

48. The Ever Skeptic opposition Fails in its design

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Latin philosopher René Descartes' proposition I think therefore I am loosely means we cannot doubt our own existence but Indian politicians have started doubting anything and everything including valor of our armed forces just to give politics in India their own hue. I doubt therefore I exist seems to be the new normal for the opposition political parties in India in a situation when the country is under severe terror threat from across the border. It is dealing with the strategy of thousand cuts inflicted upon it by its neighbouring country in a proxy war. Our armed forces have been answering them without fail and with an unparalleled courage.

But the way opposition political parties are responding to the offensive of the armed forces against terrorists as if the very existence of Opposition block in the country will be in jeopardy if they don't doubt it. Actually there is a motive and narrative behind it and the motive is to please minority vote bank. The opposition is working on this premise that by such action minority community will be pleased and vote for them even if they take such stand which is actually harming the interest of the country. So they doubt anything and everything done by the Bharatiya Janata Party government in the country. It appears that anything done by the BJP government even on issues related to security of the country must pass through the scrutiny of the Opposition. But the magnitude of the antagonism is such that it seems they are suffering from some disorder by repeating same thing again and again. On the contrary anything done by the so-called Opposition is self certificatory.

Let's see where the Opposition political parties are in doubt. Opposition parties doubt the very claim of the government that it had hit the terrorist camp of Jaish e Mohammad led by Masood Azhar at Balakot in Pakistan in which it is expected that over 250 to 300 terrorists were neutralized. But Opposition parties including the principal opposition Congress demands from the government the exact number of terrorists killed in the attack to be given. Similarly the opposition parties doubted the first-ever surgical strike conducted by the Indian armed forces in which not only launch pad of terrorists was demolished

but dozens of terrorists too were eliminated. But in this case also the opposition parties are demanding proof right from the time go.

They also doubt economic growth of the country, doubt the GDP numbers, number of beneficiaries of the government schemes, employment generated with schemes like Skill India, Start Ups, Stand Ups, MUDRA, Seekho and Kamao, schemes like USTAD and many more. As per the government records, these schemes have generated around 15 crore jobs but opposition behaving like a broken record of yesteryear and does not want to come out of the same very state of mind on every issue. It doubts electronic voting machine, it doubts Supreme Court, it doubts CAG, it doubts CBI, it selectively doubts the Supreme Court and it doubts Election Commission of India.

It questions Speaker of the Lok Sabha, it again selectively doubts Indian media but relies upon western media which in most of the cases parasite of India media. They doubt many other institutions of the country. But it works on certain pre-decided schemes like everything done by the BJP government will be doubted and attempt would be made to embarrass the government even on the issues related to the national security. So much so that even the nuclear test conducted by the Bharatiya Janata Party government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee government was doubted for its claim on the intensity of the explosion. They had doubted the government at the time of Kargil War.

There is a section that had gone to the extent of saying that Mumbai attack (26/11) was the handiwork of the RSS in which Azmal Kasab was caught red handed and later on hanged to death. A book also got published by an Urdu journalized which was released by none other than the Congress general secretary Digvijaya Singh. Lalu Yadav gave the theory that Godhara train was burnt by Karsevak themselves who were traveling inside. Former Union Home Minister Chidambaram asked for the exact number if it was 300 or 350. There is a long list of such questions being asked by the opposition and they work on the strategy shoot and scoot. But the strategy of opposition does not seem to working with the present dispensation at the Centre as there is no one to buy their perpetual doubting state of mind. The government has enough proofs to support its action from economic development to national security.