

# RSS and Communist Influence

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THE committed and devoted senior *swayamsevak*s of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) have started looking dejected and pessimist. The active workers and ordinary leaders of the RSS who were brain washed in the *shakhas* (morning assemblies) of RSS and trained in the ideology-oriented offices of the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) are disappointing the leadership of their Party. Earlier the *saranchalak*s of the RSS, Sudershan gave a dressing down to the power-hungry leaders of BJP. Later the Party President Lal Krishna Advani expressed deep distress on the increasing indiscipline, declining coordination and lack of media management in the Party. While speaking at the training camp of the leaders of the BJP-ruled States in Mumbai, Advani said that like many other countries the BJP would have to establish a school for its active political workers and leaders. He got the idea from an invitation he received from China where the Communist Party ran a school for training its junior and senior party workers and ministers. He

announced that if time permits he definitely would go to China to visit that school.

## Relevance of School to Politicians

The simple statement of the BJP President cannot be taken as an ordinary political statement. Should we presume that in this era of modernisation, liberalisation and consumerism, issues like cleaning streets, social work like digging wells and laying down roads in villages, public awakening for solving problems like education and

body, have to join a school like an officer who has to attend a training academy to learn administration? The real issue to deliberate is: Would the BJP activists and leaders become more honest, committed, serious, and loyal once they graduate from a training school its special political workers and leaders?

The BJP has never shown any appreciation for communists whom they consider their enemy number one. The main argument against them is that they get their inspiration not from the Indian leaders but from the communist leaders in China and Russia. Should we appreciate the liberalism of Advani as BJP, under his stewardship, has began to learn the good points of

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health, and simple non-violent agitations are now being considered as irrelevant? Placing garlands on and burning incenses in front of the pictures of Dr. Hedgewar, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Jai Prakash Narayan has become merely a formality? Would a political worker, before joining the party and becoming a member of a legislative

the enemy party? Only a few weeks back, the CPI (M) member of parliament Deepankar Mukherji, sharing the dais with the BJP Whip S. S. Ahluwalia, claimed in a TV programme that if given a clear majority his party would completely eliminate corruption. An honest person like Mukherjee can have such a dream. But his liberal and

articulated colleague Sita Ram Yechuri probably knows that the major cause of the disgrace of the communists in Kerala is that they have been as 'excessively corrupt' as Congressmen.

Corruption in communist-ruled West Bengal too will have an open discussion in that State if the Party does not resort to 'successful vote management'.

The media management of the BJP-ruled States may be having a few drawbacks. But Adwani has been maintaining fairly good and effective relationship with the media since 1973. Can it be presumed that his advisers have not briefed Adwani on the moral degradation of and the prevailing corruption of communists leaders and activists in China? Or he just want to ignore corruption in the communist regime of China?

#### **One Party Rule & Corruption**

One truth is evident. In one party rule, as is being witnessed in red China, only those leaders and activists are exposed for their corrupt practices that are to be removed from the positions of power. Also, the rigorous political training to the communists is meant to ensure that there is no place for holding other political views or expressing political disagreements. It is possible that the BJP President wants to have such a strict discipline. The basic issue is would such an approach win laurels for BJP in a democratic country like India?

Those who are willing to give blind support to either Deepankar or Adwani should consider the other side of the coin. The 150,000 Chinese getting education and training in the political schools of China have misappropriated three billion dollars from the government

treasury. The Chinese President Hu Jintao, while addressing the officers of the Communist Party admitted: "corruption has become the greatest challenge for the Party. The gap between the rich and the poor is widening because of the misuse of power by and corruption of by the party cadre". The committed communist activists are sucking the banks and the public sector undertakings to the maximum. In fact, the whole structure of the communist party in China is such that workers at responsible positions are deep soaked in corruption. How can it be stopped if the regulator becomes the exploiter?

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of China has stated in its latest report that China is on the edge of a social explosion because of the corruption in communist workers and leaders. A survey by the Academy shows that 67 per cent people are in favour of reforming the political system. The Chinese experts believe that illegal money of \$ 450 billion is causing a situation of anarchy.

A worker trained in the Chinese political school has said that any person who gets even an insignificant post in the local administration because of political commitment can get a minimum 'gifts' of \$ 10,000 in a year by attending the inaugural functions or pretending to be sick. This income is in addition to the legally earned salary. The situation is different at the higher positions where the anti-corruption movement is side tracked by dubbing it as 'political

dissatisfaction'. The anti-corruption campaigns are conducted and the corrupt hauled up, but only the small fry are caught.

In the end it can be surmised that a political revolution is not possible in India by training the politically active persons and making them professional politicians, as in China or the United States. Politically successful leaders in India never went to any political school. In which political school the great leaders, who were highly successful in politics, like Govind Ballabh Pant, Dwarka Prasad Mishra, Kamraj, Jagjivan Ram, Shankar Dayal Sharma, Charan Singh, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Bharo Singh Shekhawat and

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Sunder Singh Bhandari were trained? The past experience shows that whenever the Congress or BJP entrusted the political responsibility to the 'professional' and 'effective' leaders, new records of corruption and failure were set. And who are the leaders who are experts in political training who would run the proposed training schools by the BJP?. Would experienced and trained leaders like Pramod Mahajan, Dilip Singh Judeo, Bangaru Laxman, Lalji Tandon brighten the future of any political party?

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