

Shame on you! You Pseudo-Secularists

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WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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Thus states the Preamble of our constitution, one of the most researched well thought over constitutions in the world. It took almost 10 years to draft a constitution that promised to provide all its citizens **Justice, Liberty, Equality** and aims to promote **Fraternity** assuring dignity of the individual among all its citizens.

It has been established beyond doubt that we are a **Democratic** republic. Atleast by the fact that we have had elections every two years and greatly enough, transition of power has always been smooth, we are democratic by the democratic standards of **Democracy**.

After experimenting for 50 years with a form of Socialism, which was half baked, directly exported from the former soviet union, now we have started to make reforms. i atleast hoped they are not half baked as the socialistic policies were, which unfortunately they are.

The most prominent point in the preamble is **SECULARISM**. It is so because, today after 53 years, (51 to be precise), this word is being over used, that its very meaning might get misinterpreted.

Secularism was the most interesting concept of the Indian constitution, when i was in High school. Not because i was an expert on Secularism, that i understood every aspect of it, but because it gave me holidays. Yes, every year, irrespective of religious divides, every Indian searches through the new calender for Diwali, Pongal, Bakhred, Christmas. Wow, *Secularism means Holidays*.

Let me implore this *Holiday secularism* a little further. By the fact that we are a secular country, we mean that no religion shall have prominence over the other religion. The state shall have no bias towards people of a selected religion. We shall not call our selves a **X- Republic of India** (unlike some of our neighbors). It also, in principle, means we have a **LAW** that is same for all. Oops! I am wrong. How can that be? We do not have a common law. We do not have, what is called in political terms - **An Uniform**

Civil Code. For us secularism means holidays, nothing less, nothing more.
Is this not pseudo secularism?

This very *Holiday Secularism* that we have been practising since independence, have become the hot topic of debate. Recent incidents have portrayed that Indian Secularism is under - (What! Holiday Secularism) Threat. Will I lose my holidays?

Since the days of Babri Masjid, that brought the ruling BJP into prominence, the political elite of this country have formed groups. *Saviours of Secularism (SS)* group and the *Betrayers of Secularism (BS)* group. Ok, let us see what they have in Mind??

The SS group, mostly led by the Congress, having credited with ruling India for around 40 years, claims to be the guardian of our holidays. Anybody can claim anything, let us see how justified their claims are. Yes, the Congress, having been in power for most of the time, have granted us holidays, sometimes more than what we deserve, but it doesn't stop here. If secularism means equality of all religions, why does the congress not want a Uniform Civil Code? Is it frightened of its vote base, traditionally the so called *Minorities and Backward Caste people?* (terms that i feel have to be abolished from Official Indian English.) The other proud members of this SS bandwagon are the - Ideologically separate but secularly one - communists (*You know, actually we are the same souls in different bodies*), and the Caste based parties, fighting with their very saviour (the congress) on who is more a SS.

Unfortunately, for the BS group and fortunately for the SS group, there has been attacks on places of worship of certain communities, that don't form a majority of Indian population. International press, have raised hue and cry over these incidents of violence and have started to portray India as an unsafe place for non-Hindus. Yes, they have to be condemned and the people responsible for such acts have to be punished accordingly. Along with these acts of violence there has been a stray word that i very often listen : *Conversion*. A word that is getting more and more popular.

Since, we are a secular country and we have a wonderful SS group, missionaries have been quite active in developing areas (i object to the word underdeveloped). Since the Hindu society has been talked of as a caste based society, (the same helped the British policy of divide and rule), these missionaries have been working hard with the so called downtrodden people. These missionaries have been helping them to redeem themselves and to free them from this - so called -caste based society. Ok, great job, but how do converted christians (or for that matter muslims) have castes? Aren't you not redeeming them from this evil? How can there be a backward class christian, when castes are just a phenomenon in the Hindu society ? *Oh! You know they have to be integrated into the society and hence they retain their caste Identity!?* Bull Shit! If casteism is only in the hindu society, how and why could/should Christians and Muslims have castes? They should

not have castes. Shit, castes are a part of the Indian Society and not a part of the Hindu Society.

These converts, i call them cowards, retain their Identity, because of - another evil - safe gaurded by our SS - *Reservation*. On one hand they convert, and on the other hand, they don't leave their caste identity, because they gain by this evil principle of reservation. A policy that has made Indians take pride in claiming to be more and more backward and fight for backwardness. (Something that is unique to India). These perpetrators of conversion, evil minded souls to the core, promise (unfulfiled) monitary benefits and try to attack man at his point of vulnaribility. Is this not EXPLOITATION of the principle of Secularism?

This social evil called casteism, ever irrigated by the waters of reservation, protected by the SS gardners, have created this religious divide among Indians. They have created these CONVERSIONS. How else can a pontiff - The Pope declare that the mission of this century is to convert Hindus. Indian Secularism is clearly misused. This is what our SS what too. How many of these SS people can stand upright and say, I have never in my life profited by Reservation and My aim shall be in eradicating the source of this social evil? Surely none, because many of these SS group's livilihood depend on this very social evil. In fact many of these groups, privately praise such practices as these *Identity Retained Converts* can associate with these groups more easily.

If for fifty long years, as these SS, claim, that reservation has achieved very little, (Fifty years mind you is $1\frac{1}{2}$ generations and the fruits should be visible), this policy is a failure? Abolish it, declare casteless laws, and you will see, many of these mischief monks jobless.

If more and more of people come forward to say, i am a casteless entity, the lifeline of this social evil will be cut. Where there are no castes, there is no place for these merciless Conversion, these missionaries have no job. Their true color can be exposed.

Dear Indians, Do you want to associate yourselves with these pseudo secularists. Secularism is ofcourse not just holidays, it is freedom to practise your religion, under a law common to all, but not to over practise it!

Shame on You! You Pseudo Secularists!, for having exploited an evil for the sake of your survival.