Is Congress Conning OBCs?
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North India’s leading political analysts often say in their personal conversations that the BJP is the party of the poor Brahmins while the Congress belongs to the elite Brahmins. Comparatively, it is easier to fathom the BJP deception. It is when one looks at the way these two parties deal with the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) that one clearly sees the fine distinction between these two dominant brahmanical parties.

Recently, the Congress-led UPA government raised the annual income bar for the “creamy layer” among the OBCs and has also decided to further divide the OBC reservation. Thus, with extreme cunning it has attacked OBCs.

The creamy layer ceiling that was earlier set at Rs 4.5 lakh, has been hiked to Rs 12 lakh for the metros and Rs 9 lakh for the rest. OBCs are fairly pleased with this. On the other hand, the government is all set to divide the 27 per cent reservation quota for OBCs. It is almost a done deal that 8 per cent of the reservation will go to backward Muslims. The rest will be divided between backward and most backward classes. Besides, the plan is that from within the same quota, 7 per cent will go to Denotified and Nomadic Tribes (DNT). On basis of the Bal Krishan Renke Commission Report, the Sonia Gandhi-led National Advisory Council (NAC) has given a green signal to this idea. Congress crown prince Rahul Gandhi is apparently participating in a rally being organized on this issue next month (February 2012) in Ramlila Grounds. If all goes well with the Muslim reservations issue this month, then next month there will be a further cut of 7 per cent.

This brilliant strategy has all but completely vanquished OBC politicians. First, making corruption an excuse, all the leaders who were at the centre of OBC politics, including some in UPA 1, were crippled and now comes this strategic assault on their support base. The Congress will go ahead with this propaganda that it accepted the higher ceiling for the OBC creamy layer, while OBC politicians will not be able to oppose reservations for Muslims, as their support base, in different ways, is dependent on Muslim votes.

First let’s look at the announcement to raise the income ceiling for the creamy layer, which has left a section of
OBCs extremely delighted. Why was there a demand to raise the ceiling? There were two main objectives. First, it will help clearing the OBC backlog because in central government jobs the share of this section hasn't even touched 8 per cent.

The second objective is emotional. The section among OBCs that has become relatively prosperous was expected to be the vanguard in the battle for social justice; a role played by the SC civil servants and other government officials, who rose because of reservations, for their communities. But because it remained outside the scope of reservations, this section of creamy-layer OBCs could not identify with the battle for social justice. Instead, this mostly urban upwardly mobile section has been seeking acceptability among the upper castes. This is the latest wave of Rajputization. The “merit-ism” of OBC youths associated with organizations like Youth for Equality is a result of such a mindset. These youths fail to perceive the historical context that, compared to an upper-caste student, severely limits the fruits of their parents' hard work, meager resources and their own “talent.”

Now one may ask if this nearly threefold hike in the creamy layer ceiling will accomplish either of the above-mentioned objectives. First, it will help clearing the backlog in government jobs for OBCs. First, people who were engaged in businesses and for whom it wasn’t easy to show their income to be within the Rs 450 thousand ceiling, they used to apply for jobs, etc., in the general category and, if successful, were kept outside the OBC quota. Now they will apply within the OBC quota and as it has been witnessed in almost all government jobs, if they succeed, they would be pushed into the OBC quota. It is worth noticing that those who earn within this kind of distribution, their proportionate share will be much too low.

Now let's talk about the second objective. This can be achieved only if the children of Class I and II officers among the OBCs are kept outside the creamy layer parameter, even if their annual income is over and above Rs 450 thousand. Thus, merely by raising the income bar, the expected vanguard within the OBC ranks will not rise, as it did among SCs. On the contrary, once divided among various categories the OBC leadership will further disintegrate and weaken. In the recent past, we had been witnessing the making of an OBC umbrella, under which all Hindu backward castes and backward Muslims from the OBC list, were uniting as part of the Pasmanda movement. With this step it will all but crumble.

In fact, the fundamental questions are far more serious, which
Congress’ MBC Love

Did it really look odd? On 17 December, in a public rally in Ramabai Nagar, UP, Rahul Gandhi introduced Congress’ favourite scholar and former chief of the Knowledge Commission Sam Pitroda by referring to his “Vishwakarma” caste. Obviously, it suited the occasion. The Congress had organized this huge MBC rally for which the length and breadth of UP was covered with publicity banners and posters.

Sam belongs to the carpenter (Vishwakarma) caste and is known for his “merit-ism”. One often hears him saying that OBCs do not need reservations, what is needed is expanding opportunities for everyone!

Meanwhile, one must welcome the fact that people like Rahul Gandhi and Sam Pitroda are beginning to take more seriously the fundamental reality of Indian society – caste. The question, however, is whether they really intend the exploited groups to have a share in power structures of knowledge and politics. One can go into the history regarding this. The “MBC formula” was implemented in Bihar in 1978 by the then chief minister of the state, Karpoori Thakur. He was the first one in the country to implement 26 per cent reservation for OBCs in government jobs. According to that “formula”, 12 per cent went to MBCs and 8 per cent to OBCs. The remaining 6 per cent went to women and other marginalized groups. The aim was to speed up development among OBCs and MBCs in a balanced manner.

In 2006, with a slight modification, the Nitish government began following the same formula. But the objectives of this BJP-supported government were different. On this occasion, while the MBC rhetoric was repeated, the aim was to ensure the victory of the upper-caste candidates both in the state assembly and Lok Sabha. In those areas where MBC votes could be decisive, Nitish Kumar, behind the cloak of MBC sloganeering, gave tickets to upper-caste candidates. As a result the incumbent government tasted huge success and the number of victorious upper-caste candidates rose unexpectedly high; and with regard to social representation, the Bihar state assembly in 2010 was worse than what it had been since 1970. Representation of all OBCs including MBCs fell. Even the number of Muslims came down. There were 79 upper-caste MLAs. In 1995, their number was 56, which means that in 1995, Bihar Legislative Assembly (undivided) had 17 per cent upper-caste members. Now they rose to 32 per cent, which is the same as their percentage in 1970.

All the current signs tell us that the Congress is taking the same course. Reservation for MBCs and backward Muslims is in itself a progressive step, but elite Brahmins in the Congress are conniving to use this for a reactionary counter-revolution.

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कांग्रेस का अतिपिछड़ा प्रेम

द्वारा इसके बाहर चूढ़ा आया या नहीं? जनवरी 2012 के राष्ट्रसभा नेतृत्व में आयोजित रैली से तालाब की जाने के मोहते विवाद और जाना आयोजन के पूरे अभ्यास के लेख पिछड़ा का परिचय उनकी जानी "विद्यमान" का जन लेख करवाया। जानते हैं, जैसे कि कांग्रेस द्वारा आयोजित विवाद अति पिछड़ा रैली का था, जिसके लिए उस प्रेम को कैच-पोर्टर्स के पास दिखाया गया है।

लेकिन 2006 में बिहार में ही नीतीश कुमार एक फॉर्मूला के साथ एक बार फिर इस प्रौढ़ भरती दिखी। लेकिन इस बार भाजपा के सहयोग से चल रही इस सरकार के उद्देश्य अलग थे। इस बार 'अतिपिछड़ा' के नामके के उद्देश्य पर विवाद वसा और लेखक ने खुद का उद्देश्य अवश्य तय किया था। नीतीश कुमार ने इस जानी के आदेश के लिए उन्हें स्वतंत्र राजनीति न हो, वे इन्हें जिस पद बिठाएं उसे आवश्यकता की स्वतंत्रता के लिए विवाद करने की जुगत में है।

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