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1. Introduction

After having ridden a wave of Corporate funded high voltage campaign that was based entirely on false promises of change and baseless allegations, the Modi Government has completed Six months in Power. Having colored the pre Lok Sabha election period as dark and gloomy through a deft but devious media campaign, Narendra Modi and the BJP had promised “Achhe Din” to the people.

However, six months down the lane the Modi Model of governance stands out for 3 shameful characteristics- U Turn on Promises, mere renaming and plagiarising of UPAs programs and schemes and decisions that involve selling out public/national interests for the benefit of friendly Industrial and Corporate houses. Shri Modi, indeed, has relentlessly invoked and practiced the 4th character of his Model to gloss over his failures. His TV Event, rhetoric and showmanship driven Sarkar has been presenting a TV Tamasha a day to keep the people’s minds off their problems. These Tamashas are nothing but attempts to keep people alienated from real issues so that they do not see the Government’s inaction and start asking questions.

Lucky, of course this Government has been. Oil Crude prices are at \$75/ bbl and Global food prices have hit a record low. While these have provided an opportunity for inflation to come down, the Modi Government has done nothing to substantially pass down the benefits to the common man.

Even as international factors outside Shri Modi’s control continue to be favorable in an unprecedented manner, inaction on the part of the Government has resulted in continued high interest rates, a GDP growth rate below the projected 5.5% and deaccelerating bank credit.

Exports that had grown rapidly during the first half of 2014 are rapidly falling- by 5% in October alone. Industrial growth is a pathetic 2.8%, Consumer durables have declined at 12.4% and Government revenue is growing at less than half the projected 19%.

All this, when the people are being fooled with a plagiarised “make in india”(UPAs Manufacturing Policy), “Jan Dhan”(UPAs Swabhimaan for financial inclusion) and “swachh bharat”(UPAs Nirmal Bharat) campaigns. Without having added a single unit of electricity to strengthen the RGGVY, the Government has merely renamed it as DDUGJY just to take credit. Shameful appropriation of credit is being done, whether it be the launch of Mangalyan or missiles, warships and rail tracks of the UPA period.

To top it all, there have been a series of U Turns on the promises that Shri Modi and BJP made in the run up to the elections. This blatant renegaging on promises include that on Governance, Black Money, rail fares, diesel deregulation, tainted politicians, stand on corruption and Lokpal, subsidy on LPG cylinders and validity of CAG reports to charge political opponents, to list a few.

Ofcourse, the Modi Government has been acting- hyperactive in giving favors to its Corporate friends who funded Shri Modi's campaign. However, their pound of flesh or share of the pie are being doled out in complete disregard of environmental, fiscal and ethical norms and without due diligence. National resources as indeed the Nation itself is being held hostage in the name of reforms that will supposedly fuel growth and employment.

It is said - Beware of false knowledge it is more dangerous than ignorance. It is our bounden duty to inform the citizens of India about the double standards, lies and malice that this Government propagates. The Modi Government increasingly appears to disarm the people of information, its propaganda machinery has only one goal – hide *facts, tell stories*. We have started a concerted effort to remind the Government and people of India about its stands, promises and contradictions.

We live in a world where unfortunately the distinction between true and false appears to become increasingly blurred by manipulation of facts, by exploitation of uncritical minds, and by the pollution of the language. Contradiction is not a sign of sallacy, nor the lack of contradiction a sign of truth. And the Truth is that this Government with its counterfeit vocabulary walked into the corridors of power. The Truth is that on all important accounts it has failed to convince the nation about the steps it has taken as promised during election.

This Modi Government is nothing but a U Turn Sarkar, a Nakkal Sarkar and a Udyogpation ki Sarkar. The Indian National Congress- a party that founded and led this nation cannot be a silent complicit to the farce being enacted in the name of Government. As a responsible opposition it is our duty to bring forth to the people the Mansa, Vachana and Karma of this Government, lest they continue their propaganda driven destruction of the Nation. We present to you, U-TURN Sarkar and hope we are able to apprise the people of India about Modi's and BJP's, "Mann Ki Asli Baat!

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2. Black Money – BJP's list of white lies

BJP Stand as Opposition

- a) April 17, 2014 Shri Rajnath Singh promised, “Black money would be brought back within 100 days if the party was voted to power” - Rajnath Singh. Source ABP News
- b) Sh. Narendra Modi on different occasions has said that once Black Money is brought back, every person in this country will get around Rs 15 lacs. Youtube url is <http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Gmt8imkW8yQ>
- c) Now Modi Ji as Prime Minister in his last Radio Address in ***‘Man Ki Baat’*** says that he does not know the exact amount of Black Money stashed abroad.
- d) Modi Ji Tweeted on 1st February, 2011- At National Security Council today, I asked “why is the Money Laundering Act not being used to track black money abroad”.
- e) 18th January 2011 – Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad - “The government’s argument that it can reveal the names to the Supreme Court but not to the public due to double taxation is baseless.”
- f) 18th January 2011 – Shri Nitin Gadkari - Claiming that about Rs 21 lakh thousand crore had been deposited in Swiss banks, Gadkari said, “Any reluctance in declaring the names of Swiss bank account holders will simply raise doubts about the integrity of people at the helm.”
- g) 18th January 2011 – “What is the problem and reluctance in the Congress in revealing the names? Why this dogged refusal to reveal the names of those who have accounts abroad.... The country has a right to know and expects the names to be made public,”
- h) 4th July 2011 – Shri Prakash Javdekar - “The government has consistently failed to bring back Indian black money. This is because the government is merely engaged in cover-up. The government is trying to justify this by saying it has signed double taxation avoidance agreements with these countries,”

- i) July 2011 Spokesperson Shri Prakash Javdekar said, “The government has consistently failed to bring back Indian black money. This is because the government is merely engaged in cover-up. The government is trying to justify this by saying it has signed double taxation avoidance agreements with these countries”.

Contradictions:

- a) Taking an about turn (from the pre-election stand), on 17th Oct, 2014, Modi Government through an Affidavit had stated to the Apex Court that it is unable to disclose the said names since it was bound by certain Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs).
- b) The 17th Oct Affidavit further said that if the Government discloses the names of the black money account holders will violate “international standards on maintaining confidentiality” and the same will result in lowering of rating of India.
- c) Remark: In reply to Government’s Affidavit, Supreme Court said: Why are you holding protective umbrella for these people? Source: Indian Express
- d) Thereafter, when the Modi Government was attacked on taking a U-turn on the issue of Black Money, selective names were leaked through the media.
- e) This notorious act of the Modi Government was identified by the Hon’ble Supreme Court and on 28th Oct, 2014, the Court asked the Government to furnish the entire list of account holders before it.

Fact of the matter is that not even a Single Paisa has come back in last 6 months of Modi government. All the names, reluctantly submitted to the Court by the Government are only those which were obtained by the previous UPA Government only.

How Kisan Vikas Patra Encourages Black Money Generation

NDA Government is non-serious on the issue of bringing back black money. The Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley must explain as to why they reintroduced this scheme, which was abolished after the recommendations

of Shyamala Gopinath Committee on Small Savings Schemes in view of the risks of money laundering and financing terrorism in December 2011. Did they earlier only do lip serving by talking about bringing back black money?

On Pg 51 of the Shyamala Gopinath Report, it explicitly says:-

***“In view of the recent developments on AML/CFT front, the Committee recommends that KVP should be discontinued.”
(AML means Anti Money Laundering and CFT means Combating financing of Terrorism.)***

With regards to the revival of the KVP scheme by the Modi Government, the questions still unanswered are:

1. *Is it correct that payment is not required to be made by cheque or bank draft but can also be made in cash?*
2. *Will those who have a PAN be required to quote the PAN or is PAN being dispensed with?*
3. *What are the Know Your Customer (KYC) norms, if any, that will be applicable to an investment made in KVP?*
4. *Will a KVP be freely transferable without any limit on the number of transfers? If so, what is the use of applying KYC to the first purchaser?*

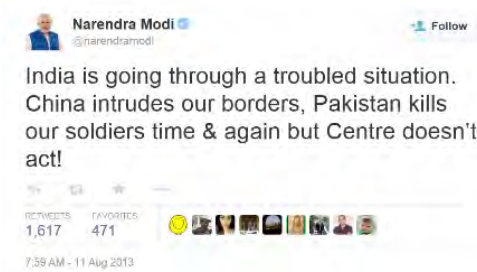
3. BJP on CHINA-Only talk no walk

BJP’s stand on China when in Opposition is as follows:

- a) 11th August 2013 Shri Modi in an election rally in Hyderabad said – “China intruded into our territory, but the government, instead of forcing it to return, signed deals with it, agreeing to withdraw our own troops. It is shameful that the External Affairs Minister, despite the repeated incursions by China, went to Beijing and praised the city, going to the extent of saying that he wished he could stay there.

Raising the issue of Chinese incursion, Modi as the Gujarat Chief Minister attacked External Affairs Minister Sh. Salman Khurshid for his remarks on his visit to Beijing: “Shame, Shame Shame on You. Shame on You, who are running the government of India. You are spraying acid on the wounds of 125 crore Indians”. Source: NDTV.COM

- b) The UPA government (should) make its policy clear as far as China is concerned and ensure that repeated incursions by PLA troops are stopped forthwith,” BJP state president and MLA Jugal Kishore Sharma J &K BJP Chief. (Source: Yahoo News India)
- c) Shri Narendra Modi tweeted on 11th August, 2013: “India is going through a troubled situation. China intrudes our borders, Pakistan kills our soldiers time & again but Centre doesn’t act!”



Has the situation not worsened now six months into the BJP Government?

5th August 2013:- “From China’s intrusions to Pakistan’s ambushes-UPA Government has been absolutely lax in securing Indian Borders. When will Centre wake up?



Contradictions:

- a) The Chinese President Xi –Jinping was visiting India and our borders were being violated by the Red Army. Over 1000 Chinese soldiers stayed put in the Indian Territory at Chumar for 16 days. This is perhaps the first time in the History of Independent India that our neighbours have crossed over and occupied our territory and Government is hosting its President. This explains the grit we have in our diplomacy.
- b) BJP which was so critical of the Union Government for not taking any action against the Chinese, came out with a unique explanation for these incursions as '***Perception Difference***'. Home Minister Rajnath Singh went on to say:-

Incursions along China border due to perception difference: Rajnath Singh

Thursday, 17 July 2014 - 3:25pm IST (Place: Mumbai | Agency: PTI)

- c) When Shri Arun Jaitley in an interview to Times Now on 22nd Oct, 2014 was asked a question that is there a dichotomy in BJP's position on the China issue, Shri Jaitley said that - "as far as China is concerned, on the line of actual control, China has a different perception on what the line of actual control is, India has a different perception"

4. BJP on Pakistan- A Flip Flop on Relations with Pakistan costs India dearly

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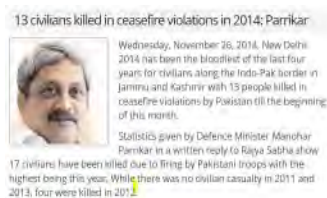
- a) 11th August 2013, Shri Modi said, “This government of Delhi cannot provide security to the nation. This government, neck deep in vote bank politics, cannot provide security to our nation... When the Indian jawans were beheaded, the Prime Minister (Manmohan Singh) had said that Pakistan will be accounted for it”. Again referring to Dr. Manmohan Singh, Shri Modi said “Now when the Pakistani Army, this week, shot dead our jawans, I want to ask the Prime Minister . He had promised that we will not tolerate such things. What is the reason that a country of 125 crore is silently tolerating when Pakistan is going back on its promise one by one?” Source: NDTV.COM
- b) On Aug 11, 2013 Shri Modi tweeted – “India is going through a troubled situation. China intrude our borders, Pakistan kills our soldiers time & again but Centre doesn’t act!”
- c) On Aug 06, 2013 Shri Modi tweeted – “From China’s intrusions to Pakistan’s ambushes- UPA Government has been absolutely lax in securing Indian borders. When will Centre wake up?”
- d) On Aug 06, 2013 Shri Modi tweeted – “Dastardly ambush by Pakistan last night in the Chakan da Bagh area of Poonch leading to death of 5 Indian Soldiers is unacceptable.”

Contradictions:-

- a) On August 27, 2014 Director General Border Security Force DK Pathak on Tuesday said that the cross border firing between India and Pakistan is the heaviest so far and worst after 1971 war. (Source: Indian Express).
- b) **Shri Modi made no mention of ceasefire violations in this year assembly poll** - As opposition party, Modi in almost every rally raised the issue of handling of Pakistan affairs and attacked the Manmohan Singh government for failing to stop Pakistani aggression and its failure

to prevent loss of precious lives on the border areas. The BJP's PM candidate had boldly said that 'one needs a 56-inch chest' to stop Pak's aggression. But now he seems to have forgotten this rhetoric because of the huge failure of present government in tackling Pakistan.

- c) Ironically, on the contrary, when we are airing our concerns at the unprecedented loss of civilian lives and ceasefire violations at the IB/LOC; on Oct 09, 2014, the Urban Development Minister Shri Venkaiah Naidu said that the opposition is politicizing ceasefire violations by Pakistan. Source: ANI
- d) There were 363 ceasefire violations along the International Border and 61 on the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir with Pakistan between August and November 17, the government told the Rajya Sabha on 27th Nov, 2014. The figures were given in a written reply by Minister of State for External Affairs Shri V K Singh. Source: Indian Express
- e) 17 civilians have been killed this year alone as compared to zero casualty last year and also in 2011.



5. BJP on Direct Benefit Transfer – Aim to earn direct benefit from UPA schemes

The UPA Government proposed direct cash transfers to beneficiaries of various government schemes and initiatives. This led to the AADHAR project, biggest biometric project in the world giving UIDs to Indians

After having publicly trashed this far reaching “Aadhar” card scheme, the BJP is now promoting the scheme for the same reasons that the congress brought it for. After having questioned the very validity and stake of any state government in Aadhar, the Modi govt. is now

talking about it as a tool that will help the finance minister reduce subsidy burden by Rs 2000 Cr.

BJP stand as opposition on AADHAR and Financial Inclusion:

- a) November 28, 2012, Shri Prakash Javdekar said “Cash transfer is not a game changer. It is game being played with poor people”.. “It (Direct Benefit Transfer) is an attempt by the government to fool people before elections,”.. “While people are reeling under inflation, Congress is only making efforts to take political mileage for nothing”... he added.
- b) On 8th April, 2014 in an election rally in Karnataka, the State where Shri Nandan Nilekani was contesting, Shri Modi claimed that the UPA’s AADHAR scheme has failed. He further said that, “they only wanted to do things where there is corruption.”



- c) On March 13, 2014 – Union Minister Ananth Kumar said: “To be honest, I would not take pride in stating that I was part of the Aadhar programme. In fact I would be ashamed of it.”
- d) April 2, 2014, Spokesperson Prakash Javdekar said, “It (Aadhaar) has served no purpose. They have issued cards to illegal migrants. We want citizenship cards”. Source: Economic Times
- e) On March 12, 2014 Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi questioned the UIDAI chairman Nandan Nilekani’s claims on Aadhaar’s achievements and termed the programme as a “fraud” perpetrated on the people of the country.

Contradictions:

- a) October 19, 2014- The cabinet, chaired by Shri Modi, approved a Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme in LPG.
- b) October 22, 2014 Shri Arun Jaitley said, “that the scheme will help him cut government subsidy by 2000 crores. In the same interview he had very categorically **stated that it is a logically economic idea and no one party had a copyright on the idea**”.
- c) July 9, 2014 - Giving indications that the new government is likely to continue Aadhaar enrolments, a sum of Rs. 2,039 crore has been provided in the Budget for the Unique Identification Project (UIP) in the current fiscal year. Source: NDTV
- d) In Nov, 2014 – The Modi Government through its Home Ministry in a complete U-turn from its earlier stand, came out in full support of the Aadhaar scheme saying it will facilitate “anytime, anywhere, anyhow” authentication to its beneficiaries. In a letter sent by the Union Home Ministry to states it said that - “Since Aadhaar is based on the demographic and biometric information of an individual, it eliminates the threat of any fraud and bogus activity.”

6. BJP on Insurance Bill – Double standards on growth and investments

The UPA Government had originally proposed raising the FDI cap back in 2008 when it introduced the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill to 49 %.

BJP’s stand on Insurance Bill:

- a) May 14, 2012, Shri Yashwant Sinha (Chairman Standing Committee of Finance) said, “Foreign Direct Investment at this point of time from 26-49% was not needed”. Source: Money Control
- b) August 2013, Shri Yashwant Sinha said that “the party had told Finance Minister P Chidambaram he should not bring the insurance Bill in this session of Parliament, as the opposition would not let it pass”.

- c) 5th October 2012 - BJP questioned the “legal and political intentions” behind allowing 49 per cent FDI in the insurance sector. “We are not against FDI but against foreign direct interference. This government is against the welfare of the country and is more worried about foreign interests,” Mr. Naqvi charged. Source: The Hindu

Contradictions:

- a) July 25, 2014: Shri Modi’s Cabinet cleared the Insurance Bill proposing to raise FDI to 49%.

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7. Henderson Brooks-Politics in the name of history

The Henderson Brooks report – a demi official account of the 1962 war by Lt. Gen T B Henderson Books has remained a deliberated state secret. The report contents of which are known only through unsubstantiated leakswere unabashedly used by the BJP and Shri Jaitley to make false insinuations charging the then political leadership. Shri Jaitley before May 2014 repeatedly demanded that the report be made public. However, now as the Defence Minister and the custodian of this report he has taken a complete U Turn.

BJP Stand as Opposition

- i. On March 19, 2014 Shri Arun Jaitley as Leader of Opposition in RS asked for the Handerson brook report to be de-calssified. Source: Shri Arun Jaitley’s blog.
- ii. The blog by Mr. Jaitley in March said, “Are archival records are to be kept away from public gaze indefinitely? If the document pertains to internal security there may be some public interest served in keeping them a secret for some time. However, to keep these documents ‘top secret’ indefinitely may not be in larger public interest. Any Nation is entitled to learn from the mistakes of the past. The security relevance of a document loses its relevance in the long term future. Any society is entitled to learn from the past mistakes and take remedial action. With the wisdom of hind sight I am of the opinion that the report’s

contents could have been made public some decades ago.” Source: Times of India

Contradiction:

- a) On July 8, 2014 Shri Jaitley in a reply in RS as Defence Minister said, “”This (the Henderson Brooks report) is a top secret document and has not been declassified so far. Release of this report, fully or partially or disclosure of any information in this report would not be in national interest””.

Remark:

After Shri Jaitley assumed office as Hon. Defence Minister, the blog on which he had written his views was deleted.

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8. BJP-NCP Alliance : Gross Opportunism

The BJP and Shri Modi, pitching their campaign in Maharashtra around corruption, termed the Nationalist Congress Party as “Naturally corrupt Party”. The same party is now the BJP’s “Natural ally. In the worst form of opportunistic political one up man ship Shiv sena had now become in Unnatural’ ally. Where have morality and ethics gone?

Pre-Assembly Poll Statements by the BJP Leaders

- a) October 11, 2014 – Shri Modi called NCP a “Naturally Corrupt Party”. He said, “Since the time the party was born nothing has changed, their leaders have remained the same. Do you know what their clock (party symbol) means? The clock shows 10 minutes past 10 which means in 10 years they have increased their corrupt activities 10 times,” at Pandharpur Rally. Source : times of India
- b) September 26, 2014. Devendra Fadnavis claimed that the alliance between NCP and BJP is impossible. Source: ABP News

Contradiction:

- a) November 12, 2014. The First BJP Government controversially won (The Congress Party feels that the procedure for trust vote was not carried out as per laid down norms) the trust vote in Maharashtra with the help of NCP.

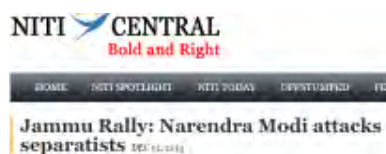
9. Alliance with Separatist in Kashmir

The BJP and RSS leaders have been reportedly meeting and tacitly supporting, separatist in Kashmir. Taking this forward the Prime Minister met Sajjad Lone.

‘Lone on 10th November, 2014 met Shri Modi during which the two are believed to have discussed the possibility of his working with BJP after the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir’. Source: First Post

BJP Stand as Opposition:

- a) December 1, 2013 at Jammu Rally Shri Narendra Modi BJP’s prime ministerial candidate attacked the separatists in the state. Source: Niti Central



Contradiction:

- a) November 10, 2014 - Former separatist and People’s Conference leader Sajjad Lone on Monday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi during which the two are believed to have discussed the possibility of his working with BJP after the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Asked whether there was a discussion on post-poll alliance, ***Lone said “let the results come out. Our party is not averse to having an***

alliance with anyone for we don't believe that party 'A' is good and party 'B' is bad." Source First post

- b) *"The BJP would welcome anyone who is ready to join Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his mission of development of Jammu and Kashmir"* said Ram Madhav, BJP National Spokesperson on 14th November, 2014

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10. BJP on CAG

For a party which drew sustenance from and built its entire political campaign before the LS elections 2014 on unfounded, highly speculative and motivate CAG reports – the BJP took a blatant U turn on the utility and purpose of U turns. First Shri Modi himself advised that CAG reports should not be used to targets political opponents in his farewell speech in Gujarat Assembly after becoming Prime Minister and then his Finance Minister auditors Shri Jaitley almost threatened the CAG asking not to sensationalize reports.

BJP's Stand as an opposition:-

- a) February 22, 2014 in Delhi, Smt. Sushma Swaraj said, The government made comments that CVC and CAG were hindering development. "These institutions are there to keep a watch, they are doing their jobs and making such comments shows an unhealthy thinking." Source: Economic Times
- b) On 7th January, 2011 Smt. Sushma Swaraj tweeted – "Kapil Sibal's comments on CAG are in conformity with Congress policy of destroying institutions."
- c) September 11, 2012 - then BJP spokesperson Ravi Shankar Prasad and now a minister in Shri Modi's cabinet said- "It is the Congress' scheme to first refuse, then deny and ridicule, knowing that the CAG will not be joining issue with them publicly since it is a Constitutional body. BJP condemns accusations against the CAG. BJP would like to know does he share the almost baseless allegations leveled by your official spokesperson? Source: Economic Times

d) On 8th November, 2012 then BJP spokesperson Prakash Javadekar, who is now a minister in the Modi Government said- “The CAG’s suggestions are very important. The way CBI has been misused, this issue needs to be debated,”

e) On 15th November, 2012 BJP Vice-President Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said the government keeps looking for ways to attack constitutional institutions like the CAG which is acting in a fair and independent manner.

Contradiction:

a) On 21st May, 2014 Shri Modi said that “I personally believe that CAG reports must not be used for political gains but utilised to find solutions.

b) On October 29, 2014 Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said, “CAG should not to sensationalize its findings to get into headlines. An auditor should remain conscious of the fact that he was reviewing a decision that had already been taken and must check if fair procedures had been followed”.

11. Rail fare hike

BJP’s stand while in opposition

a) To bring down prices was Shri Modi & BJP poll plank before elections.

b) In March 2012, after a marginal hike in rail fare by the then Government after 8 years, Shri Modi opposed the rail fare hike calling it “highly unjustified, since prices of a number of commodities are already ruling at a much higher level than people’s tolerance limits.”



c) ***How ironical, Sh. Modi tweeted on 7th March, 2012 against rail fare hike bypassing the Rail Budget and Parliament; he does a UTurn within two weeks of coming into power.***

- d) He even alleged that the hike was the result of a “communication gap” between the ministries of Railways, Energy, Coal and Environment.
- e) Shri Modi politicized the issue of inflation and spared no opportunity in attacking even on the most nominal fare hikes by the UPA government.

Does the same criticism now apply to his government as well? What happened to their claims of reducing prices?

Contradiction

- a) But instead of fulfilling his promise, one of his first major policy decisions as Prime Minister has been to hike rail fares. ***His government even before the Rail Budget and without giving normal gestation period for passengers who have already purchased tickets, increased the passenger fares by 14.2%, the highest ever in our history, and freight charges by 6.5%.***
- b) This move would fuel inflation and is against every promise he made in the election campaign. Higher freight charges will drive up the price of coal which will, in turn, make electricity more expensive.

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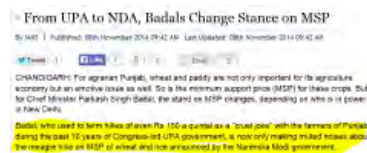
12. Blow to Farmers

The UPA during its 10 years hiked the MSP on wheat from Rs.630 in 2004 to Rs.1350 in 2014 and on Rice from 550 in 2004 to Rs. 1310 in 2014. The BJP Govt. after taking over has nothing but stabbed the farmer on the face. One is forced to wonder as to where is the Indian farmer headed.

BJP's stand while in opposition

- a) On 6th Apr, 2014 Shri Modi said – “Why should our farmers not get the right price? Farmers are not begging, they worked hard for it & should get good prices” (via twitter)
- b) On 13th April, 2014 at a rally in Karnataka Shri Modi sought votes on the promise of working hard for the farmers.

- c) On 20th March, 2014 Shri Modi on the chai pecharcha event said - “If we have to revive the country’s economy, we will have to boost the agriculture”
- d) The BJP manifesto (Lok Sabha Elections 2014) had promised MSP of 50% over cost of production.
- e) 25th April, 2014 – Pathankot rally, Shri Modi said- “If NDA comes to power it will ensure remunerative prices to the farmers by adding 50 per cent profit into the peasants’ input cost. We will fix the MSP (Minimum Support Price) of crops incorporating 50 per cent profit in farmers cost of production”



Contradiction

- a) In Oct, 2014 the Centre hiked the minimum support price of wheat by a meagre Rs.50.
- b) On 12th September the Modi Government issued a diktat to all state governments to not pay any bonus on paddy produce. The letter of the food and civil supplies ministry said “bonus by the state government distorts the market of the concerned commodity and drives private buyers out of the market in the state”.
- c) The Ministry letter dated 12th June, 2014 cautioned if the state gives bonus, the Modi Government will limit procurement for Central pool only up to the requirements of PDS and other food-related schemes. Earlier, the UPA government lifted the entire paddy procured by a state. Source: Indian Express
- d) “A change in policy like this may result in significant reduction of cultivation of paddy”, “reduce buffer stock” and “adversely the overall food security scenario of the country”, said one of the Chief Ministers. Source: Indian Express

13. Promise of Clean Politics, delivering tainted Cabinet

BJP Stand as Opposition

- a) 22nd April, 2014 –‘With a promise to cleanse the political system and Parliament from anti-social elements should the BJP comes to power, Shri Modi said his first job as the Prime Minister would be to set up a panel to probe pending criminal cases against the new MPs. Addressing an election rally in Hardoi, Modi said he would ensure that all offenders, irrespective of their political affiliations, were sent to jail after pleading with the Supreme Court to hear the cases against them expeditiously.’ Source: Indian Express



Contradiction

- a) Almost half of the 21 new faces inducted into Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Council of Ministers have declared criminal cases against them.
- b) Of the total Council of Ministers, 20 or 31 per cent have declared criminal cases against themselves, while 11 ministers or 17 per cent are facing serious criminal cases like attempted murder, inciting communal disharmony and electoral violations.
- c) HRD Minister Ram Shankar Katheria has a record of 23 cases, including one of attempt to murder against him, in the affidavit he filed with the Election Commission. Source: India Today
- d) This junior education minister also has fake educational degree charges against him. Source: NDTV
- e) Shri Nihal Chand accused of rape is a fugitive running from police and court summons. Even as he lords over his office in New Delhi and

appears for public functions in Rajasthan, the Rajasthan police tells the court that he is not traceable.

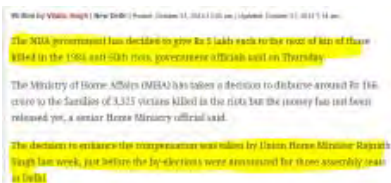
- f) Shri YS Chaudhary, the Minister for Science & Technology from Andhra Pradesh is a financial offender who has defaulted on loans from Public sector Banks to the tune of Rs 317 Cr. Source: Bank Employees Union Letter to the Management
- g) Has Shri Giriraj Singh against whom the income tax department is probing a case of unaccounted cash worth Rs1.14 crore and jewellery been made a Minister and clean chit given by the Finance Minister himself so that he can influence the probe?

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14. BJP's false announcement of Compensation to riot victims

False announcement on enhanced compensation

- a) As Delhi Assembly was about to be dissolved, the BJP on 30th Oct, 2014 planted stories on compensation for riot victims, however there was no such compensation in reality.



U Turn-Denial to the Election Commission

- a) But the Government later denied announcing any such scheme.



It clearly shows the design and pattern on which the BJP intends to base its politics and governance, not that the country expects any better from a party which for months strategized on horse trading and poaching of MLAs in Delhi. The BJP bereft of any concrete agenda in Delhi will do well if acknowledge that politics based on communal/ divisive agenda is only going to face muck and will be out rightly rejected by the electorate.

Compensation under Congress-UPA Regime

- a) In Nov, 2006, in move to depoliticize the topic of compensation, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had announced that based on the compensation given to anti-Sikh riot victims, Rs. 7 lakh ex-gratia would be paid to victims if communal riots take place anywhere in the country.

15. Diesel Deregulation

BJP Stand as an Opposition Party

- a) In 2013 when the UPA partially deregulated the price of Diesel, the BJP called it an “insensitive” decision and said that “people are being looted in the name of economic policies”. Source: Zee News 18th January, 2013
- b) “They (government) are saying that they are doing it in-principle and they will modulate it to the needs of the people. But this means that they are going to increase diesel prices and the diesel shock is coming in few days from now,” BJP spokesman Prakash Javadekar told reporters. “
- Ø What Kaushik Basu (PM’s Economic Adviser) was saying and has indicated is now confirmed by government in its written reply also.”.
- Ø “...And we oppose such a move because diesel is a basic fuel for all types of transport and that will have a cascading effect on price rise,” he said outside Parliament House:-***On 24th April 2012, Prakash Javadekar- The Hindu***

Contradiction

- a) However, on coming to power the BJP continued with the UPA's policy of deregulating diesel prices. Furthermore, in a complete U-turn from their stand on deregulation of diesel, ***Shri Jaitley in an interview to a news channel on 21st Oct, 2014 said that "we have only implemented the UPAs decision", not only this Shri Jaitley also went on to say that UPAs policy on Diesel was a sensible one.***
- b) While the crude oil prices in the International Market are at their 46 month low, the Modi Government is not ready to pass on the benefit to domestic consumers in the country. Since BJP assumed power in May, diesel prices have been increase at 3 occasions and even after the recent drop in the prices the reality is as follows-
- Ø While the crude oil prices have been dropped by a striking **35%** since Modi Government came to power.
- Ø The Diesel prices in the domestic market have only been dropped by a meager **5.9%**.

16. Non appointment of CIC, CVC

- a) Contrary to the high moral ground taken by the BJP in the run up to the election in regard to transparency and curbing corruption, the post of Chief Information Commission has been lying vacant since August, 22. This has further led to piling of various matters under the RTI Act, across all Government Departments.
- b) Another key constitutional appointment process is lingering under the 6 month old Modi Government. The Central Vigilance Commission which is the eyes and years to keep a check on corruption in Government Department has remained unfilled.
- c) During election speeches including in Amravati (29th March), Karnataka (30th March), Raigad (19th Feb) and several others - Shri Modi often used the term "Good Governance".

Contradiction

- a) Important mechanisms of checks and balances provided by our Constitution, of institutions like the CVC, CIC and Lokpal are indisplacable tenets- the crucial appointments the crucial appointments of them are stalled by the Modi Government for months. Were these issues only important during the Election campaign??

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17. Appointment of PP Rao : UTurn on Lokpal Panel

BJP stand as opposition

- a) While the BJP was in opposition, Smt. Sushma Swaraj said that the panel should be “free from such people” (Feb, 2014).
- b) BJP leader Sushma Swaraj stated that PP Rao, senior Supreme Court lawyer who the UPA appears to be backing, is a Congress loyalist.¹ (Source: Firstpost)
- c) On 3rd February 2014 – Smt Sushma Swaraj said submitted her written dissent on the appointment of Shri PP Rao in the Lokpal selection panel - “I have sought time from the President, ShriPranab Mukherjee, as I feel that if in the first step of constituting a Lokpal body the government would go by numbers and not consensus it would spoil the achievement of setting up this body. The people have waited for 40 years for a Lokpal to be set up and this is not the way to go about it”

After forming Government

- a) In an Affidavit before the Supreme Court of India (filed on September 12th, 2014) the BJP led NDA Government supported the appointment of Senior Advocate PP Rao to the post of eminent jurist in the Lokpal and the process put in place by the Congress led UPA for such selection. Shri PP Rao had been originally nominated by the Congress led UPA but due to disruptive opposition by the BJP the process could not be completed.

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18. Flip Flop on Holding Elections in Delhi

BJP stand as Opposition

- a) The BJP twisted and turned the government formation in Delhi as per their whims and fancies, buying time for itself to try and form government by way of horse trading and other illegal means.
- b) On December 13, 2013 the then Delhi BJP President Dr. Harshvardhan had said, “In view of the lack of clear mandate by the people of Delhi, BJP would like to sit in the opposition”.

The Contradiction (After forming Government at the Centre)

- a) “We will consider it (formation of government) provided Lt Governor Najeeb Jung calls us,” Satish Upadhyay, state BJP chief, said after meeting party MLAs on 17th July, 2014. Source: DNA
- b) In September 2014 the new Delhi BJP Chief Satish Upadhyay said that no party wants to face fresh elections and the BJP will explore possibility of government formation once it receives an invite to form government from the L-G. The reason why there was a change in the stance the BJP on this issue is that the BJP was actually exploring options to form government in Delhi by horse-trading and other illegal means.
- c) This was a shift in stand of the ruling BJP from what their stand was after the Delhi elections had concluded in December 2013. The BJP led Central Government appropriated the office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Ministry of Home Affairs to their advantage and deferred conducting elections to the currently suspended Delhi Legislative Assembly. So much so that the Supreme Court had to intervene and slam the centre over its undemocratic moves.
- d) The Hon’ble Supreme Court of India slammed the central government for not taking requisite action in government formation in the National Capital. On 10th September, 2014 - The Supreme Court told the Centre that horse-trading would continue if steps were not taken soon to form a government in Delhi. “Things better be done at the earliest, otherwise

horse-trading will continue,” a five-judge Constitution Bench led by Justice H.L. Dattu told the Centre. Source: The Hindu

- e) Thereafter on 28th October, 2014 - The Constitution bench led by Chief Justice of India H L Dattu said:
- “They (petitioner) may be justified in saying that these people (government) are trying to hoodwink the court. Nothing sincere has been done by you. This cannot go on forever. It is not such a big issue that the LG will take so much of time in taking a decision. He should have decided it one way or another. With the greatest of respect, we say the LG should have taken a decision by now.”
 - “Why was there a five-month delay in breaking the Delhi deadlock?” the apex court asked, adding, “The L-G should have taken the decision at the earliest.”
 - “In a democratic set up, people have a right to a government. Nothing seems to be done on this issue by you people. Why wasn’t all this done earlier,” the Supreme Court asked.

19. 180 degree on Article 370

BJP while in opposition

- a) The BJP in their election manifesto for the 2014 Lok Sabha Elections had very categorically stated, “BJP reiterates its stand on Article 370, and will discuss this with all stake-holders and remains committed to the abrogation of this article”. Source: BJP website
- b) On 11th November, 2014- MoS, PMO Shri Jitendra Singh said “All issues (including Article 370) which have been part of the BJP manifesto all these years will be part of the agenda. They will continue to be so,” the MoS, PMO, told reporters while inaugurating BJP Media Centre in Jammu for its “Mission 44+”. “The ideological issue (Article 370), toward which you point to, BJP’s stand is very clear on it and it is known to you,” Source: India Today

Contradiction (After the poll process in J&K started)

- a) On 27th November, 2014, the BJP released its manifesto for 2014 assembly polls in J&K. The document is silent on Article 370, which was an important agenda for BJP during Lok Sabha Elections. For several decades, BJP has been high-pitched in its demand that the article that grants special autonomous status to Jammu and Kashmir, be scrapped. Source NDTV
- b) On November 16, 2014 the Minister of state for external affairs VK Singh, however, took a conflicting stand, in an attempt to woo voters in Kashmir. “BJP never said Article 370 is to be removed or amended,” he said in Srinagar. Source: Hindustan Times
- c) On 20th November, 2014 - The BJP in-charge for J&K and Member of Parliament Avinash Rai Khanna said his party had **never demanded** the scrapping of Article 370. “Some elements are trying to create fear among the people by saying that the BJP wants to scrap Article 370.

20. Maximum governance, minimum government: a bad joke

BJP and Modi’s stand before last reshuffle

- a) When the Modi Government took oath in May, 2014, it attracted much fanfare by announcing that it will have a “small & compact” cabinet. The Prime Minister himself promised a lean cabinet along with merger of ministries to create ‘synergy’. On May 25th, 2014 Shri Modi referring to his compact cabinet said “Keeping our commitment to ‘Minimum Government, Maximum Governance’ we have made an unprecedented & positive change in Ministry formation.”
- b) On 26th May, 2014 when Shri Modi’s government took oath, 23 Cabinet minister and 22 MoS were sworn in.
- c) Much hype was created by the BJP quarter about this small sized cabinet and they claimed it to be unprecedented overhaul of the

ministries. ShriModialo said - Some government departments would be “transformed into Organic Ministries for quicker pace of work & better coordination between departments” (25th May, 2014).

Contradictory stand:

- a) On 9th November, 2014 the Modi Government realising its failure on various fronts did a major cabinet reshuffle. The much hyped compact cabinet of 45 ministers was expanded to 65 ministers.
- b) The adamant Modi Government failed to find a full time minister for the portfolio of Defence for 6 months, while India faced unprecedented incursion on its borders along China and Pakistan.
- c) Were Ministers’ in-charge of important ministries of Railways, Law & Justice and Health ministry were shunted out for their non-performance? Does this shunting out reflect Maximum Governance?
- d) The outcome of recent cabinet reshuffle still poses glaring question- What is the ‘synergy’ between Ministry of Finance & Information & Broadcasting Ministry (Both with ShriArunJaitley)?
- e) While coal and power remain together, the department of Ayush is made a full-fledged ministry, carved out of Health. Was the consideration ‘Maximum Governance’ or to accommodate a Minister?
- f) 20 of the 65 Ministers in ShriModi’s cabinet have self-reported criminal cases against them, including criminal cases like attempted murder, inciting communal disharmony and electoral violations etc.

This poses serious questions of ShriModi’s much hyped pre-poll planks of a criminal free parliament and ‘Minimum Government, Maximum Governance’.

21. Statements on Rape

After having pitched the slogan of “Bahut hua nari par vaar, abki baar Modi sarkar” incidents of rape spiraled across the country, especially in BJP ruled states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat, the Prime Minister’s colleagues in the Government, Shri Arun Jaitley, Sri BabuLal Gaur and Sri Ramsewak Paikra (Law Minister, Govt. of Chhattisgarh) came out with one insensitive statement after another. All trivialized rape and insulted women. The response of the Prime Minister to all this has been a resounding silence.

During Election Campaign to gather votes:

- a) On 2nd December, 2013 – “It (Delhi) has earned a bad name as the rape capital. When you vote, do not forget this. Remember Nirbhaya for a while”. Narendra Modi
- b) On International Women’s Day, I bow to Nari Shakti! Let us reaffirm our commitment to make women an integral part of our development journey. Shri Modi tweeted on Mar 08, 2014
- c) “This government is not bothered about women’s safety or farmers’ welfare,” said Shri Modi at an election rally in Maharashtra on 9th April, 2014.

After Forming Government at Centre

- a) “One small incident of rape in Delhi advertised world over is enough to cost us billions of dollars in terms of global tourism,” Mr Jaitley said at a tourism ministers’ conference on 22nd August, 2014.
- b) On 8th June, 2014 - “Such incidents (rapes) do not happen deliberately. These kind of incidents happen accidentally”: Ramsevak Paikra BJP Minister
- c) On 5th June, 2014 - “sometimes it’s (rape) right, sometimes it’s wrong” : Babu Lal Gaur Ex-CM, Senior BJP Leader and now a Minister
- d) ‘Women safety’ which was an important poll-plank for the Shri Modi, found no place in the 10 point agenda announced by him on assuming the office of Prime Minister.

- e) The one stop crisis centre or the rape crises centre scheme — conceived in the aftermath of the Nirbhaya case- has been rejected by the NDA government. The Rs.200 crore rupee project, which now stands scrapped, was expected to provide medical, legal, police and emergency services to women in distress. It has been reported that the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) is of the view that the scheme was 'unnecessary'. Source: TOI

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22. Arun Jaitley Demands Raise in Income Tax Limit to Rs 5 lacs but doesn't grant after becoming Finance Minister

Statement of BJP as Opposition

- a) On 20th April, while campaigning in Amritsar Shri Jaitley demanded that the Income Tax ceiling be raised from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh, which he claimed will benefit thirty million people.

Raise IT slab from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh, demands Arun Jaitley

AMRITSAR: BJP leader Arun Jaitley today demanded a rise in the income tax ceiling from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh, which he claimed will benefit thirty million people.

Addressing a meeting here, the BJP leader said, "Direct Tax should be reduced. If the Income Tax limit is raised from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh, 3 crore people will save Rs. 24 crore which will lead to a savings target of 1 to 1.5 per cent of National Tax Expenditure."

After assuming the office of Finance Minister:

- a) Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on 10th July, 2014 raised the I-T exemption limit to Rs 2.5 lakh.



Union Budget: Tax Exemption Limit Raised to Rs 2.5 Lakh

NEW DELHI, July 10, 2014

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23. Ban Rs. 1000 currency notes only when it suits BJP

BJP Leaders Statement as Opposition

- a) On 29th June, 2011 supporting Baba Ramdev, Shri Modi said that 1000 Rs notes should be banned.
- b) On December, 2013 while holding consultations on BJP's Vision 2025 document, Shri Nitin Gadkari said "There is another suggestion of doing away with Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes... we are deliberating on these proposals as we want transparency..."



Contradiction

- a) On 26th November, 2014 Shri Modi while visiting Nepal for the SAARC leaders meet announced that the ban in Nepal on Rs 500 and 1,000 denomination Indian notes has been lifted.



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