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MANIFESTO AND ASSURANCE OF BDP

MISC/GENERAL

- *Determined to explore all opportunities, within the frame work of the Indian Constitution and all necessary efforts to protect/./ secure the Citizens of India especially Kissan, Armed Force Personals, NRI/Pravasis, BPL category Citizens and safety of Women.
- *Committed to the idea of simultaneous Elections for the Parliament/State Assemblies and local bodies to reduce expenditure, ensure efficient utilisation of Government resources and Security Forces and for effective policy planning.
- * To ensure that maximum major cities are covered with a strong metro network, modernisation of present railway system and to construct fifty thousand kilometres of modernised National Highways.
- *To take effective steps to increase the number of seats in Central law, Engineering, Science and management institutions and NDA/CDS (including women).
- *Determined to make sure that maximum legal courts will be provided with adequate numbers of judges and staff to settle the large numbers of cases pending since long and to provide free legal assistance to widows, BPL citizens of the country.
- *To ensure that, Armed Forces tribunals will be provided in each States to settle all type of cases related to Armed Forces including Central Paramilitary Forces to avoid delay in settling the case.
- *To enforce that statutory minimum wages for workers not less than Rs. 18000/per month, the wages linked to Consumer Price Index.

JAI JAWAN | JAI KISSAN | JAI PRAVASI | JAI AAM AADMI SUAN

TAXATION AND TAX REFORMS

- *The major taxes that will be the backbone of the economy; are income tax and goods and services tax. Besides, a good tax administration must place trust in, and enjoy the trust of taxpayers. All citizens will have to pay income tax whether he is a common man, government servant or public servant or MLA/MP/Indian President.
- *No income tax up to 4 lakhs income.
- *No income tax for Senior Citizens up to 5 lakhs.
- *For ordinary Citizen 5 % from 4 lakhs to 10 lakhs and Senior Citizen 5% from 5 lakhs to 10 lakhs.
- *10% from 10 lakhs to 15 lakhs.
- *15% from 16 lakhs to 25 lakhs

DIRECT TAXES

*We promise that the direct taxes code will levy taxes at reasonable and progressive rates having regard to the level of current incomes, income inequalities and the principles of tax equity.

GOODS & SERVICES TAX

- *We promise to review and replace the current GST laws with the GST 2.0 regimes that will truly reflect the intent and purpose of non-cascading, value added, indirectly tax.
- *We promise that real estate (All sectors), Petroleum products, Tobacco and liquor will be brought within the ambit of GST 2.0 in a manner and time period not exceeding two years agreed to the GST Council.
- *Essential goods of consumption (such as food grains, lifesaving drugs, vaccines etc.) and essential services will be exempted from GST 2.0 or zero rated.
- *For the sake of supporting small, unregistered businesses that supply goods and services, there will be no GST liability on the purchaser through the reverse charge mechanism.

EMPLOYMENT AND GROWTH

- *Unemployment is the gravest challenge that our Country faces and the creation of job opportunities will be the highest priority for the country.
- *BDP's potential pledgeis to give the highest priority in protecting existing jobs and creating new jobs.
- *BDP will work with the State Governments to create new SevaMitra Positions (estimated at 10 lakhs) in every GramaPanchayat and every urban local body to ensure the effective delivery of Government services to Citizens.
- *Our Party pledges to create lakhs of new jobs for qualified teachers, doctors, nurses, paramedics, engineers, technicians, instructors and administrators through a massive expansion of the education and health sectors.
- *The major job-creating sectors are construction, gems & jewellery, textiles, leather, entertainment, tourism and retail businesses. We will reward and encouragebusinesses that create new jobs.
- *Tourism generates so many job opportunities. We will give due attention to Tourism development bank to provide low-cost, long-term funds for investment in tourism-oriented businesses.

WOMEN WELFARE

- *We are committed to provide 33% reservation for women in Parliament and State Assemblies through a Constitutional amendment. We will transform the quality of life of the Indian rural women by providing electricity, tapped water, fuel and toilets in every home and public places.
- *BDPensures to take comprehensive steps to end violence, sexual harassment against women & children.
- *To enact a law for equal rights in maritual and inherited property for all women. We assure to strengthen law relating to maintain for women and children.
- *To enact code of conduct to standards of decency in public comments and discourse about women.
- *To amend the service rules to reserve for women at 33 percentage of appointments in posts in the Central Govt.

AGRICULTURE, FARMERS AND FARM- LABOURS

- * BDP promises to waive the eligible outstanding farm loans.
- *We promise to establish a permanent National Commission on Agricultural development and planning consisting of Farmers, Agricultural Scientists and Agricultural economists to examine and advise the Government on how to make agriculture viable, competitive and remunerative. The recommendations of the Commission shall be ordinarily binding on the Government. The commission will subsume the existing commission for agricultural costs and prices and recommend appropriate minimum support prices.
- *To launch a pension scheme for all small and marginal Farmers in the Country so as to ensure social security to them on reaching 60 years of age.
- *To make an investment of Rs. 50 lakh crore to improve the productivity of the farm sector.
- *To provide short term new agricultural loan up to Rs 2 lakhs at a zero per cent interest for 1-5 years on the condition of prompt repayment of the principal amount.
- *We will direct insurance companies to offer crop insurance and charge premiums on the principle of 'no profit, no loss' basis.
- *To work towards reducing all agricultural imports and institute a predictable export and import policy with a built in mechanism for encouraging exports and discouraging imports.
- *To promote chemical –free organic farming in an additional 30 lakh hectares of hilly, tribal and rain fed areas in the next five years.

FISHERIES AND FISHER FOLK

- *Over 140 lakhs of Indians depend, directly or indirectly, on fishing as a source of livelihood. We are committed to make faster the growth of the fisheries industry.
- *We will constitute a National fisher folk Commission to promote fishing and the welfare of fisher-folk. It will address indebtedness and appropriate funding mechanisms for fishing with suitable insurance coverage.

NATIONAL SECURITY

*BDP indebted to provide a statutory basis to the National Security Council and the office of National Security Advisor and both will be accountable to Parliament.

*BDP decided to expand rapidly the domestic capacity of manufacturing all

Defence and Security equipment.

- *The Central Armed Police Forces are our first line of defence at our Country borders. They are also the Force of choice when there is a breakdown of law and order. Thousands of Jawans have sacrificed their lives in the discharge of their duties. BDP promises to enhance the capabilities of the Force and to improve the welfare of our Jawans.
- *We are determined to increase the strength of the CAPF to meet the growing requirement of Border Security and Internal security.
- *To increase the strength of Border guarding Forces-BSF,SSB,ITBP and Assam Rifles to prevent infiltration ,illegal immigration and smuggling.
- *To take, forward the process of modernising the Central Paramilitary Forces to further increase their capacity and readiness and enable them to Border guarding and compact internal security challenges etc.
- *BDP promises to ensure at any given time, an adequate number of Battalions will be on rest, recuperation and training and will not be deployed on operational duties.
- *To focus on creation of developmental and other necessary infrastructure in Border areas to ensure that Border Security is strengthened.
- *BDP promises to ensure increased representation of women to achieve a minimum of 33% in the face strength of CISF, CRPF and BSF. Every effort will be made to induct more women into the other Border guarding Forces namely BSF, ITBP, SSB and Assam Rifles.
- *To ensure the welfare of retired Central Paramilitary Forces Personnel, widows and dependants persons (Armed Forces under MHA), treat them on par with those from the Armed Forces under MOD and extend all post retirement benefits by forming a State/district level Ardh Sainik Welfare Board similar to Sainik Board
- * BDP will enhance the facilities of health, education and housing for the personnel of the CAPF and their families to bring them on par with the facilities provided for the Armed Forces (Defence Forces), BDP will set up the schools on the model of Sainik Schools, professional Engineering Collage/ Medical Collage etc. to enhance educational opportunities for their children.

- *To create a more effective frame work for the re-settlement of our Armed Forces veterans (including Central Paramilitary Forces), where the Armed Forces will start planning for the re-settlement of soldiers from three years before their retirement.
- *Address any remaining anomalies in one rank-one pension for Defence Forces and Paramilitary Force Personnel.
- *BDP is committed to constitute separate Pay Commission for Armed Forces including Paramilitary Forces for every seven (7) years instead of ten (10) years.
- *BDP promises to enhance the status of the Jawans and the benefits of the families of Jawans in case were the Jawan dies in action.
- * BDP will set up a Committee to draft new service and pension rules for personnel of the CAPF, being the Armed Force.
- *BDP committed to provide separate service and pension rules for Central Paramilitary Forces including GREF instead of Central Civil Service Rules (CCS) and remove new contributory pension system (NPS).
- *BDP will make separate rules for compassionate appointment (job assistance) to widows/dependants of those Armed Forces (including CPMF Personnel), Jawans sacrificed their life for the nation, critically injured, at their respective State/Districts through State /Central Govt. establishments.
- *BDP will make rules for exemption of toll tax to Serving /Retired Armed Forces Personnel, widows/dependents including Paramilitary Forces.
- *We are committed to protect the family and dependants of the Jawans who sacrifices their lives for our country, by providing them appropriate job , compaset appointment at their respective State / District.
- *We will provide separate statutory ArdhSainik welfare board, separate medical collage for CPMF, a central record office for CPMF to settle the pension cases etc. in time.
- *We will consider assured pension to BSF Personnel who resigned under BSF rule -19 with the approval of competent authority and also consider minimum pension to all Armed Force Personnel who discharged /resigned after a qualified service of 10 years so far.
- *BDP is determined to protect each and every life of our brave Jawans and will take all necessary efforts to protect them without any fail and make them fully equipped to do their duties successfully and to face any challenges as BDP value the life of our Armed Forces Jawans including CAPF Retd. personnel more precious.

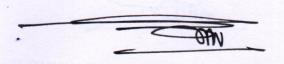
PRAVASI / NRI

- *A separate Ministry will be formed to look after the welfare of all Pravasis/NRIs.
- *Medical coverage will be provided to all Pravasis/NRIs who served outside India for more than two years. Health insurance will be introduced with nominal contribution to this scheme. They will be given coverage of medical treatment for all diseases up to Rupees five lakhs.
- *A lump-sum grant of Rs.2,00,000/- as death coverage will be provided who dies at abroad to NOK.
- *Rs. 5000/- p.m. pension will be given to all who served for more than five years and contributed Rs. 300/- p.m for 5 (five) years.
- *A separate Commission will be constituted to study the entire problems facing by Pravasi's/NRI's and to settle all their problems by appointing a high level Commission.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- *We promise to allocate sufficient funds to promote innovation, science and technology. We will strengthen science departments in NAAC-graded Colleges and universities, provide those funds for equipment, laboratories and more teachers, and encourage them to publish their research.
- *We promise to strengthen patent laws and support Indian inventors and innovators to secure International patent protection.
- *We will create a patent pool, acquire patents and allow access to patented technology to businesses at affordable cost.
- *We will set up a scenario planning and office with strategic features to look at medium- to-long term strategic opportunities and risks for the country as an aid to informed policy making.





ECONOMIC POLICY

- *Our economic philosophy is based on embracing the idea of an open and liberal market economy, creation of wealth, sustainable development, and reduction of inequalities and assurance of welfare of all sections of the people.
- *We promise to restore an open, liberal market economy. Fiscal stability is the starting point.
- *We will respect the autonomy of the RBI, matters reserved to the RBI under the Reserve Bank of India act, 1939, including the formulation of monetary policy. However, the Governor shall periodically render an account to a committee of Parliament. We promise that the Government will work closely with the RBI to ensure that fiscal policy and monetary policy are aligned to achieve the common goal of growth with price stability.
- *BDP will encourage private investment in an open, market economy, the private sector must play the lead role in identifying opportunities, mobilising resources, adopting advanced technology, producing goods and services, and securing domestic and foreign markets.
- *BDP ensure adequate Government expenditure will be provide for roads, railways, waterways, drinking water, sanitation, healthcare and education, National and Internal Security
- *Exports: No country has achieved high economic growth without high growth of exports. We will adopt a policy on foreign trade that will ensure that exports become, once again, a key driver of economic growth.



FOREIGN POLICY

- *We affirms its firm belief in the continued relevance of the policy of friendship, peaceful co-existence, non-alignment, independence of thought and action, and increased bilateral engagement in its relations with other countries of the world.
- *We will work closely with all Countries of the World, and particularly India's neighbours and the G-20 Countries, in various multi-lateral forums and institutions
- *We implacably opposed to terrorism any-where in the world and promise to work with other countries to eliminate terrorist groups, terrorist acts and cross-border terrorism. We promise to pass a law on asylum consistent with international treaties and conventions.
- *We will re-double the efforts to win for permanent membership India in the un security council and the nuclear suppliers group.
- *We will work with SAARC and Asian Countries to enhance the volume of trade, investments, tourism and cultural exchanges and reap the benefits of geographical proximity.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- *All available models and instrumentalities will be used to build infrastructure of our country viz. public sector, private sector and public-private partnership. Roads, railway and electricity are among vital infrastructure.
- *We promise the right to housing for the urban poor and protection from arbitrary eviction.
- *Public spaces, public transport, public premises and other public facilities in towns and cities will be made safe for women, children, persons with disabilities, migrants and marginalised sections of society.
- *We promise to enhance infrastructure in Rural areas and improve the quality of public goods such as roads, bridges, water supply, sanitation, electricity and schools.
- *We will ensure that notified minimum wages are paid to workers in the unorganised sector.

MANUFACTURING SECTOR

- * BDP believes that anything that can be made in another Country can be made in India.
- * BDPassures to set up new industrial towns with the required infra-structure and turn them into manufacturing hubs for a variety of industrial products with the participation of State Governments
- * We will announce policies that will help India's goods, petroleum products, gems & jewellery, drugs &retain its leading position in the manufacture of engineering pharmaceuticals, garments & textiles and chemicals.
- *We have to train and nurture our human resource, to help scientifically plan our national human resource development that India would need (like engineers, architects, doctors, nurses, lawyers, accountants, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, welders, etc).
- *We will announce policies that will help India gain a leadership position in steel, metals, cement, machinery, electronic goods, computer hardware, automobiles etc.
- * Foreign and Indian companies will be invited to invest in 'exclusive export-only zones', manufacture and export their entire production, pay no indirect taxes and pay a low rate of corporate tax.
- * We will promote the manufacture and export of India's traditional products like handloom products and handicrafts that employ lakhs of persons.

PROMOTION OF SPORTS

* We recognize the importance of sports in society and for all age groups. Sports have a direct relation to fitness, good health and productivity.

PROMOTION OF EDUCATION

- * We believe that education is the most powerful tool for the advancement of the Nation and the most potent weapon to fight against poverty and unemployment.
- * BDP will take all necessary effort to make our education system most effective.

*BDP will implement very high level of job oriented education system from the root level itself.