

Editorial

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On forged cheque issue: Opening Pandora Box

'War of words' between the opposition Congress party and the ruling BJP led government over the issue of forged Cheque Drawal Authority (CDA) is finally reaching catastrophe with some important issues finally unfolding to the public sphere.

First it hints about the probable involvement of Ministers, second it unfolds on how middle men are easily made scapegoats and thirdly it reveals the tendency to spark anger to government employees.

Not bad, the state government authority is not remaining silent to this issue and a person who was involved in the forgery has been detained and investigation is being carried out to punish whoever is responsible in the heinous crime. As according to the spokesperson of the Government of Manipur Th. Bishwajit, the state government will not tolerate any form of financial misappropriation and that no funds using forged cheque were withdrawn. On the other hand when the congress party which brought up the issue said that, hadn't the congress party revealed about the forgery, the government would have remained quiet.

Well silence, is no good, government's quick response to the scam is worth appreciation and the role being played by the congress party is also laudable. For sure some people who have been cheating and misappropriating the public money will be behind the bar.

The 'war of words' between the ruling and the opposition is now an eye opener to the public on how those in power misappropriated public money.

The case over the forged CDA may be solved but what is more interesting is that, this issue is the opening of the Pandora box.

The forgery committed here is for the Public Works department. The Works Minister, who is also the spokesperson of the BJP led government, had stated that the government had found more case of forgery and 9 more contractors are being questioned over this issue.

Small time cheaters, contractors or sub contractors are sure to face the music. But what is more worrying is - will this case wind up with the punishment of this few people without going on how and what gives these people such a crook mind in misappropriating the public money.

As per government source, the PWD account was exhausted on March 28 this year. Congress said over Rs. 30 crore have been withdrawn from the account after March 28. Funds for payment of salary for the government employees and other non-plan head have been diverted to this account, as alleged by the Congress. If this is what actually happened then those contractors or sub-contractors which are being investigated for the forgery are no different from putting as scape-goat.

A contractor or even top level bureaucrats will not be able to divert fund from non-plan head without the knowledge of Chief Minister, Finance Minister or the concerned Works Minister. The way the fund is being diverted will certainly have some motives which indirectly suggests that those three (mentioned above) in the government are certainly involved.

As this issue is being unfolded, the investigation over this at the level of District police superintendent or say at the level of top police DGP will not be able to drill the whole issue. In case if it is done then no public are going to believe to their findings.

What the BJP and those alliance political partners in the present government should understand is that - Congress had been in power and govern the state for 15 years and they have all experience on what and how things are going on in the government.

Now the 'war of words' has already begun and the Congress is not going to make U-turn until it unfolds the truth. If BJP and its alliance wants to save themselves, it is better that the government constitute an independent enquiry committee headed by at least one retired Judge. The idea of inclusion of an opposition MLA as well as two Journalists, as suggested by the Opposition is also not bad.

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Chanam Sandrok**

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This system is broken; Don't let yourself down!

Courtesy - Redspark

"We should be brave slaves, we should be biddable have nothing and say nothing. Our Answer: No!

(...) Politics means treason and lies, of fat-fed pigs in tailor-made suits.

Unity justice and freedom? No

Hypocrisy injustice and cowardice "

- Fard and Snaga - Talion 45

Let's take a look at the society we live in and at what kind of people are produced by this broken system - whether it's human scum like the child molester Silvio S., murderer of Mohammed and Elias, or the nazipig Christoph S., who urinated onto two migrant children in the train or the huge amount of junkies at Kottbusser Tor in Kreuzberg, Berlin or a lot of drugged hipsterkids at Warschauer Street. These are just a few examples of what kind of people are produced by this system.

And what do they tell us day by day? What kind of nonsense is given to us and primarily whose interests are behind it?

These are not our values!

"I live in a world where you are a bastard full of envy,

your employer is a friend and your neighbor is your enemy,

who is satisfied with wheat-beer and bread,

here honesty is punished but stinginess is rewarded "

- Bosca - In einer Welt // In a world

At an early stage we are trying to internalize the seemingly important values and norms of this society. In spite of the usual phrases of "tolerance" and "humanity", the reality shows which "values" are really important in this system. We are told that every single person can "do it" if he or she only works hard enough. "To do it" means nothing more than to make the most of your personal interests within the system so as not to perish in it. Even if statistics prove the opposite - for example when it comes to advancement and success opportunities of children from ordinary working-class families, especially migrants - compared to children whose parents have studied.

In this system it is clear that not everyone can make it, otherwise the

absolute majority of people would not have to sell their labor force under even more fucked up conditions in order to keep themselves alive and feed their families, while it is a tiny amount of exploiters in the boss chairs that only take its place by letting other people work for themselves and for the companies' profits.

What they want to convey to us with their lies, is that each one of us appears to be only interested in being able to come out on top as an individual here, in order to reach an as high as possible position. Even at school, we are raised up with competitive thinking and selfishness; to become single-minded people who can only make their way to "their goal" through elbow mentality.

Your TV is lying to you - Don't be fooled

Not that we as pupils, students, workers and unemployed - as oppressed and exploited - are not interested in a common goal. We have a common goal and interest that is no longer to be exploited and no longer remaining slaves ...

Other so-called "values" that we are taught here are subservience and blind obedience to the superiors, the state, their laws and henchman. In short - we should submit to this system and all its instruments and shut up even if we don't like it. If we don't do that, cops, prosecutors and intelligence agencies will hunt us.

So what we should see and be clear about is that we are only given the values that serve this broken system and are needed to keep it alive.

"They used our fear to create the collective enemy - but your brother was the enemy, the result: collective suffering."

- B-Lash - Ball die Faust zu einem Stein // Ball the fist to a stone

It is the same with the images of the enemies that the rulers create to divide the people. Islamophobia and racism are promoted by politics and the media. The rulers are laughing when the people oppose and fight each other instead of directing dissatisfaction and hate towards them - the real cause of all these problems. If you are a part of the oppressed masses then there is one thing that connects us: the common enemy - this broken system which exploits and subjugates us. We have a common goal - breaking this system completely.

National & International News

CBI questions former Deputy Governor of RBI, Harun Rashid Khan in connection with PNB scam case

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New Delhi, April 7,

The Central Bureau of Investigation, CBI, has questioned former deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India - Harun Rashid Khan in its probe into the PNB scam case. Mr Khan is the senior-most former official of the RBI to be questioned by the CBI in connection with bank scams involving jewellers Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi and relaxation of gold import rules in 2014 by the erstwhile UPA

government allegedly to the benefit of private traders.

His questioning revolved around the policy framework of the time when fraudulent Letters of Undertaking were issued by PNB to the firms of Modi and Choksi. Khan was also asked about 20:80 gold import scheme introduced by then finance minister P Chidambaram on 13th May 2014, barely three days before the counting of votes of 2014 general election. The scheme had allegedly helped Choksi's

company and a few other make windfall gains.

Earlier, CBI had questioned three Chief General Managers and one General Manager of RBI in connection with the case. The questioning of Mr Khan was a continuation of the examination of other RBI employees.

After questioning the PNB top brass, the agency has now shifted its focus to the policies which could have been exploited by Modi and Choksi to further their alleged cheating.

Standard of entrance exam for AIIMS cannot be diluted: SC

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The Supreme Court has said that the standard of entrance examination for premier medical college AIIMS cannot be diluted and has refused to do away with the online MBBS under-graduate entrance test for this year.

Some candidates have challenged the AIIMS online entrance test for MBBS courses to be held in May 26 and 27 in two shifts each day depending on the number of students taking the exam.

A bench of justices Arun Mishra and U U Lalit said in view of the difficulties pointed out in holding the off-line examination and the vulnerability of the same and advantages of on-line system of examination, we are satisfied that there is no merit in the Writ Petition.

Pakistani news channel Geo TV forced to go off air

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Pakistan's largest television network Geo News says it has been forced off the air by cable operators in most parts of the country. According to The New York Times, Mir Ibrahim Rahman, the chief executive of the network, Geo, said in an interview that they are off the air in 80 percent of the country, in a move widely seen as being forced by the military as it flexes its authority over civilian institutions. The network's channel assignment on the cable distribution network has also been lowered.

The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority has insisted that it was not behind the move and put out a notice for cable operators not to disrupt Geo's transmissions.

Geo officials took pains not to publicly blame the military, and the military did not respond to requests for comment about whether it was punishing the network. Nonetheless, the action against Geo is being seen as an unmistakable message from the country's generals that they would accept no negative reporting.

7,000 buses booked for flouting pollution norms in Delhi

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Over 7,000 buses, a majority from neighbouring states, were booked for flouting pollution norms in the national capital in the last six years, the Delhi government informed the state Assembly.

A total of 7,219 buses were challaned for not having valid pollution under check (PUC) certificates, from 2012-13 till February 2018, Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said during the ongoing session of the Assembly.

The highest number of buses, 3,328, that were challaned for the lack of valid PUC certificates, came from Uttar Pradesh, followed by 2,064 from Rajasthan.

The number of buses registered in Delhi that were challaned for violating pollution norms, was 643, during the period.

According to the minister, action against buses causing pollution picked up manifold in last one year. A total of 5,086 buses were challaned for lacking valid PUC certificates, from 2017-till February this year.

The number was quite low in the previous years, 244 in 2012-13, 216 in 2013-14, 506 in 2014-15, 189 in 2015-16, and 978 in 2016-17, he said in a written reply.

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The fine for not having a valid PUC is Rs 1,000.

The State Transport Authority of Delhi has no power to cancel permits of buses from other states violating norms in the city under

the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988. The Transport Department corresponds with their counterparts in other states in case offending buses belong to government undertakings.

As per a joint agreement among states sharing the National Capital Region (NCR), it is mandatory that buses entering Delhi are run on CNG