OUR MISSION

Questions of the day are decided not by speeches, not by majority of votes, but by actions and deeds. We plan to uplift the poor and the weak 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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To Our Countrymen

Let's not only praise our superfluous prosperity, we should feel its truth also.

1.1 Introduction

Do you know that about 68% of our population are those who live on or below the poverty line (items 1 and 2, Column 3, Table 5.5)? Of the 68%, 45% are those who languish under stark poverty and deprivation, leading a life no better than animals (item 1, column 3, Table 5.5). Many of them live on grass, plant roots and mango kernels or commit suicide. Not only this 23% of our population are disabled and 10% destitutes (Table 4.1).

In the past 60 years our system of governance has not only failed to address these problems, it has also established a deep-rooted kleptocracy in the society. In this period we have been dragged to rags, sorrows and deprivation, but our leaders have emerged as the most authoritative, wealthy and powerful class in our country. We did not aspire for this kind of freedom where only a few enjoy and the rest suffer! It has belied our hopes and shattered our aspirations. We have discussed this issue with many people from different walks of life and all are of the firm belief that this system must be made to go for the good of the people, however difficult it may be to do so.

Noble laureate Dr. Hargobind Khurana could not get an opportunity in his own country but brought laurels home when he got an opportunity in the US that provided him an environment to do valuable work and excel in his field. Outside our country we get a lot of opportunities, exposure and freedom to excel. It is unfortunate that what we don't do for our people in our own country, others do in their's and allow our people to excel in competition with their people. Look at the sea of difference in the two attitudes!

As individuals we have succeeded in other countries but have failed in our own.

This brings home the fact that human behaviour and approach as also his intellect depends largely upon the system and environment built for him in which he lives, thinks and works. In the process, it is only the propriety of our system that needs to be questioned rather than the role of an individual who is just a part of it. A person's attitude, actions, behaviour, deeds and thoughts are influenced by the system. The criticism of a system is therefore no aspersion on an individual.

1.2 Our democracy

We gifted ourselves a democracy empowering ignorants to elect ignorants to run the country ignorantly. Before this massive ignorant majority, the educated class is a dwarf and has for long been marginalised. Our polity is then supported by an equally ignorant and unprofessional bureaucracy. The result is a highly dilapidated state of the country and sorry condition of its masses. It surely is the logical outcome of the illogical system that we created for ourselves. Our leaders and bureaucrats have often praised our democracy that has stood by "them" for 60 years. But it has been good only for them as they are able to ramshackle the nation to their whims and drive the people to stark poverty and deprivation. Poverty, illiteracy and backwardness is not the success of our democracy, rather its failure. The legacy of our system bestowed on us by the constitution continues unscathed even today. The only way to come out of it is to change the system to a totally professional one through a prudent leadership as concluded at the end of the book.

1.3 Our message

In view of our enormous resource-availability and inherent unbound potential as researched by the author and discussed in Chapter 4, our lone motto is to make optimum use of them and build our nation to be amongst the mightiest and most prosperous in the world and that is possible as deciphered in part III of the book.

When we see the fabulous buildings, shopping malls, roads and recreation avenues of the affluent world or their well-dressed and satisfied people, school-going children, fun and frolic, we also feel that our common people should also enjoy like them. We assure you that one day we will also enjoy. To achieve this we will have to work hard. In the following pages we have tried to unfold how this can be done. The finer tuning will be done with the experts in the various fields. This will then become our model plan. It is rare that such exhaustive research work has ever been conducted or blueprints drawn to

reconstruct a whole nation. Executing the blueprints will eradicate the existing ills of our country, transform the villages, the rural poor, underprivileged, backward classes and also disabled and destitutes for all times and place our nation amongst the mightiest and the most prosperous nations in the world. To accomplish this we propose to proceed as below:

- Guarantee jobs to 100% workable hands within one year, not by way of charity or gratis but by doing actual developmental works (Section 12.4),
- Make optimum utilisation of our talent and expertise and the mammoth human resource available with us,
- Make judicious use and conduct extensive R&D on our natural and non-renewable resources, keeping future generations in mind so that we consume only as much as is our legitimate share,
- Improve the Primary sector (agriculture) by about 7-10 times (Section 11.2),
- Improve Secondary sector (industries) by 3 to 4 times (Section 21.5),
- Improve Tertiary sector (specially tourism) by about 100 times (ultimate target is 1000 times) (Chapter 19), and
- Plough bulk of the black money back into the economy (Section 9.6).

All this will raise our present GDP (Gross Domestic Product) by at least 6-8 times (Table 12.2) and so also the individual income. All of us shall become prosperous and start leading a dignified life in just 5-7 years.

- Improve the ecosystem and cleanse the environment (Section 18.7).
- Put a stop to droughts and floods (Chapter 15).
- Make illiteracy, ignorance and backwardness, things of the past (Chapters 12 and 14).
- Rehabilitate the old, the disabled and destitutes and gradually eradicate disabilities and destitution for all times.
- Exercise population control and bring down the same to the level of about 60 cr (Chapter 13).
- Make each of us breathe freedom and progress as we wish.
- Make everybody work for the nation and care for the fellow-beings, family and parents more than ever before.

 And then (after 5-7 years) we shall begin the construction of our nation through city centres (Chapter 12) that will, in another 7-10 years, transform the villages, the villagers, rehabilitate disabled and destitutes and thus transform the whole nation like a dream come true.

- Cities are already over-built and sprawled haphazardly and awkwardly. Nothing much can be done for cities at present, but their living conditions will improve gradually and substantially as the rural migrants, industries and business centres will shift to city centres. We will then modernise the cities also as much as possible.
- Our faulty system of governance has distorted our individuality and has made us meek and selfish. But we will discard our old habits and imbibe humility in our stride. We will build a nation that is humane in character where no one is despised and suffers no conflict of caste, creed, religion, language or race and is capable of taking care of every citizen until the last. We should not forget that together only we stand and can face all challenges. Divided we become weak and vulnerable. Greatness is in togetherness, not in separation. All religions teach us this. If we do not rise above our old deeds, liberation from deprivation and miseries of lives will always remain a distant dream.
- We will build a system which besides being highly progressive will also be committed to taking care of each individual and will be sensitive to every incident of terrorism, extortionism, extremism, hatred or ill-will, suicide or even an accident. Each such victim will be a matter of worry and concern for the new system. The government will own responsibility and take measures to tackle such menaces and overcome the same as much as feasible.

You may ask the time required to bring about this transformation! Well what has been plundered and destroyed for a thousand years no wand of magic can retrieve it overnight. We have to persevere and slog hard. To transform the whole nation and make it stand amongst the mightiest and the most prosperous nations in the world, may take 20-25 years, but we can begin a dignified and comfortable living within 5-7 years as noted above. This is not day dreaming! All this will be achieved according to the philosophies and thoughts presented through this book. All plans have been made and all these shall be executed in letter and spirit. These proclamations are not mere words; they have a meaning and are backed up with intense research and analysis. Each of us will become a part of nation building and contribute our might to achieve these goals.

With our joint efforts we shall turn the tide and check the degeneration of our country. Let's gird up our loins rather than resign like caged lions to the false dictates imposed on us. Now is the opportunity when we can demolish this cage and liberate ourselves from these self-inflicted boundaries. We appeal to all our countrymen to give these ideas a serious thought. Let us not overlook the sad realities of our present lives. Unless we act now conditions will worsen more rapidly and become more harsh and unbearable in the times ahead.

Note

There are many NGOs (Non Governmental Organisations) and individuals working relentlessly to bring about some reforms in the present system of governance, but cosmetic changes are not enough. Let us hit at the root causes responsible for what we have become. We are not for any reform or cosmetic treatment in the present system, for nothing shall work other than a total change of the system itself. Constitutional amendments and reforms on which many NGO's are working is meaningless. It shall only push us from one rut to another. We earnestly request all NGOs and individuals engaged in the upliftment of the nation to join 'Crusade India' and strengthen our hands so that together we may bring about the desired change.

- The present book is an attempt to analyse reasons and causes for such a dismal progress of our country and the miserable plight of its people, even when all, that was essential for making a nation prosperous was and is still available with us. We have tried to analyse the evils from different angles that have besieged us, and have arrived at the remedies to demolish the same. If we can hear this loud, there is no reason why we should not become what we have dreamt. We have done the analysis of our country and the people in four parts, viz.
 - What we are,
 - Why we are,
 - What can be done, and
 - How it can be done.

A discussion on the problems in J&K and the North- Eastern states and their possible solutions is also given. We have also touched upon nuclear explosions, their relevance, utility and repercussions in the changed world scenario besides giving an overview of CTBT (Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty), WTO (World Trade Organisation), open market conditions and their influences on our industries, trade and economy.

This analysis shall ignite in us the fire that has long lost its fury, to determine our self-being and the purpose of our existence. Should we let our existence melt away with every moment we live and watch it happen helplessly before our eyes or should we rise to the challenges and thwart away the self-inflicted miseries and sorrows of our lives. It is unfortunate that the system we built for ourselves after independence had short-sighted and ill-conceived philosophies which with time have proved disastrous and have pushed the whole nation to such a disarray.

Past is dead but let's pledge not to allow our present slip out of our hands to at least make our tomorrow better. Nothing is impossible if we have determination and a will to conquer all hurdles. Napoleon said, "difficulties disappear before an unswerving resolution." This book is just a step for a leap tomorrow. Let us dedicate and resolve to realise our dreams. We have enormous latent strength. Let us awaken this strength from self-inflicted long hibernation, to turn the tide towards that glorious tomorrow where beyond the horizon we can see the new dawn of a bright day and rays of hope and prosperity for all. Remember, we are amongst the largest human resource on earth and must prove its worth, not by its quantum but by its mettle and perseverance. Arise dear lions of this mother soil, arise to this occasion which may not come again and let us construct a tomorrow of our dreams.

Read through the book unto the last and surely you will also be convinced as we are that we can do it. It will infuse in you a zeal, fresh vigour and a rejuvenated energy to dedicate yourself to this cause. This work is more an analysis to argue why most things are in shambles or happening so awkwardly. Once we are able to diagnose the causes, it will be easy to address their effects. We have tried to maintain brevity yet derived the conclusions clear and distinct enough to decide the next course of action. We are sure you will know your country more closely and much more than ever before.

• The people of this country struggled for freedom for 350 long years (East India Co. came here around 1601 AD). We won the struggle but our ignorance and illiteracy dragged us from one rut to the other. We were timid and miserable then, we are timid and miserable now. In terms of living conditions it makes little difference to most of our populace as to the slavery of then or to the freedom of now. We must therefore liberate ourselves from this debilitating bondage and loyalty to the present system that is fattening and swaggering on

the sweat and sufferings of its poor masses. The true battle for liberation from poverty, illiteracy, ignorance and backwardness shall begin now. Today most of us toil for our bare survival. For that matter even a stray dog or a cattle is able to survive. Let us not live like animals. God has made us human beings, let us not yield to unmanliness (referring to our living conditions and watching destitute children and grown-ups feeding on the same garbage or leftover food with the dogs, pigs and stray cattle of the locality). Think of those who are forced to commit suicides under great compulsions of deprivation and destitution. Those who have seen our villages, towns and cities closely where poor people live and also those 23% disabled and 10% destitutes, can realise this description with regret and remorse. Let us put up a brave fight, this time to uproot those who were supposed to be our guardians and care for our well being but have turned fratricidal and marginalised our populace leaving them to live on their own sweat and miseries. Let us prove worthy of the freedom realised for us by our fathers and forefathers so dearly. Dear countrymen, we are hardworking and sincere but opportunities have eluded us and we have failed to build a nation of our dreams. Here is a chance to do this. Let this not slip out of our hands. There is nothing great in living for ourselves. Live it for others and yea, we will have lived our lives. Let us dedicate ourselves to this cause wholeheartedly. Remember every one lives his life only once. Derive pleasure by working for the fellow countrymen than living for our ownselves.

Let us unite and stand together. You will soon see the effects of our joint efforts. We are committed to bring back that smile and happiness on our faces and the lost dignity of life that has long vanished. Today most of us go to bed worried with uncertainties of tomorrow and wake up worried with problems of today. 'A poor life this if, full of cares, we have no time to stand and stare' (W.H. Davies). And so we languish our precious lives and watch it melt down helplessly before our own eyes and relinquish it one day in distress. Let us work together to make these worthless lives little more worthy and fill the encircling gloom with some fragrance of hope and happiness. Let us rejuvenate our depleted morales and lowly spirits to attain the goals we are setting for ourselves.

1.4 Nothing is impossible

Behold! Ahead the light of tomorrow – a reincarnation of our souls long dead and an era of rejuvenated beginning to reconstruct our shattered dreams. History will be rewritten in golden letters that the people of this land fought yet another brave battle this time for their true liberation and emancipation from long drawn poverty, illiteracy, backwardness, wants and never ending miseries of lives and they emerged victorious. The approach is not theoretical. I am not producing a textbook for the students to study and prepare for exams. The purpose is true emancipation from long drawn sufferings, miseries and woes of life.

To some it may look impossible, lofty, imaginary and unachievable. May be your first reaction is 'it can't be done'! All new ideas that are revolutionary in nature meet such reactions. But what I have said is logical and together we can make it happen. Therefore consider this as a mandate to build a nation of our dreams. I have no doubt that we can solve our problems in entirety and emerge as one of the mightiest and most prosperous nations in the world.

Amen!