. **The system has bled the country dry and rendered it poor, illiterate and backward. This system cannot deliver any good in future also. The sooner we realise this harsh reality sooner we can save our future.**

- In the name of democracy we gave right to rule to anyone by virtue of majority of votes without considering his qualifications, experience, expertise or knowledge about the country, its problems and solutions. The political system so established exploited our illiterate and ignorant masses. By their sinister acts and deeds they have also made sure that the masses always remain so. Free franchise, a constitutional requirement of our democracy has become a dilemma for our large populace. The educated being few have long been marginalised. At the same time we imitated the British system of administration that we knew only superficially. We lacked originality of thought and a clear vision. Bureaucracy being incompetent too, has been of little support to the polity in constructive management. The blueprints for the prosperity of the nation that should have been prepared in the beginning were not considered necessary. No one knew what was to be done and how (similar to a disaster rescue operation, Section 16.2) and hence downfall of the nation was imminent as discussed in Chapter 8. Self rule of the last 60 years now speaks its tale by itself. **People languish miserably in their own country under the rule of their own people.**

What kind of freedom is this where a few enjoy and the rest hoodwinked and marginalised? There is no one on this land whom we can go and shed our agonies. Under the British rule we would at least muster up courage to fight the evil of slavery. We were slaves of a feudal system then, we are preys of our own system now. These 59 tormenting years of our independence have been very cruel and have made us feel as if we are still the slave subjects of a colony.

- Presently, we have umpteen number of political parties but the country refuses to progress. For these parties the well-being of our people is irrelevant. The opposition too plays only a negative role. Their role is merely reduced to leg pulling and nagging the ruling party. They take pride in hurling abuses and slinging mud at each other. To prove their might their only aim is to somehow belittle the other parties in the eyes of the people. They are good in doling out whimsical ideas for mass appeasement. All are chips of the same block, sometimes in one party and sometimes in another. Most of them have no vision or

aim regarding the nation or its people, except their own. They have fragmented the nation on lines of caste, religion, region and language and have also cast a divide between the rich and the poor.

The gradual degeneration of above process has now emerged in formation of governments with the coalition of two or more parties or through defections. Sort of marriage by connivance or convenience. Too many cooks spoil the broth. Coalitions too have proved disastrous for the country, resulting in jumbo sized cabinets to appease all, yet resentment prevails and many important decisions are shelved or kept pending to please the other constituents. Like the role of the Left Front in the UPA government (2004-). Expenses have soared, while the work output has trickled to noughts. **Many portfolios have no work while many ministers remain without portfolios.**

They have made a mockery of the governing system and exposed the bankruptcy of their wisdom. The making of our governments has been like making a spicy recipe or a kind of a digestive mixture by an RMP (Registered Medical Practitioner). So many women, so many backwards, so many scheduled castes and so many tribals, so many from this party and so many from that. There being no place for the educated or the experts. In an era of high performances, while the affluent societies are making stupendous progresses and advances on all fronts, we are busy making recipes for formation of governments to please its constituents. Our system therefore remains incapable of doing any good to the nation or its subjects. It has assumed the shape of an authoritarian system, which is highly kleptocratic and fratricidal and works for its own well-being, aloof from the subjects. There is little wisdom in carrying a carcass of our ill-conceived independence through this kind of political system and bureaucracy who have given us only hardships and sorrows in life.

- Presently our President plays only a figure head and Prime Minister has no hold on its Chief Ministers. Neither there is a common agenda for the development of the nation. All states work on their own whims and resort to ludicrous dole-outs like girl marriages, unemployment cheques, distribution of sarees and various other handouts with little thrust on development for natural well-being of the people. These gimmicks result in a colossal waste of wealth and drag the states to heavy debts and people to poverty.

We aim at a holistic approach for the whole nation in one attempt to ensure prosperity and well-being for all through an exhaustive planning and control of the whole nation (see the management charts at the end).

- Those who know only to treat the effects cannot fight the causes. Remember MCD reply to Supreme Court on Yamuna cleaning in Dec. 2005 “they cannot clean Yamuna because of 60,000 *jhuggis* on its banks” like a surgeon throwing up hands in the midst of an operation. The news is an alarm and reminds us that condition of the country has worsened beyond manageable limits as apprehended in our findings also. The degeneration of condition is now at a faster pace. We are afraid one day the government may throw their hands and say “they were incapable to improve the plight of the people because it was beyond them.” And surely so as the condition of poverty, disability, destitution, illiteracy, water, power, sanitation, health services, floods and droughts and all that makes the face of a nation are already crumbled or have reached an unmanageable level. We appeal to the countrymen to better realise this dreadful truth rather than ignore it.
- Living on false hopes is no wisdom. Change of leader or announcement for some development works in future are meaningless. It will be wise to understand this and take a pledge to destroy this evil. Now is the chance when **we** can reconstruct a **tomorrow of our dreams**. The parliamentary system of governance and its hand in gloves bureaucracy have proved disastrous. If we want progress the present system shall have to be replaced by professionals and experts.

Dear countrymen, we must come out of our self-inflicted miseries, shed our lethargy and cowardice and resolve to construct a new nation of our dreams. **Look at that fragile but determined ant that falls a dozen times yet does not give up. And lo! finally she is up the wall.** Let us not end up as unworthy people of our great country who lacked guts to fight the evil that was eating away our own roots.

Principle of Life

– To err is human but not to learn from errors is callousness.

26.2 Calling for reforms

Sacrifice for motherland is a thousand times more glorious than dying an unsung death.

- Democratic system of governance is a good system of governance but its implementation in our country has been a disaster. Our system has no respect for sincerity, devotion, education, experience, expertise, hard work or innovation. It is elected by the ignorants and illiterates and displays ignorance and illiteracy through its actions and deeds. A system based on ignorance and illiteracy is bound to fail. The people who vote the governments to power are the worst sufferers. Such a self-centred system is not what we conceived when we chose for democracy. Moreover this kind of democracy has bred more of fratricide and little of fraternity.

*We are not averse to adopting any system so long as it fulfils the aspirations of the people. If it does not then there is little wisdom to accept the same blindly. It is the duty of those in power to watch its effects and take corrective measures when required. Even a small business establishment would take corrective steps for an act that may put the whole business into a jeopardy. **It is astonishing to see the relaxed posture of our political system during the past 60 years, none of them bothering to assess the problems of the country, plight of its subjects and taking corrective step to redress the same. Getting elected and then working for self-interests alone, has become their sole motive.*** Governments formed with such selfish motives have necessarily to be disastrous. They are capable of only making tall claims from some public platforms or through full page advertisements in print media but shall remain grossly incapable of doing any good for the nation (see Section 8.5).

- When a society undergoes a perpetual economic regression and the people undergo unbearable sufferings and their guardians are responsible for their woes, it is time to demand for a change. In case of French and Russian revolutions too, the people faced acute poverty, illiteracy, insurmountable miseries, a social neglect and deprivation. When it became unbearable, they realised that their rulers were leeching the entire wealth of the nation, and were unconcerned for the people's welfare that they decided to revolt. In the French revolution (1789-99) the monarch Bourbon and in Russian revolution (1917) the Tsars were assassinated and monarchy overthrown.

In the French revolution people wanted a national assembly, elected representatives and a written constitution but the right to vote was given only to those who paid certain amount of taxes. We too wanted all this when we started (1947) but in our case anybody who was an adult (18 years) could vote no matter if he was illiterate, disabled, destitute or mentally retarded. The French wanted liberty, equality and fraternity and they have all. Today they are amongst the most prosperous nations in the world and a super power. Similarly erstwhile USSR which was in total shambles after the First World War (1914-1918) even worse than India, emerged as the second super world power by the end of second world war (1945). But we failed and failed continually. Look at the entire Europe, US and Japan. They all were greatly destroyed during the World Wars I and II. But they all have made stupendous progresses in all spheres. Japan that was bombed twice in 1945, became the most prosperous nation by 1960s (in just 15 years). All this must open our eyes.

- Dear countrymen, please try to understand this message. It means a lot to our nation and the poor *we*. *We* are not indifferent neither inferior to any race or culture of this civilized and progressive world. Like indifferent parents our guardians have failed to guide us and show us the right path. But we can always retract and restart. **It is never too late. We may not be able to retrieve what we have lost neither provide solace to those who have already laid down their lives due to wants, sufferings and miseries, but we can surely reconstruct our tomorrow as we want – prosperous, happy and healthy for all those living and the future generations. We have shown in earlier chapters that we can do it. The course may be difficult but not impossible. It may be long but not unending.** After all if we have endured it for 60 years to reach this ramshackled and dilapidated state, we can surely give a few more years to pull ourselves out of it. Let's be determined and get started. **Good parents always think of their children; so should *we* for ours and the future generations. Parents do it happily for their children, *we* are sure *we* shall do so for ours.**
- Much has been lost but not all, therefore arise and start here and now, the present available moment, before we lose it again into wilderness. Let us choose a system, that would be worthy, and prudent and capable of eradicating our miseries, poverty, illiteracy, ignorance and backwardness and restoring our lost values and self-esteem. An ignorant system that leads us to illiteracy and ignorance

must be shunned. A disease not cured timely becomes incurable. Let's change the doctor before this happens. **We have seen a dream for all of us and that can be transformed into reality if we are willing. We can build a tomorrow that will have a purpose of our existence and bring us prosperity and dignity.**

26.3 Presidential system

- **Era of illiterate franchise, ignorant polity and novice bureaucracy has proved disastrous.** The present state of affairs of our country is the logical outcome of the illogical system of governance, that we have erected for ourselves. The system must necessarily be run through professionals and experts, be it governance or its administration (legislature and executive). The leader must be a visionary and capable of addressing the whole nation and its entire populace, and not a group or a particular class or a part of it. Snatching bread from one and giving it to another (policy of reservation) lacks humanity and consideration. A true guardian of the family cannot deny food to one to feed the other rather would keep hungry himself and search for avenues to arrange food for all. **If we could fight the British Imperialism, why not an evil that is self-inflicted. Let us work to accomplish our lost glory and reverence and reconstruct a nation of our dreams, one of the mightiest and most prosperous in the world.**

Important

Our findings are only against the system of governance (political system and bureaucracy) not the staff or services. The staff and services are simply organs of the main body and have to function at the dictates of it. The ills mentioned in this book are true as narrated, for that matter each of us is influenced by the system and has become insensitive to some extent . We have become what we never wanted to be. In the conditions created for us we adapted a course in our actions and deeds, that was the easiest and most lucrative for us. All these old habits shall die on their own as soon as the body regains its natural health and sends out prudent commands to its organs. Indeed, old habits die hard but in the larger interest of the nation and fellow beings, people shall discard their old habits. After all it is sort of a worship for the mother earth that we shall now be religiously performing for the good of all.

Our system is like a tree – political system forming the roots, bureaucracy the stem, staff the branches and people the leaves. Change the roots and the stem — the branches shall change, and greener and more vibrant will become the leaves.

We are looking for a system that is knowledgeable and sensitive to human sufferings. In our system we are looking for a mother who works hard for her living and feeding her child. The child also clings to her in affection because he knows she is doing her best to take care of him. And that is enough. People shall have faith and confidence on this kind of a system. Following are our tentative suggestions for the new system of governance. Being an intricate matter it would call for experts' opinions to frame final policies to fulfil the aspirations of the people.

- Any system of governance that the people of a country may choose is primarily for their prosperity and well-being. A system that leads to sorrows, wants and deprivation or rising insecurity is an incongruous system and calls for introspection. History tells us that rule of a king changes in about 50-70 years. The time has now come for a reckoning and changing our present rule and its kleptocracy and establishing a new system that has vision and hope.
- We are looking for a democracy that can inculcate in us a feeling of patriotism (not partisanship) and love (not hatred) for our brethren. A sense of dedication and sacrifice for a cause - a cause for our nation and its people. We are looking for a system where people are self-disciplined, conscientious and aware of their duties and responsibilities, are courteous and sensitive to the fellow beings, where there is seriousness and concern in whatever we think or do. We want to inculcate an evolutionary feeling in our people, so that one day we are amongst the mightiest nations in the world not by virtue of possessing nuclear arsenals or by not signing CTBT but by our hardwork, actions and deeds.
 - We shall achieve strength through peaceful coexistence practising love and affection for all and our neighbours,
 - We shall achieve prosperity and happiness through our vision, hard work, and
 - Collective utilisation of our mental and physical strengths and nature's gifts to us.
- We have broadly studied the various systems of governments as adopted by different developed countries of the world and consider that a Federal system of governance with a President as the constitutional head, somewhat like the Presidential system of America, would best serve the interests of the people and fulfil our aspirations. The system will necessarily involve the best brains of the country to frame policies, disseminate them amongst the masses and execute the same in the true spirit. It will be a system not so

sprawling yet able to act promptly and function at a fraction of the cost that we incur presently. This time it shall be established on the basis of selection^a rather than election. Any dilution in this requirement shall jeopardize the whole exercise.

^a **Note**

Selection procedure shall call for no election funds hence no swindling of public money which is a major cause of generating *black money* and responsible for pauperizing the nation, creating 'hawala' cases, scams and humiliating *Tehelka* episodes. If election is considered absolutely essential let that be conducted from amongst the selected candidates to retain professionalism and intellect in the system and let such election expenses be borne by the state.

- American presidential system too is a fully democratic system, where the president also works and is the torch bearer of the country and the subjects. *We* are not for a head of state (President) who is simply a rubber stamp of the government and on whose maintenance a fortune is spent. And so also the posts of Governors¹ of the various states. In the British rule these posts were created for the representatives of the crown-king or queen. It is absolutely redundant in today's context and is a sheer waste of poor man's money.
- The purpose of the government will be to not only control but also inculcate in the people a feeling of love, trust and dignity for all. The government shall work like true guardians of its people. Our rich cultural values that have been torn and mutilated shall be restored gradually. We shall work as one country, one people and one race for a common goal and **our goal is to make this country as one of the mightiest and most prosperous nations in the world with no more illiteracy and miseries of lives.**
- We will also form monitoring committees, different committees for different activities (see the three charts). While the President and his select team of executives shall be responsible for carrying out the policies and aims of the government, the monitoring committees shall keep an eye on implementation of objectives, health of the nation and well-being of the people. These committees shall also be on selection basis consisting of highly educated professionals and

1. Gauge it by a recent incident where Bihar Governor Justice Rama Jois on the Republic Day address to the people (2004) expressed his anguish over the gravely deteriorating law and order situation in the state and Laloo Prasad (ex CM of Bihar) furiously negating the same saying, a Governor is not empowered to make such derogatory remarks even if that be true!

experts. Once the aims are finalised and targets are set, the respective monitoring committees can apprise the shortcomings, if any, to the President or his team of experts for corrective actions. Everything shall be predefined as noted in the book and executed on a highly professional basis with time bound schedules. There shall be no piece meal working neither personal whims.

All such areas that can be handled by private sector shall be left to them. They know how to run them best. The remaining shall be under the direct control of the new system. Broadly speaking, areas that may be retained with the government can be:

- Developmental planning
 - Policy framing (in consultation with the people of the land)
 - Intelligence : Internal and external security and to know the pulse of the people.
 - Defence : *We* will endeavour to cut down the enormous expenses and manpower on defence. This resource, money and manpower and their expertise shall be deployed for the development in other fields.
 - Finance
 - Education
 - Health
 - Family control
 - Since non-renewable natural resources and forests represent the natural wealth of the nation, we prefer this to be retained with the state to ensure that maximum benefits reach the people.
 - Monitoring of all activities
- Only as many people will be engaged as may be necessary to effectively represent, control and develop even the remotest and the smallest area of our land, such that the last man at the end of the road is also identified and taken care of. To achieve this we have envisaged three-prong governance and monitoring system, viz. at **city centre** level, state level and central level (see the charts). Finer adjustments can be done later. Readers may study these. *We* will welcome their suggestions.

This is just a brief idea which can be developed to arrive at a system that shall be effective and work for the well-being of the people. **Knowledge, expertise, professionalism, an intense affinity with the nation and feel for the masses shall be the essential requirements for**

all in the system either as team of experts with the President or as executive members of the governing and monitoring committees, irrespective of whether they are selected or elected. Representation from all states and its constituencies will be essential to ensure that the interests and aspirations of the people of the land are taken care of. For adequate representation *we* may select executives from within their respective areas of operation. For example the CEO as noted in the charts to control a **city centre** must preferably be selected from within a **city centre**, similarly to control a state from the whole state, while to control at the centre on all-India basis.

One will notice from the charts that now more local representation will be possible, as for each **city centre** there will be a number of local experts chosen for different disciplines. There will be about 1000 such centres in the country, besides state level representations. **This will require the best and dedicated brains which are available aplenty in our country. They only need to be located. We will establish a databank of our entire population for the information on demography and ease of monitoring their health, education and living conditions. To begin with we can utilise the services of leading software consultants — Wipro, Tata and Infosys or any other, to identify the right people. We have enormous plans in mind to engage gainfully the entire educated class of our country from all disciplines. Similarly we have plans for the remaining youth also to be engaged gainfully as noted in Chapter 1.**

It is God's gift that we have brains that are regarded as best in the world in their respective fields. Our present day children are very intelligent and aware of their surroundings. **Our youth and children can do anything of the world. We will give them a chance that they have been deprived so far.**

Might and success of US on all fronts is a conspicuous outcome of the dedication and sincerity with which their people from all parts of the world and backed-up with education, knowledge, intellect and expertise work relentlessly for them and give out their best. We being the most talented race on earth shall also prove our mite.

We need technocrats like E. Sreedharan to execute our plans. Sreedharan, MD, Delhi Metro Railway Corporation (DMRC) executed an impossible looking task of Delhi underground railway system to the surprise of many and relief to the commuters.

A call to the youth

Dear friends, we have discussed these issues with different people of our country and most want a change in the existing system of governance so that we can work for the progress and prosperity of the people. The path may be Herculean and tough but, not impossible. And we cannot give up our efforts for the prosperity of the people and good of the nation just because it is tough and may have a lot of hurdles in its way.

The parents of a child ailing with a dreadful chronic disease never give up and keep trying all possible avenues to find a cure one day. Remember the case of the conjoined sisters (Ladan and Laleh Bijani of Iran), born inseparable by brain but wished to be separated in order to live normal lives. Accepting the challenge more than 100 surgeons around the world joined hands and put up relentless research to one day make the impossible happen. And Lo! They almost did it. It is another matter that the sisters couldn't be saved (they died in July, 2003). Nevertheless efforts put in by them is worth praising. Their efforts shall go in the annals of history giving a message **"never give up."**

Now, it is our turn as the true sons of the soil, to take a pledge for our motherland and pull it out from the sombre clutches of our ignorant and selfish system of governance responsible for leaving our people in the lurch and making them suffer untold miseries and woes of lives for long 60 years.

Our utopian philosophy as some may call it, is no less difficult. But let us not be crippled with the fear of failure. Let us dedicate our mite and be assured we shall achieve our goal for the good of the nation and well-being of its suffering people. A man-eater is eliminated rather than tamed. Similarly, our present system of governance must be uprooted to rid us of our sufferings and woes, leaving us free to progress as we may wish, similar to our demands from British Feudal System during the struggle for freedom. Friends, you have a sprawling future ahead and we have great expectations from you. Please therefore, as the worthy sons of our soil gird up your loins and spread out this message far and wide, and surely we shall do it one day. Nothing is impossible before an unswerving resolution, perseverance and continued honest efforts.

If prosperity of the nation and well-being of the people has ever been in your thoughts then let us endeavour to achieve this. A Society named "Crusade India" has been formed to give shape to the ideas outlined in the book. Dedicated experts and professionals, sensitive and responsive to the people's need and willing to join the movement

may please join this Society which is **free of cost** so that “Crusade India” becomes a movement in the country and we together shape India as one of the most powerful and prosperous nations in the world.

We also appeal to all NRIs worldwide who agree with our views to propagate this message with all their patriotic zeal amongst all the NRIs worldwide.

- (i) Membership form is attached
- (ii) For online membership visit **www.shapingindia.org**

*Here is a chance to do this.
Let this not slip out of our hands
There is nothing great in living for ourselves.
Live for others and yea,
we will have lived our lives.*