

A look through the mist

## Medication to Kashmir turmoil lies in three pronged Approach to the problem

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*In 1950s in the curriculum of the junior schools we { kids in Jammu and Kashmir } read about Maqbool Sherbani .In 2010 no one is told about Maqbool Sherwani instead in Kashmir Valley people so regularly hear and read more about Maqbool Bhat. This is enough to paint the environment in which the people in the valley live in 2010. After 1990 the people of Kashmir Valley have been pushed more into a dilemma of distrust , confusions and misunderstandings on JK {Kashmir } affairs, including even the “HISTORY” .* Quit Kashmir torch that was held by Sheikh Abdullah against Maharaja Hari Singh in 1946 { simply to ensure that in independent India the democratic power in State of Jammu and Kashmir comes in the hands of NC like it would be for Congress in India } has now been very cleverly { but successfully} held by persons like Sayeed Ali Shah Geelani { but now it is against India }. The masses in the Valley this day do not forcefully reject separatist ideologies. Signals well emerge from the write ups and the material that the Valley published news papers receive these days. The views emerge from students, professors, ex civil servants , advocates. Particularly after 1989 local Kashmiri has discussed and heard very less about the truthfulness of the October 1947 accession of JK with India . Majority of the Valley youth in thirties { like one who was reading in primary / middle school in 1990} has not received workable information about the truthfulness of New Delhi / local JK Governments of the past { not even through the media write-ups as may appear there locally }. **Surely it is not in the Interest of India Dominion. The Kashmir Valley youth { in particular} has to be mentally prepared to reject the separatist view points . Not by force { stage is over } but through right and convincing /logical information. India has to specifically address to questions and challenges emerging from Kashmir Valley that have been given so wide publicity by Electronic media “Experts” as well , particularly after 2002.**

Immediately after October 1947 the local environment in Kashmir Valley was a little infected with the concepts of Two Nation theory. After Accession no much efforts were made by the local state governments as well as the Governments at New Delhi to properly , correctly and sincerely address to the confusions and questions in the minds of the people of Kashmir Valley , particularly as regards 1947 accession. India and the local governments have not done much even after 1990 {i} to carry to people genuineness of October 1947 accession, {ii} the Pakistan aided tribal attack in 1947, {iii} Indian Independence Act 1947 {iv} role of the Indian Princes outside British India as regards future of Princely States like JK , {v} 1946 quit Kashmir call given by Sheikh Abdullah and {vi} misconceptions that Kashmir valley was a “born” muslim majority “Nation” much alien to Bharat Varsh. Whereas the anti accession, pro Pakistan , pro independence , pro Islamic state elements kept on working in the Valley and exploiting the innocence of the local masses }.{ Government of India looked solution and remedies only in having control over the local governance . Central Government and prime leaders of political parties in India have been looking for solution to the JK turmoil in lifeless structures made out of bricks and cement . Where as the solution lied in reaching the “Mind and Heart” of the common innocent Kashmiri . Anti accession elements found more and more space to work against the local main stream leaders / parties . Separatists kept on moving amongst the locals but the political leaders, ministers, senior officers, remained fascinated with VIPs cars and security cover .Some in the World community have started considering the separatists as the representative voice of Kashmir valley }.

The circumstances and the environment that has emerged in Kashmir valley in since 1990 { let me not name the reasons} need be boldly accepted before the people of India.. Simply shutting the eyes would not make the DEVIL{ for India } miseries { for the common masses of Jammu and Kashmir } to vanish. The opinion makers , the consultants who are so often seen on the electronic channels , those who are being used for track two diplomacy and the like are still hiding / misquoting the facts { Those "wise consultants " who still say that people of India need to assure the Kashmiries that they care for the Kashmiries appear to have forgotten that the Indian people have received the lakhs of Kashmiri migrants most compassionately from social and economic angles as well as no social or economic rejection of the Kashmiri muslim traders / students has been done in other Indian states inspite of there being lakhs of migrated Kashmiri Hindu all over India. } **The set and class of advisors on Kashmir affairs { to GOI} has not changed even after 1990. India need to abandon the lot immediately. May be Farooq Abdullah landing for direct action in JK could do some good..**

This day disregard to 1947 accession and distrust against India is the real face of the TURMOIL In Kashmir. Annoyance against the local government too has in a way provided easy work space to Insurgents / anti India / anti accession elements { ofcourse enemy countries would like to make use of such like resentments / emotions }. **Separatists have taken 6 decades to cultivate their ideologies, it shall take a few years for GOI to destroy the "wild " field of misunderstanding / distrust. So solutions lie in short term and long term action plans.**

**To a great extent common Kashmir muslim have been exploited in the name of religion. Surely the solution too rests in reversing the same through an ideological and awareness rehabilitation process. I have been saying very particularly after 1996 that political leaders will have to take their self through the lanes near to the common man. Man Mohan Singh Jee and Chidambram Jee are very late in advising so to Omar Abdullah in 2010..** When Omar Abdullah was struggling hard for establishing his truthfulness in Kashmir valley voice was also raised in support of those organizing protests against local government and India in valley by some people even from areas like Kishtwar, Bhaderwah and Banihal of Jammu Region where as some of Omar's Ministers were busy in arranging news coverage for them in the local media { inaugurating lanes/ drains, wells , disbursing cheques for land compensations in and around Jammu }.

**To me this day lack of {i} maturity in actions, {ii} truthfulness towards the people who voted the politicians to rule and {iii} continued lack of commitment to treat the national issues above personal political interest at the part of the Governments has been the cause for the unfortunate plight of the people left back in Kashmir. Simply imposing Governor Rule in JK will not be of any purpose unless those at New Delhi also change their approach .** May be Farooq Abdullah landing for direct action in JK could do some good { GOI has to use the best only out of the men and materials available to it locally. Import would not be accepted }.

**Remedy lies in multi prong approach ,{i} Restore local law and order / Control violent insurgents through security forces {ii} devise policy and programme { So far the debriefing or ideological rehabilitation of even those who are claimed to have returned to mainstream has either not been taken seriously or has been lost in the local political gamesmanship. So, the results of surrender / rehabilitation programmes have not been that good. The requirement for social and ideological reconstruction has rather reached a stage where GOI must come out with a regular Institution or a Commission to be installed in place for such work. Rather such an institution can also be given the preventive task of keeping an eye on the civic and law & order machinery for its honest working }** for ideological reconstruction and debriefing of the misinformed masses and {iii} build faith of the common man in the trueness and honesty of the local government A comprehensive programme will have to be started immediately in Kashmir valley { better whole state} .The NGOs / elders will have to be involved . Seminars could be conducted even in small towns.}.

**Local internal security should be left to JK police only. In case the para military forces / army is required later let the local government demand the same . This way the Indian army shall not be accused of being**

the occupation forces even when Indian army is in JK borders to protect the Indian borders. In case India does not WANT to try anti India leaders on the charges of sedition, they do not impose ban on the processions / rallies of Hurriyat like groups. Enough slogans against accession have been heard beyond Indian borders , no more damage would be done. Rather they shall suffocate in their own ideologies.

I was really disappointed to hear Omar Abdullah on TV on 2 August. It is so unfortunate that Omar Sahib is still talking of employment to one lakh youth and demanding “ some so called political solution / package “ from India to “Kashmiries “. No one at New Delhi or even in Jammu Kashmir appears to be there amongst his counselors to tell him that the government jobs are need based and not created for giving simple employment. {On the one hand Omar Government is shunting the Public Sector employees under VRS { like JK SRTC} and to add to the agony of the retired employees Government/ employer of PSE has no money to pay them their retirement benefits for years} . No doubt parameters like unemployment could be used { like religion could be used , like discrimination could be used, like depleted trust in the civil govt is used } by the agencies who plan agitations against a government or movements against a Country / Nation. **But surely in case of Kashmir valley unemployment has not been the root cause.**

The other thing that Omar Abdullah has said that India and Pakistan must settle on the dispute on Kashmir , his saying so has instead sent wrong signals amongst the common people in Kashmir valley who are under the influence of separatist ideologies that have practically brought the democratically elected government on its knees in Kashmir Valley What stops Omar Abdullah to spell out in simple words the text of the political package that his wise mind / advisors suggest would satisfy those who this day do not oppose those who are carrying the banners like that of “ India Go back “... There is already a lot of heart burning against New Delhi in Jammu and Ladakh regions against the manner in which New Delhi has been accommodating and encouraging those who have openly expressed that to them 1947 Accession of Kashmir is not valid and they do not consider themselves as Indian. I fear that in case some “political compromises” are made by New Delhi that in any way dilute the spirit of Accession of JK with India , then the other regions of Jammu and Kashmir too may not start boiling. This way the working field for the insurgents / separatists would become more smooth.

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