

6 April 2020, Monday

His Excellency Sri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India
PMO, New Delhi

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

If you are reading my letter, let me thank you for your generosity. Also I beg your apology for taking few minutes from your precious time and that too when the whole country is fighting with the pandemic Covid-19.

Let me appreciate few of your past initiatives like the abrogation of Article 370 and illegalising Triple Talaq. I would love it, if one day you could be able to revoke Caste System and declare Religion a private affair. Also we need to do better in Economy and Education. You see, so-called educated people too misunderstand you many a times.

I am an author and journalist from Odisha. But I am writing this letter just as any anonymous Indian. Let me tell you, I am one among the large part of the population which still hasn't joined either the group of Blind followers and Blind Critics. Social media users, at times, call them as Andh Bhakt (they are in different parties now) and Andh Samalochak (they are in different parties too). Fortunately I am not from either of the groups.

Yesterday you called for a 9 minutes nationwide blackout to show our unity in solidarity with the fight against Coronavirus. Few were spreading misinformation relating to your call with some numeric cosmic timing and fortune. Few others were busy mudslinging you as if they were forced to accept your call.

I did accept your challenge joining the movement with my family. We switched off all our lights and lighted a candle and an earthen Deep in our balcony. It was nice to see families in my neighborhood doing the same with all sanctity. My wife chanted some Mantras, my children spoke loudly to our neighbours next door. My mother accepted this as a pious ritual thing and prepared everything early in the evening and warned us all to be united sharp at 9 PM citing that Modi had made repeated requests. (Actually, television has shown your footage repeatedly.)

Many anticipated a change in voltage and frequency and the power grids might suffer as the national demand would be dropped. Then the Power Ministry came out with confidence that they would maintain the balance and concerned people were taking care of the grid related

issues. During those 9 minutes the Power Minister was seen sitting with senior officials and then proudly announced that nothing has happened, no change in voltage and frequency.

Sir, one question comes to my mind. Does the ministry show concern each night and does the Power Minister sit with his officials each night to check the voltage and frequency of the supply when all fellow Indians are going to bed for few hours? According to research Indians sleep 7 hours average. The research further says, they mostly go to bed between 11.22 PM to 12.33 AM.

I joined the challenge to show my solidarity as I did earlier during a big crime against Humanity or during any kind of protest or support rally. Sir, I don't know what exactly we gained last night by switching off our lights and lighting candles. But we lost a lot. The administration busy with their emergency duties fighting against the fire of Coronavirus was seen yesterday fighting real fire that broke out in many parts of the country. Like they did on 22nd March, thousands of fellow Indians came together on road with candles, fire torches and marched forward chanting "Go Corona Go" or something alike. In another video people gathered somewhere to burn the effigy of Coronavirus. Other few were seen merrymaking and celebrating on roads. In my city few went ahead to light and sound the night sky with crackers. I wonder where did they buy them! Few others were seen dancing on road with Mobile Flashlights in their hands. Actually in many parts of the country it's evident that people accepted your call as an opportunity to come out of their locked-down den. Was that the real purpose of your call?

It's true that a large part of the population did follow you rigorously without joining those mad groups. But like a bottle of poison contaminating a well full of water, these unruly, violent and mad followers have brought more problem than the solution. Like few people spread Coronavirus defying emergency guidelines to practice their religion and make the whole community be blamed, these unruly citizens have also spoiled all our efforts, though we obeyed all guidelines.

Dear PM Ji, it's too much. Our people are over enthusiasts much more than you expect. Two times you have examined our unity against Corona. It's too much now. Please don't give more tasks in future, at least during this epidemic. When you utter something, people listen to it differently and accept it as they wish to follow.

No more task please. Now it's time to fight against Corona and to show our unity to save our nation. You please make yourself busy in fighting Corona. The whole nation is with you and we all stand together, doing our bit in the ways we all can, contributing and working for the safety and betterment of our country.

If India successfully tackles the Pandemic with less casualties and as soon as possible, more credit will go to you. We all will be feeling proud of you, the government, the administration

and all those engaged in emergency services now. See, if it happens, no need to call people to show their solidarity. They will come of their own to clap and light candles in appreciation of your able leadership.

Not only will we the Indians, the whole world gather together to laud your achievement. And, if that day you see people marching on road with utensils or candles in hand, you will find me among them.

Hope we will rise soon and stand strong to celebrate the real Deepavali and Childrens Day together on November 14, 2020.

Thank you. More power to you my dear PM. More power to our fight against Corona.

Thanking you,

With best regards,



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