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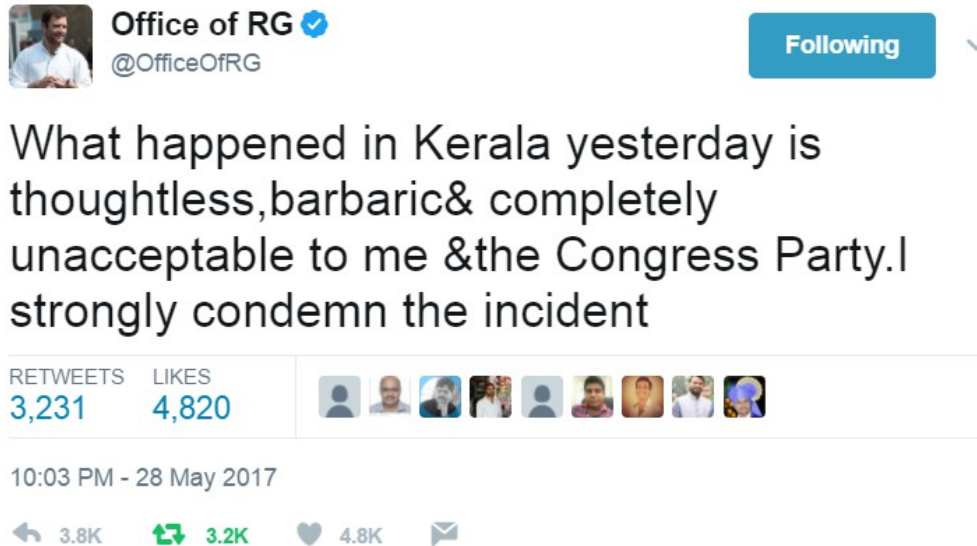
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India's ethos and Congress Party's culture abjures any kind of violence or barbarism against every living being much less the 'Cow', which has a special place in the hearts and mind of people of India.

The horrific incident in Kerala is reprehensible and absolutely condemnable. Such action is alien to our way of life. Such elements have no place in the Congress party. The Youth Congress has therefore suspended the so called activists.

None less than the Congress Vice President, Shri Rahul Gandhi has conclusively condemned this cruel incident, and we quote:-



The BJP, however, is trying to regressively play politics of polarization to shamelessly divert attention from its Anti Dalit atrocities and practice of untouchability by UP CM. It is tragic that UP CM, Adityanath's administration forced the poorest of the poor of Dalit community of 'Musahar' to first bathe with soap, sprinkle perfume so as to allegedly avoid the bad odour emanating from their 'dirty clothes', as UP CM visited them.

The BJP leadership must answer the following questions:-

1. Union BJP Government and Goa BJP Government jointly run a slaughterhouse in Goa, **pictures of which are attached here.**

What does the BJP National Leadership have to say on the same?

2. On May, 27 2017, reacting to a statement of another colleague, Union MoS, Shri Kiren Rijju in Aizwal said that “I eat beef, I'm from Arunachal Pradesh, and can somebody stop me? So let us not be touchy about somebody’s practices. This is a democratic country. Sometimes, some statements are made which are not palatable.” BJP Presidents of Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram have retreated their commitment to sale of beef at subsidized rates.

What is the opinion of the BJP Leadership on the same?

3. Rabble-Rousing Poster Boy & UP BJP Minister, Sangeet Som founded Al-Dua Food Processing Private Ltd along with others in 2005 to deal in meat & meat products. According to Al-Dua’s website, the company is now a “leading producer and exporter of halal meat from India.”

What is the opinion of UP CM Adiyath on the same as he has inducted Sangeet Som, as a senior Cabinet Minister.

4. On April, 2, 2017, in the run up to Mallapuram Lok Sabha by-election in Kerala, the official BJP candidate Sreerakash said “I will ensure quality beef and standard abattoirs in my constituency.

What is the opinion of the BJP President on the same?

5. PM derided the advent of ‘Pink Revolution’ in the run up to 2014 elections. Truth is that under BJP Govt's watch, bovine/beef exports have jumped **nearly 70%** (Source: Commerce Ministry Website).

What is the opinion of BJP President and PM on the same?

6. On May 28, 2015, BJP President, Shri Amit Shah, ruled out a nation-wide beef ban in Goa. **What is the present stance of the BJP on the same?**

7. Is it also not correct that when present PM was CM of Gujarat, meat production in Gujarat went up under his watch from 10,600 tonnes in 2001-02 to 20,000 tonnes in 2010-11.

Doublespeak & Deception won't do. BJP must give clear answers to people of India.