

PRESS RELEASE

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Randeep Singh Surjewala, Incharge Communications, AICC has issued the following statement to the press today:-

1. Today's much publicized Cabinet expansion of Union government has proved to be 'much ado about nothing'. Modi ji's Cabinet expansion reflects devaluation of government and deficit of talent and experience in BJP. Team Modi has become a collection of courtiers, sycophants, non-performers and hatemongers.
2. PM, Shri Narendra Modi has always sworn by the cardinal principle of 'minimum government, maximum governance'. Question to ask today is that with a top heavy Cabinet comprising of 79 ministers (including himself), has this tall claim been reduced to another 'jumla'?
3. Sole aim of expansion is a 'vote garnering exercise' looking at election going States and a panic reaction against declining political graph of BJP in UP, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat. It has nothing to do with improving lives of 125 crore Indians or providing a government dedicated to the cause of solving their problems.
4. An important facet of Cabinet expansion is that the incompetent and non-performing Ministers have not been punished or dropped nor has any reward been given to the talent. This reflects a bankruptcy of vision and futuristic thinking.

Prime Minister has utterly failed to address the issues of 'governance and delivery'. No attention has been paid towards fixing the 'run away inflation' or 'creation of jobs' by infusion of innovative leadership. Modi ji appears to be completely oblivious to the gloom in trade and business, successive contraction of core sector manufacturing, rapidly falling exports for 17 months, no hope towards infusion of private sector investments or propping up the rapidly devaluing rupee.

5. Another clear message is the protection given to hatemongers and those propagating the agenda of division and deception. Had this not been true, PM would have taken action against Ministers like Smriti Irani, Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti, Gen V.K. Singh, Giriraj Singh, Sanjiv Baliyan, Mahesh Sharma and half a dozen others. Obviously, all these Ministers are acting with complete knowledge and complicity of the Prime Minister.
6. NDA Allies have been completely ignored. Entire exercise has been rendered to cosmetic changes aimed at propagating the Prime Minister as a larger than life figure. It is about 'I, Me, Myself'. Even otherwise, in the autocratic Modi regime, Ministers and Cabinet are the 'fall guys' with every publicity driven achievements going to the account of Shri Narendra Modi.