

# **SIR IS HERE TO SNACH AWAY CITIZENSHIP! TAMILNADU, STAND DEFIANT!**

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#### **Dear Working People!**

Following Bihar, the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has being implemented in 12 states and union territories including Tamil Nadu. Within a few days of this process being enforced, it has claimed many lives. Due to unbearable workload, mental stress, torture and pressure from superiors, 28 government officials (BLOs) have already been died in West Bengal alone; similarly, suicides and deaths continue across the nation in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Kerala; this SIR, which is supposed to be a routine process to verify voters, has turned into a bloodthirsty demon claiming human lives everywhere.

In Tamil Nadu too, a government employee attempted suicide. The situation has reached a point where revenue department employees in Tamil Nadu are protesting and boycotting SIR, citing its hasty implementation without proper training or time, and unbearable workload and torture. If this is the condition of government employees, what would be the plight of the people?! People are waiting at home without going to work, wondering when they can submit application forms amidst 12-hour workdays and daily life problems; even if they go to voter camps, they are harassed as they unable to submit the documents demanded by election officials; the situation is even worse for the illiterate poor working people and rural folk; they stand confused and bewildered, with no answers to questions like where to get the application, how to fill it, what documents to attach, where to get them, what happens if their name is not on the list. In short, both the people and government employees are confused, living in fear, annoyance and anger.

Just as the entire nation was plunged into chaos after demonetisation was announced, today too confusion and fear surround the people. Back then, the saffron-fascist clique mocked the people dying in queues outside banks, saying "Don't army soldiers stand at the border for the country?" Today, it would be no surprise if they speak similarly seeing the dying BLOs and people!

Why must the Modi clique subject people to so much misery and torture? Why must this be implemented hastily, without giving time? Are these merely administrative blunders due to poor planning? Is it enough to just correct these aforementioned blunders?! No.

The Modi government said "demonetisation was to eradicate black money". Similarly, the Election Commission says SIR is "to remove fake voters and create an integral list". But wasn't it later proven that "demonetisation" was carried out to loot people's savings and serve a feast to corporates, and to bring the informal economy into the banking system to tax and exploit people?! Similarly, the Election Commission's claim that SIR is "to create an integral voter list" is also a farce. A terrifying conspiracy is hidden behind this SIR process! In fact, what is being implemented now is not even SIR!

## **What is being implemented now is not SIR at all!**

In the case filed by opposition parties and civil society organizations against SIR, the Supreme Court asked the Election Commission, "Under which statutory provisions, rules, or guidelines are you implementing SIR?" In its reply-affidavit, the Election Commission stated that it is "following the SIR guidelines formulated in 2003."

This is a brazen, astronomical lie that the Election Commission has dared to utter even in the Supreme Court! In reality, the guidelines for the 2003 SIR are nowhere to be found, neither on the EC's website nor in internet archives. When activists like Sudha Bhardwaj asked for them under the RTI Act, the Election Commission refused to provide them, giving various pathetic excuses. However, social activists Yogendra Yadav and organizations like the 'Association for Democratic Reforms' (ADR) somehow managed to search and retrieve these guidelines. Examining the 2003 guidelines and several news reports published back then makes it clear that what is happening now is not SIR.

The last SIR conducted in our country before this was from 2001 to 2004. Contrary to what many think, it was not completed in a single phase. It was conducted in multiple phases; the entire SIR process across the nation took over 4 years to complete. According to Times of India reports from August 2001, SIR was conducted in 20 states and union territories. Most importantly, when SIR happened then, **the Election Commission did not begin with any set deadline, and certainly not a deadline of few months**. Each phase of SIR then took over 6 months to complete fully. The entire process across the nation took over 4 years.

But now, in stark contrast, right from the start of this SIR, the Election Commission has **fixed a deadline of "completing the entire process within 3 months"** (first month: public application and provisional list, second month: application by those left out, third month: final list publication). It has audaciously lied in the Supreme Court that this '3-month deadline is part of the 2003 guidelines'!!

Further, the SIR started in 2003 as another phase **exempted** states where elections were due soon – Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir. It also exempted all states that had just undergone bifurcation – Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh & Sikkim, and other north-eastern states. SIR was implemented in these states only in 2004, after elections were over. In short, **SIR was not implemented then in states going to the polls or states that had just been bifurcated!** This is the practise the Election Commission followed! **But now, it is being implemented in a tearing hurry, targeting states like Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Kerala where elections are due in the next 5-6 months!!**

Furthermore, the Election Commission told the Supreme Court that the 2003 SIR guidelines asked for 4 documents from voters, including the voter ID card, but now they are asking for 11 documents. But in reality, **no document was demanded from voters in 2003!** Election officials went door-to-door only to verify the voter list by comparing details to identify deceased or relocated individuals; **no applications were filled like the present SIR**; election officials used the existing voter list itself as reference. In some places, applications were exceptionally collected only from those who had relocated. Most importantly, **no citizenship-related documents were demanded** for someone to get voting rights.

However, the 2025 SIR is the opposite in all these aspects. Paragraph 32 of the 2003 guidelines clearly states, "Verifying a person's citizenship is not the job of the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO)." But the notification issued by the Election Commission on June 24, 2025, states that for a person to get voting rights, **"his/her citizenship will be verified."** Furthermore, it states that previously accepted documents like the voter ID card are invalid; and that the **11 documents**, which also verify the citizenship of the voter's lineage, must be submitted.

Next, according to Paragraph 12.8 of the 2003 SIR guidelines, **"the onus"** to ensure no eligible voter above 18 is left out of the list lies with the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO). But now, the BLO will come

door-to-door to give the application form; it is the people's responsibility to wait, receive it, fill it, and submit it; whether the form comes or not, whether it's filled and submitted or not, is the people's responsibility; the Election Commission or the ERO bears no responsibility. Not only that, most importantly, it is the responsibility of **every Indian voter to submit all documents specified by the Election Commission and prove that "he/she is an Indian citizen"**! This is why civil organizations like ADR say the SIR conducted then aimed for **mass inclusion** of all eligible voters, but the current SIR aims for **mass exclusion** of a large number of voters.

Therefore, in all respects – setting a deadline for SIR, conducting the entire process within 3 months, hastily implementing SIR targeting poll-bound states, demanding 11 documents proving the citizenship of the voter and their lineage, making proof of citizenship a basis for voting rights, and shifting that burden onto the voter – it is clear that the current SIR is being conducted **in direct opposition to the 2003 guidelines and all SIRs conducted so far!!**

Following the implementation of SIR, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who came to Tamil Nadu, brazenly and arrogantly lied, "SIR has been conducted over 12 times in India so far; was the Election Commission a puppet of Congress then; was DMK, which was in the Congress alliance then, opposing it only now for its political gain?" Our criticism is that DMK is not firmly opposing SIR; it is opposing it based on its cheap vote-catching calculations! However, the claim by Nirmala and other saffron fascists that they are now undertaking a routine process like the SIRs conducted so far is a blatant and shameless lie!

Nirmala Sitharaman is spreading this lie before the media, cameras, and the people of Tamil Nadu! The Election Commission is spreading it before the judges, right in the Supreme Court! The reason saffron fascists behave like this is nothing but arrogance and audacity, thinking 'who can do anything to us'!!

### **What is being implemented under the guise of SIR is NRC!**

It is clear that what the Election Commission is implementing now is neither a routine voter verification nor revision! It is clear that the process now is not an SIR at all! Then what else is it?

To understand this, one must first understand what NRC is.

The RSS has long been propagating the poisonous narrative that "immigrants from countries like Bangladesh and Pakistan (or termites, as Amit Shah calls them) are not only eating away our country's resources but also gaining voting rights and making anti-India forces win elections; therefore, their voting rights and citizenship should be snatched." The saffron-fascist clique portrays not only illegal immigrants and refugees but all Muslims of the country itself as "foreigners", "infiltrators", "illegal immigrants", and "doubtful persons".

In our country, the saffron-fascist gang has long been working to establish the blatant exploitation and dictatorship of corporations and to transform India into a Hindu Rashtra. **Those who are an obstacle to this goal - communist revolutionaries, leftists, democratic forces, intellectuals, rationalists, journalists, social activists—in short, all those united in opposition to the RSS-BJP—are being virulently propagandized as "Urban Naxals", "anti-nationals", and "foreign agents"**. There is a hate-filled campaign that they should be deported, sent to Pakistan.

Therefore, their goal is to strip citizenship not only from illegal immigrants and refugees but also from the aforementioned groups, including Indian Muslims; **to deport them; to imprison them!** This is the Hindu Rashtra they envision and wish to build!!

This poisonous propaganda gained legal legitimacy in 2003. The Citizenship Amendment Act brought in 2003 during the BJP government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee—whom DMK leader Karunanidhi praised as

the "right person in the wrong party"—for the first time introduced the new term "illegal immigrants" into the citizenship law; added clauses that "they should be imprisoned or deported"; and through this, imposed the condition that for a person to gain citizenship by birth, "their parents must be Indian."

**It determined three periods, cut-off dates for a person to acquire Indian citizenship.**

**Accordingly..**

1. Only those born in India between January 26, 1950 and July 1, 1987 are Indian citizens by birth.
2. Every person born between July 1, 1987 and December 3, 2004 must submit the date and place of birth certificate of one of their parents and prove that they are Indian citizens.
3. Every person born after December 3, 2004 must submit the date and place of birth certificates of not only themselves but both their parents and prove that they are Indian citizens.

Based on the above, it stated that the citizenship of every single one of 100 crore Indian people must be verified. That is, in the name of identifying and weeding out "infiltrators", it called for conducting a National Register of Citizens (NRC) across the country to strip citizenship from Muslims and BJP opponents.

**The rules for this NRC are clearly specified in Section 14 A of the CAA Act 2003:**

**14 A Regarding issuance of National Identity Card...**

1. The Government of India must register all citizens in India. They must be issued a National Identity Card.
2. The Government of India shall create and maintain a National Register of Indian Citizens. It may create a National Chief Registrar/other responsibilities for it.
3. After the Indian Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2003, the Indian Chief Registrar shall serve as the officer responsible for creating the Register of Indian Citizens.
4. The Central Government has full authority to appoint, remove, and transfer the necessary officials and staff for these purposes.

**Regarding the creation of the National Population Register (NPR)...**

1. The Government of India must, for this purpose, go door-to-door across the country and collect necessary details. It must verify the citizenship of the people.
2. The time frame for converting from census to government register may also be determined by the Chief Registrar appointed as above.
3. The officer appointed to create the local-level citizens' register is empowered to collect, verify, and monitor the details of local people.
4. During this verification, these officers must note who are all "doubtful citizens". Those people will fall under the category of "doubtful citizens".

If NRC is implemented, all the citizens across the country **will first be decitizenized**. Then, each and every one of the 100 crore people must prove to them that "they are indeed Indian" by submitting the documents demanded by the saffron-fascist clique. Thus, anyone hated by that gang can easily be stripped of citizenship and confined in detention camps or deported.

Although this was legally enacted as early as 2003, the saffron fascist clique did not have the mass base to 'justify' this among the Hindu populace. After coming to power under Modi's leadership in 2014, the hate propaganda and repression against not only Muslims but also the aforementioned BJP opponents reached a new height. It somewhat successfully built its social base among Hindus. Following this, the Modi gang,

which sat in united ruling power with brute force in 2019, was eager to implement NRC. However, due to protests and strong opposition from Muslim people, students, etc., it was temporarily halted.

The Modi clique, which was fretting over how to implement its 'dream scheme', somehow discovered the process called SIR! It has transformed SIR, which until now was just a routine voter verification, **into a masked weapon to implement NRC**. It has attempted to implement NRC in a back-door, conspiratorial manner!

We have seen what NRC is. Looking at the relationship between it and SIR, this truth becomes even clearer.

In the nationwide SIR announcement issued on June 24, 2025, the Election Commission divides voters into two broad categories. One, those who were on the electoral roll in the year 2003. Two, those included in the roll after 2003. It says that those in the first category are sufficient to attach a copy of the electoral roll proving that their name was on the electoral roll before 2003. Those in the second category, i.e., those added after 2003, must submit one of the 11 documents stated by the Election Commission and prove that they are Indian citizens.

**The Election Commission further divides this second category into three major sub-categories:**

- 1) Those born before July 1, 1987 must submit their birth certificate (date and place of birth) and some of the 11 documents stated by the EC.
- 2) Those born between July 1, 1987 and December 2, 2004 must submit their birth certificate along with the birth certificate of one of their parents.
- 3) Those born after 2005 must submit all: their own birth certificate, and the birth certificates of both their parents.

From where has the Election Commission taken these cut-off dates imposed for a person to prove their citizenship and gain voting rights? **It is from the very CAA Act 2003 we saw above!** Compare it, and the truth will be clear!

Next, going door-to-door to verify citizenship and asking for documents for it is also undertaken exactly as per the CAA Act 2003. In 2019, NRC was successfully implemented in Assam, stripping citizenship from 19 lakh people including Hindus and Muslims. At that time, the Modi government, which conducted it in Assam through an application-based process, said that across the country it would be conducted through an enumeration-based process. It is based on this that the Election Commission asks us to fill and submit the enumeration forms given to us. Furthermore, the EC has stated that the SIR being implemented across the country now will not be implemented in Assam. Why? Because NRC has already been implemented there!!

So, from whatever angle you look—the cut-off dates, citizenship verification, the rules set for these, the exemption given to Assam—what the Election Commission is implementing is not voter verification or revision! It is citizenship verification! It is not SIR at all! It is NRC!!

The Election Commission's official guidance publicly states that if a person fails to submit the documents demanded by the Election Commission during the SIR process or otherwise cannot prove their citizenship eligibility, officials may declare them as "suspected foreign nationals." (If a person's eligibility cannot be proved during the SIR, "due to non-submission of requisite documents or otherwise," officials may designate them as "suspected foreign nationals.") Furthermore, this declaration by the Election Commission declaring a person as "suspected foreign nationals" is also based on the aforementioned Section 14A of the CAA Act 2003!

Speaking at the Border Security Force's diamond jubilee celebration in Gujarat on November 20, Amit Shah said: "SIR is to remove infiltrators from the electoral roll and purify the list; just as security personnel

guard the border with guns to prevent infiltrators, SIR protects our electoral democratic process from infiltration; opposition parties opposing this want infiltrators in the voter list; who becomes PM or CM of this country should be decided by the citizens of this country, not foreigners." He has revealed the true objective of SIR. Moreover, he said, "Infiltrators must be thrown out of the country." These lines are aimed at all who oppose the BJP! Compare Amit Shah's words with the EC's announcement, the true intent of SIR will become clear!

Therefore, we are not saying this merely based on the differences between the SIR implemented in 2001-2004 and the one being implemented in 2025! **We state this truth emphatically by comparing it with the CAA Act 2003 as well!! What is being implemented in our country is not SIR at all, it is NRC!!**

### **If NRC is implemented...**

What does it matter to us if SIR or NRC is implemented? Many may think that they are going to remove refugees and illegal immigrants from abroad; what does that have to do with us?

Even according to the Election Commission's official data, through SIR, the voting rights of over 50 lakh people out of Bihar's 7 crore voters have been stripped. Opposition parties and activists state that the actual number is many times higher. **When asked how many of those removed are "illegal immigrants" or "refugees", neither the Election Commission nor Gyanesh Kumar have responded.**

At the time of demonetization, the saffron-fascist clique peddled a cock-and-bull story, claiming: "There is a huge amount of black money in circulation in the country; if demonetization is done, a large amount of black money in circulation will become invalid; therefore, terrorists and anti-nationals will not be able to use it." But after demonetization, 99.6% of the currency in circulation returned to the banks. Only 0.4% did not return. Then some honest intellectuals began to spit at the Modi government by asking "Did the Modi gang harass the entire nation just to invalidate this 0.4% of money?" Similarly, today after SIR was implemented, a field investigation by capitalist media like *The Wire* has revealed the truth that "foreigners" constitute a mere 0.012% of the total voters removed. Are you stripping the voting rights of 7 crore people just to catch this 0.012%? The stated 'objective' of the Election Commission has been ridiculed to the extent that journalists themselves mock it as "using a hammer to kill a fly sitting on your nose." The Election Commission, through its silence, accepts this truth!

So, the claim that illegal immigrants have increased in the country; that they are changing and affecting the demographic balance; that they have become a decisive force in electoral democracy - is a rotten lie! This is nothing but the vile poisonous propaganda used by the saffron-fascist gang to spread hatred against domestic Indian Muslims!

So, if removing "illegal immigrants" and "refugees" is not the primary objective of SIR, then what is? In truth, the NRC being implemented under the guise of SIR is a conspiratorial scheme aimed at stripping the voting rights and citizenship of all those who oppose the BJP, including Indian Muslims! We can understand this by looking at how SIR was implemented in Bihar.

Through SIR in Bihar, lakhs of people (65 lakhs according to the draft list, 47 lakhs according to the final list) out of 7 crore voters have been stripped of their voting rights. This disenfranchisement did not happen uniformly or widely across the entire state; the list of those removed proves that it was targeted precisely at areas with higher Muslim populations and districts, constituencies, and polling booths where opposition parties like RJD, Congress have historically won.

Bihar has a total of 90,712 polling booths. According to the draft voter list, out of the total 65 lakh voters removed, 30 lakh voters - approximately half of those removed - have been removed *en masse* from only

20,368 polling booths. The north-eastern region of Bihar comprising four districts - Purnia, Katihar, Araria, and Kishanganj - is called "Seemanchal". Seemanchal comprises 24 assembly constituencies (out of Bihar's total 234) and 4 parliamentary constituencies. **Seemanchal is not only an area with a high population of Muslims, Dalits, and poor working people but also a region where parties like RJD and Congress have historically won massive victories.** Here, the voting rights of the majority - 7,69,914 people - have been stripped.<sup>1</sup>

During the on-going SIR process, Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary (from BJP) gave an interview to the Indian Express newspaper, saying: "The number of applicants demanding residence certificates in this Seemanchal is increasing; many of these applicants are those who have immigrated here from other countries. We suspect that many people in Kishanganj district [a district in the Seemanchal region] may have come from Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan. Therefore, central and state governments and the Election Commission must monitor whether illegal immigrants are living stealthily in India." By stripping the voting rights of seven and a half lakh people in Seemanchal, the Election Commission has carried out this order, dancing to the tunes of the BJP.

Another district, Gopalganj, comprises 6 assembly constituencies and 1 parliamentary constituency. Here alone, about 3 lakh people have been stripped of their voting rights. Here too, the vast majority of those disenfranchised are Muslims and Dalits.

Hindus should not think 'what is our problem if it's only Muslims facing trouble?' After the Election Commission released the final voter list on September 30, the website *The Wire* conducted a study. According to it, in the 92 general constituencies where the opposition MGB alliance won in the 2020 assembly election, an average of 1624 votes have been stripped per constituency. Similarly, in the Dalit reserved constituencies won by that alliance, an average of 1170 votes have been stripped per constituency. Whereas, in the 105 general constituencies won by BJP, an average of 1363 votes have been stripped per constituency. Similarly, in the Dalit reserved constituencies won by that alliance, 1223 votes have been stripped. Since Muslims, Yadavs, and Dalits are the base of the RJD party in Bihar, it is revealed that vote-stripping has targeted even **'Hindus' who vote for them.**

The Election Commission has announced that it will provide the list of the 50 lakh people stripped of voting rights to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Similarly, it will submit the list of those removed through SIR conducted across the country to the Modi government. **There is a danger that the Modi government may declare anyone among them as "not a citizen."** What is this if not NRC?!

If NRC is implemented, first all of us will be decitizenized. We will be forced to prove our citizenship in front of officials from the Modi-Amit Shah gang. Think about it, we will be standing in long queues to prove our citizenship. In this country where a corrupt bureaucracy takes 500, 1000 rupees even for a simple ration card or caste certificate, can we acquire citizenship so easily? Let's look at the example of Assam: There, not only Muslims were affected. The innocent poor Hindu people, sons of that soil, were the ones affected in the largest numbers. Out of the 19 lakh people stripped of citizenship, approximately 12 lakh are Hindus. Landless people, tribal communities, those who lost documents due to floods and natural disasters - none of them will be able to acquire citizenship through this. Moreover, according to official data itself, 38% of people in the country do not have a birth certificate. So, imagine what it would be like to prove that one's parents indeed gave birth to them!

The NRC, to be expanded nationwide, aims to categorize all people without documents as illegal immigrants and confine them in torture camps. In India, there are crores of people living on roadsides, as

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<sup>1</sup> Bihar's draft voter list was released on August 1. Following that, 20 lakh voters have been added. This number is based on the draft voter list. However, even in the final voter list, there has been no major change or addition in these areas.

nomads, affected by floods and natural disasters, without any documents. Where will they go for birth certificates, educational certificates, bank accounts?! So, those oppressed people will also lose citizenship.

The Modi government stated that if a person's name is not on the NRC list, they must prove their citizenship within 90 days. Anyone can raise suspicion about a person on the list. That means if any BJP member in that area raises suspicion about a progressive, activist, communist, that alone is sufficient to declare them as "doubtful" and strip their citizenship. Even if one acquires citizenship once, the Foreigners Tribunal has the power to declare anyone as 'doubtful' at any time. Such a rule has been created precisely with the objective of weeding out those who stand at the forefront of people's struggles, those belonging to movements and parties, rationalists. **Anyone among Muslims, progressives, communists can be declared as a doubtful person by saying their documents are not in order.**

Therefore, even if your name appears in the current SIR, even if you acquire voting rights now, in the future if you speak against or struggle against the Modi government or privatization policies, why, even if you breathe against them, you too will be declared as **"infiltrators"** or **"doubtful persons."** Why, even if you struggle for your basic needs and demands, you will be declared as such. The Foreigners Tribunal has the power for this.

To imprison Muslims, progressives, communists, democratic forces declared as non-citizens, **detention camps modelled after Hitler's concentration camps** are being built across the country. The Union Home Ministry sent guidelines to state governments for creating such camps in April 2014 and September 2014, twice. Based on this, the Home Ministry has sent guidelines for creating model detention camps to all states and union territories. On July 2, 2018, the then Minister of State for Home, Nityanand Rai, informed the Lok Sabha that state governments have been ordered to set up detention camps. Furthermore, responding to a question raised in the Rajya Sabha on December 11, 2019, he said, "All states have been ordered to set up detention camps to hold illegal immigrants and foreigners for the purpose of deportation." Moreover, what the central government stated in the Karnataka High Court on November 28, 2019 was: "We have ordered the state government twice, in 2014 and 2018, to create detention camps to hold foreigners who have illegally immigrated to India."

The first detention camp in Assam was built in 2008. After that, three more camps were built in 2011. Currently, the Assam government is building over 10 camps. Six of them have already been built. Among these, the camp built in Goalpara district has been built at a cost of Rs.460 million. It is a massive camp built over 2,88,000 square feet (the size of 7 football fields) capable of holding 3,000 people. In response to a question raised in the Rajya Sabha in November 2019, the Assam Home Ministry replied that so far, 988 people have been held in 6 detention camps and 28 of them have died.

Three camps are being built at various locations in Delhi. The camp in Maspura area of Goa was opened as early as May 2019. A camp has been built 40 km from Bangalore in Karnataka. It is said to be operational from January 1, 2020. A camp has been built in the Navi area of Mumbai. Land is being sought to build another camp. A camp is being built in Tandaan district of Punjab. A camp has been built within the Alwar Central Jail complex in Rajasthan. Two camps are being set up in West Bengal.

To build camps to incarcerate lakhs of people, Rs.1,24,000 crore needs to be spent. Then there are food and maintenance costs. A huge sum needs to be spent on creating commissions, courts, and buildings for them, and staff salaries is required too. It is estimated that approximately Rs.15 lakh crore will be required; P. Chidambaram and many others cite this estimate.

The fascist Modi gang is preparing to spend such a huge amount to weed out all those who oppose it, in order to **establish the blatant exploitation and dictatorship of corporations and transform the country into a Hindu Rashtra.**



Will all this really happen? Can the Modi government strip the citizenship of so many people? Can they be confined in detention camps? Will international countries just watch all this? Sounds like a far-fetched dystopia, right? **When Israel massacred and piled up one lakh innocent people including children born in Gaza, which international country stopped it?!** Didn't all countries and the UN just pass by with some condemnations and resolutions for the sake of formality?! Similarly, even if the Modi government confines lakhs of common people in detention camps tomorrow, what is going to happen!

A few months ago, the Modi government, under the pretext of interrogation, took 40 Rohingya refugees including women, children, elderly, and cancer patients, and left them adrift in the deep sea. Not just refugees, it took 6 innocent Indian Muslims, including a full-term pregnant woman from West Bengal, under the pretext of interrogation and left them at the Bangladesh border. Compassion and fascism have no connection whatsoever! Fascism will not hesitate to commit any heinous act! Whatever fate befalls refugees and Muslims today, the same fate awaits Hindus who speak against or struggle against the Modi government tomorrow!

Therefore, what we have stated above are not exaggerations it **an alarm bell for the greatest catastrophe** about to occur in our country! If we do not arrest this now, we will certainly enter a dark age beyond our imagination!!

### **The Election Commission has become a Puppet of the BJP**

Can such a danger be averted by appealing to and pleading with the Election Commission? Over the past decade, just as it has infiltrated and fascitize all government organs including the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate, as well as the judiciary, the Modi gang has also turned the Election Commission into its puppet!

Although since 2014 the Election Commission has carried out various manipulations and frauds in favour of the BJP, the final death knell for its so-called independence was struck in 2023. In the year 2023—just a few months before the parliamentary elections—the BJP government passed the Election Commissioner Appointment Act. According to it, a three-member committee comprising the Prime Minister, a Cabinet Minister, and the Leader of the Opposition selects the Chief Election Commissioner. That is, they passed this law against both the Constitution and natural justice, **ensuring that two out of three votes are in the hands of the BJP government.** Through this, they created a situation where only a person indicated by the BJP becomes the Chief Election Commissioner. The BJP forced the then Chief Election Commissioner, who had tenure until 2027, to resign. Subsequently, Rajiv Kumar and Gyanesh Kumar, who were slaves of the BJP, became successive Chief Election Commissioners.

Thus, having been completely transformed into a puppet of the BJP, the Election Commission announced the elections in 7 phases, conveniently allowing for the Prime Minister's campaign tours and the successful execution of the vote theft. It blatantly designed the dates specifically to allow Modi to extensively tour and campaign in states like West Bengal and Odisha. It gave no reason or justification for this. During the 2024 parliamentary elections, Prime Minister Modi alone openly engaged in anti-Muslim hate propaganda at about 110 places. Yet, not a single notice was issued to Modi. On the contrary, it blatantly engaged in various conspiracies like imposing restrictions on opposition parties and freezing their bank accounts. Later, above all this, by engaging in various manipulations and thefts, it made the BJP win in the 2024 parliamentary elections and various assembly elections.

Opposition parties and civil society organizations recently raised the issue of vote theft; they demanded the release of CCTV footage and other evidence exposing the Election Commission's involvement in fraud. Following these allegations, the Election Commission amended the rules to destroy all CCTV footage 45 days after the elections. Accordingly, all documents related to the 2024 parliamentary elections have been

destroyed. These moves mock and taunt the opposition: “You can only question if evidence exists; but if we amend the rules to destroy the evidence itself, then what can be done?!”

Would the Modi government abandon the EC and its Chairman Gyanesh Kumar who provided them with so much assistance! The Election Commissioner Appointment Act 2023, Rule 13, states that no civil or criminal cases can be filed against the Chief Election Commissioner or State Election Commissioners for "performing their duty while in office." Therefore, whichever government comes to power in the future will not be able to detect the vote thefts committed by the Modi government! Because the Election Commission has destroyed that evidence! Legal action cannot be taken against the Election Commissioners by filing cases either, because the Modi government has enacted the law that way!! How is it?!

It is in this arrogance that the Election Commission and Gyanesh Kumar are blatantly perpetrating all these atrocities. For example, just before the Maharashtra elections, a scheme was announced to give about 2 crore farmers Rs.2000 each, and the amount was deposited into farmers' bank accounts just before voting. Similarly, in Bihar, a scheme to give about 1.25 crore women Rs.10,000 each was announced, and the amount was deposited into women's bank accounts just before the elections. This is legally given bribery for the BJP alliance to win in those states! Thousands of crores of government money have been legally given and votes have been bought! Forget about taking action, the Election Commission has been complicit in all this! Meanwhile, during the last parliamentary elections, when the Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government in Andhra Pradesh tried to disburse one instalment of a scheme that gives eligible families Rs.13,500 per year—which is an already existing scheme—the Election Commission stopped it citing the elections! After this, the Jagan Mohan government lost and the Chandrababu Naidu government, with the alliance of BJP, came to power!

Thus, one can go on listing these atrocities being blatantly perpetrated in collusion by the Election Commission and the BJP. However, fearing length, we stop here.

After all this, is there any basis to believe this is an "independent institution" and the elections it conducts are "impartial elections"?!

Is there any basis to believe that the SIR conducted by it is an innocent, routine process?!

## **The Supreme Court's Collusion**

"The court is the last refuge of the poor" is a rotten lie! This truth, as in various matters, has become glaringly evident in the CAA-NRC issue as well. Dismissing the case filed against Section 14-A of the CAA Act 2003, which is fundamentally against the stated basic principles of the Constitution, the Gauhati High Court pronounced as follows:

"Section 14-A and the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003 framed thereunder are not contrary to the Constitution. Issuing national identity cards to citizens and creating a National Register of Citizens are appropriate and mandatory for the sovereignty of the country" (Nil Nand Deb and Ors. vs. State of Assam, 2007)

Similarly, various High Courts and the Supreme Court have given opinions in alignment with the implementation of NRC. **Having given such opinions directly for implementing NRC, will these courts stop its implementation under the mask of SIR?!**

Every time during a case, whenever the Supreme Court asks a few questions or makes some critical remarks to the Modi government, supporters of the INDIA alliance and the DMK's online mercenaries jump with joy. They ride their imaginary horses, saying "The Supreme Court has rapped the Modi government" and "That's the end of Modi's game." They spread an illusion about the Supreme Court. But in reality, in every case, initially acting as though reprimanding the Modi gang and protecting the Constitution and democracy,

the Supreme Court later delivers orders and verdicts favourable to the Modi government. It has been following this as a tactic in recent times.

From the very beginning, the Supreme and High Courts have been not just complicit but supportive of the SIR action. It has been following the same aforementioned tactic. The manner in which the Supreme Court has conducted itself in the SIR matter proves beyond doubt how much it is in collusion with the BJP! Civil society organizations like ADR, PUCL and opposition parties filed cases and argued that the SIR being implemented is aimed at mass exclusion instead of mass inclusion. Therefore, they argued that the SIR itself should be completely scrapped. Initially, the Court roared, "If that happens, the court will not remain silent and watch." But as days passed, it accepted the Election Commission's arguments. The Supreme Court, which accepted the EC's statement "Aadhaar, under Section 9 of the Aadhaar Act, cannot be cited as proof of citizenship," even refused to grant an interim stay on the SIR.

Later, although it ordered the EC to accept Aadhaar as the 12th document, since the Supreme Court has accepted the EC's argument that "Aadhaar cannot be accepted as proof of citizenship," even if Aadhaar is accepted, no major change is likely! Thus, the Supreme Court has issued orders in a very vague manner favourable to the Election Commission.

Even though organizations like ADR argued that SIR is blatantly contrary to Constitutional Articles 324, 326, and 15; that the Election Commission has no legal authority to intervene in citizenship matters, which entirely fall under the authority of the Home Ministry and Parliament; that the Election Commission's claim of conducting SIR according to the 2003 guidelines is a blatant lie, as its Para 32 states "Examining a person's citizenship is not the work of the Electoral Registration Officer"—the Supreme Court paid no heed to any of this. The Supreme Court, which initially roared that "If a large number of voters are excluded, the court will not be a spectator," after 65 lakh voters were excluded in Bihar, read out a certificate of praise, calling SIR "inclusionary and voter-friendly"! Furthermore, it ordered that "opposition parties should help include missing voters" and "should not act irresponsibly instead"! Justice Surya Kant, who uttered these spells, is now the Chief Justice of India!!

Although the Supreme Court has not yet delivered the final verdict in the case against SIR, after all this, what will happen next is self-evident! It is before this very Surya Kant bench that the case filed by the Tamil Nadu government is sleeping; what will happen to it is also self-evident!

Opposition parties told people to place trust in individual judges, their individual qualities—that this judge is like that; this one is like this; this one is bad; that one is good; this one believes in the Constitution; this one won't bend to the Modi government—based on Ranjan Gogoi, Chandrachud, B.R. Gavai etc. Based on this, the sycophants of the India alliance spread sham hope and illusion about the courts. But in reality, after Modi came to power, the courts gradually falling into the grip of the saffron-fascist clique has been happening at a much faster pace. The Supreme and High Courts have been performing the task of endorsing and justifying all the illegal, anti-constitutional actions of the saffron-fascist clique.

This truth is being concealed or downplayed, and an illusion about the courts is being spread. In a way that denies or downplays this central trend, the individual qualities and integrity of judges are pushed to the forefront. The unbearable propaganda by DMK-supporting YouTubers saying "The court has rapped the Election Commission; the Modi government is finished; it has cracked the whip" etc., creates such illusion about the courts and prevents people from understanding its fascist collusion, diverting attention. But the truth is that the Modi gang somehow makes all judges fall in line. Therefore, without acquiring, and without letting people acquire, the perspective that the judiciary is becoming an auxiliary organ of fascism, the Tamil Nadu government has filed a case against SIR! Believing and making others believe that everything will turn out fine is foolish!!

Such false hopes will only lead to a pit!!

## **The Betrayal of the Opposition Parties**

The axe called NRC, being implemented under the guise of SIR, is set to split the country in two. In fact, it is already splitting. It is training people to view all neighbours without proper documents as 'suspicious'. It is sowing poisonous seeds in people's minds, effecting an irreversible change. In short, the country is entering a dark age.

The opposition parties are not unaware of these truths! But they refuse to speak openly about such danger, opposing and speaking only from the angle of how to use this for their own electoral gain. They propagate in a simplified manner: people's voting rights are being snatched, irregularities are happening, SIR is being implemented so that BJP can steal votes and win. They only mention in a perfunctory way that NRC is being implemented and give primary importance to its administrative irregularities and vote theft.

Even that vote theft propaganda is only spoken about to some extent by parties like Rahul Gandhi from Congress, RJD, Trinamool etc. Even they campaigned about vote theft only as an electoral campaign content, just as they use corruption and law & order issues by BJP for their own election campaigns. Rahul Gandhi, who exposed the vote theft, spoke verbally about "India's election system is dead," "Hydrogen bomb," "Atom bomb," etc., but he used it precisely to win votes and victory in Bihar. This is an undeniable truth! Voting for the first phase in Bihar was to take place on November 6; he 'exposed' vote theft in Haryana state one day before (November 5)! This itself clarifies that this was his primary objective!!

On the contrary, they did not use vote theft to expose the Election Commission's fascist collusion and develop it into a demand for a fair Election Commission! They use vote theft merely as one of the various campaigns they run to win in the very same fascistized election! This is the true character and objective of people like Rahul Gandhi! However, the DMK and its leaders do not even speak about vote theft to the extent that people like Rahul Gandhi do!!

When SIR was implemented in Bihar, opposition parties spoke about completely scrapping the process itself. But after the Supreme Court ordered to accept Aadhaar, these oppositions subsided. Now, in the name that "no voter's name should be missed," they are training booth level agents and making people fill SIR applications. Even their nominal opposition—that the SIR process itself is unconstitutional, undemocratic, meant for BJP to steal votes and win—has become mere murmurs.

Furthermore, and most importantly, in principle, the INDIA alliance parties are not opposed to CAA and NRC! Except DMK, CPI, CPM and some others the other INDIA alliance parties actually supported and voted for the CAA Act 2003! Even the DMK was part of the BJP alliance when that law was brought! **Secularism, democracy, progressiveness are all masks of these parties, not their true faces!** Therefore, expecting that the opposition parties will take up this problem, politicize the people, fight, wage legal battles and defeat it, and be honest about it, is foolish and naïve. Their opposition will only be in a manner of giving face to people's struggles and protests, or as a formality, and nothing more.

**Let's tear up the SIR forms!**

**Let's Declare: We will not submit any documents!**

SIR is a mask; NRC is its true face! Weeding out foreigners and Muslims is the first step; the true objective is to weed out everyone including communists, democratic forces, and innocent working people fighting for their demands! This is an undeniable truth!

If NRC is successfully implemented in the country, the country will enter a dark age. Irreversible changes will occur. Like Hitler's Nazi Germany, India will be transformed into a fascist Hindu Rashtra. People will be

dragged to detention camps without question even if they fight for their basic rights and demands. The law will be whatever the corporations and their subordinate Modi gang decide. Building a dam before the flood arrives is wisdom. Toppling such a cruel fascist rule before it is established is wisdom.

Petitioning the Election Commission, waiting for the Supreme Courts to provide a solution, or being deceived that opposition parties will defeat this—all these will only accelerate the progress of fascism. They will create obstacles in the action of overthrowing it. On the contrary, shaking off such illusions and entering the arena is the first step of anti-fascism!

Hence, we must start a non-cooperation movement today. We must tear off the veil of the Modi clique that is implementing NRC in a back-door, conspiratorial manner. We must roar that we will not comply with this conspiracy, we will not fill SIR forms. We must throw those forms in the face of the saffron fascist clique led by Modi.

Our beloved India has been built with the blood and sweat of farmers, workers, and working people like us. Our ancestors' labour and blood are mixed in every building and institution of this country. In the freedom struggle against the British, Hindus and Muslims stood hand in hand and fought on the battlefield; we shed blood. But what right does the RSS fascist clique, which served as slaves to the British then and serves American imperialism today, have to ask us for documents?! Who are they to examine our citizenship?!

Let us declare that it is the saffron-fascist gang led by the RSS that are anti-nationals! Let us roar that we will never allow the Indian nation to be transformed into a Hindu Rashtra under any circumstances! Let us start our struggle as a non-cooperation movement against the SIR process and grow it into a prairie fire that burn saffron-corporate fascism into ashes!

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- ❖ **Let us boycott the NRC coming in the mask of SIR!**
- ❖ **Let us fight to dissolve the BJP's puppet—the Election Commission!**
- ❖ **Let us declare that we will cooperate only for the usual SIR!**