

QUIT INDIA MOVEMENT (1942)

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- * AKA AUGUST KRANTI / BHARAT CHHODO ANDOLAN
- * 1st To include Princely States ∴ All INDIA in CHARACTER, however CPI & Muslim League didn't join. CPI ∵ USSR FOUGHT WWⅡ on side of Br. while ML against INC & expected concessions from Br.

Reasons For Launching Qim:

- # FAILURE OF Cripps Mission (1942) PROVED THAT Br WANTED TO RULE INDIA WITHOUT REGARDS TO DEMANDS OF INDIANS
- # POPULAR DISCONTENT WAS RISING ∵ OF WAR RELATED INFLATION; Br LEFT INDIANS AT MERCY OF INVADING JAPANESE FORCES in BURMA & MALAYA & ∵ SAME FATE WAS FEARED IN INDIA
- # INC WANTED TO RAISE NATIONALISM & MORALE SO PUBLIC RESISTS JAPANESE IN CASE OF INVASION.

Events During Qim (1942)

- (A) INC QIM RESOLUTION
- (B) MASS STRUGGLE PHASE OF 6 weeks.
- (C) Br REPRESSION
- (D) UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY
- (E) MUSHROOMING OF PARALLEL GOVTs

(A) INC QIM RESOLUTION

AFTER FAILURE OF CRIPPS MISSION, MG DRAFTED A RESOLUTION

FOR QIM & NON COOPERATION AGAINST JAPANESE (IF INVADED)

JULY 1942: CWC ACCEPTED IDEA OF QIM, AT WARDHA

8 AUG, 1942: INC BOMBAY SESSION & PUBLIC MEETING AT GOWALIA

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QIM RESOLUTION PASSED

WITH DEMAND OF

"IMMEDIATE" Purna

SWARAJ (08, AUG, 1942)

THIS RESOLUTION COULDNT

BE MADE PUBLIC :-

OF ARREST OF INC LEADERS

on 9 AUG, 1942. ∴ PUBLIC

WAS ON ITS OWN IN QIM.

PLAN OF ACTION KNOWN TO PUBLIC VIA MG SPEECH

- (i) GOVT SERVANTS : DONT RESIGN BUT DECLARE ALLEGIANCE TO INC
- (ii) SOLDIERS : SUPPORT BR AGAINST FASCISTS BUT DONT FIRE ON OWN COUNTRYMEN
- (iii) STUDENTS : LEAVE STUDIES & JOIN QIM
- (iv) PRINCES : ACCEPT SOVEREIGNTY OF YOUR OWN PEOPLE & STOP SUPPORTING BR
- (v) PEOPLE OF PRINCIPAL STATES : DECLARE THAT YOU ARE PART OF INDIA & SUPPORT PRINCES ONLY IF HE IS ANTI-BRITISH

PLAN OF ACTION UNKNOWN TO PUBLIC

PEASANTS : DONT PAY LAND REVENUE

TENANTS : PAY "FAIR" RENT ONLY IF ZAMINDAR ANTI-BR

④ INC BELIEVES THAT LAND BELONGS TO ACTUAL TILLER

(B) MASS STRUGGLE PHASE OF 6 WEEKS FROM 09 AUG 1942:

(i) METHODS WERE NOT NON VIOLENT :

- PRIMARY FOCUS WAS TO ATTACK SYMBOLS OF BRITISH AUTHORITY
- CROWDS - REMOVED RAILWAY TRACKS ; BLEW UP BRIDGES ;
ii TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH WIRES ; ATTACKED RAILWAY STATIONS, POLICE STATIONS, COURTS, POST OFFICES ;
TRI COLOUR FLAG ON TRAINS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

(ii) PARTICIPATION :

(a) COMMON PEOPLE SHOWED UNPARALLELED HEROISM & FACED HARSHEST REPRESSION TILL DATE IN INM.

(b) LEADERSHIP: WITH PROVINCIAL & LOCAL INC LEADERS :: OF ARRESTS.

(c) VILLAGERS : JOINED PEOPLE FROM TOWNS ON NEWS OF ARRESTS

(d) PEASANTS : WERE SOUL OF QM CSP IN EASTERN UP, BIHAR,
MIDNAPORE (BENGAL) & SATARA (MAHARASHTRA)

• RICH & POOR BOTH ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED WITH TOTAL FOCUS
ON BR AND NO VIOLENCE AGAINST ZAMINDARS

(e) ZAMINDARS: BIG ZAMINDARS STAYED NEUTRAL & DIDN'T HELP BRITISH.

SMALLER " PARTICIPATED CSP IN UP & BIHAR.

(f) WORKERS: CPI DIDN'T PARTICIPATE YET MANY STRIKES BY WORKERS
E.G. 3.5 MONTH STRIKE IN AHMEDABAD MILLS.

100S OF COMMUNISTS PARTICIPATED DESPITE CPI STAND,

(g) WOMEN : ESP SCHOOL & COLLEGE GIRLS PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE

E.G. DURING UNDERGROUND PHASE • ARUNA ASAF ALI & SUCHETA KRIPLANI

(h) STUDENTS : • LEFT STUDIES • LED PROCESSIONS • DISTRIBUTED ILLEGAL PATRIKAS / LEAFLETS • ACTED AS COURIERS FOR EMERGING UNDERGROUND NETWORKS.

(i) MUSLIMS : PARTICIPATION WASN'T HIGH BUT EVEN MUSLIM LEAGUE SUPPORTERS GAVE SHELTER TO UNDERGROUND ACTIVISTS & DIDN'T ACT AS INFORMERS FOR BR.

(j) TOTAL ABSENCE OF COMMUNAL VIOLENCE

(k) MOST ACTIVE REGION : EASTERN UP & BIHAR ∵ OF HIGH LEVEL OF CONSTRUCTIVE WORK IN RECENT TIMES.

(C) BRITISH REPRESSION LED TO MOVEMENT GOING UNDERGROUND:

REPRESION WAS HARSHEST & IMMEDIATE

BR WERE ALREADY PREPARED WITH LEGAL TOOLS OF REPRESION:

(a) REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT ORDINANCE

(b) DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES (POWERS OF PREVENTIVE DETENTION)

ALL TOP INC LEADERSHIP ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY

GAGGED THE PRESS # USED MACHINE GUNS DEPLOYED ON AIRCRAFTS

COLLECTIVE FINES ON VILLAGES # BURNING OF WHOLE VILLAGES

60,000 ARRESTS BY 1942 END.

CRUSHED MASS STRUGGLE PHASE IN 6 WEEKS

(D) UNDERGROUND PHASE

LEADERSHIP : Achyut Patwardhan, Ram Manohar Lohia,

Biju Patnaik, Aruna Asaf Ali, Sucheta Kriplani,

Chhotu Bhai Puranik, R P Goenka, Jaiprakash Narayan (JP)

(* JP Goenka ASA Ram se Bacho)

• MAIN LEADERSHIP CAME FROM CONGRESS SOCIALIST PARTY

WORK DONE / ROLE PLAYED :

- SUPPLIED BOMBS, ARMS TO ACTIVISTS

- PILOTS & TRAIN DRIVERS DELIVERED BOMBS & ARMS.

- STUDENTS ACTED AS COURIERS • VILLAGERS REFUSED INFO TO POLICE

- BUSINESSMEN DONATED GENEROUSLY e.g. Sumati Morarjee who LATER BECAME LEADING WOMAN INDUSTRIALIST GAVE DIFFERENT CAR EACH DAY TO ACHYUT PATWARDHAN

- GOVT OFFICIALS & POLICE LEAKED INFO OF IMPENDING RAIDS

BOOSTER CAME FROM MG IN FORM OF HIS 21 DAY FAST FROM

AKAJMAN PALACE (PUNE) WHERE HE WAS IN DETENTION (1923)

- BR WANTED HIM TO CONDEMN VIOLENCE. HE INSTEAD BEGAN A FAST AGAINST BR VIOLENCE

- IMPACT :

BIG BLOW TO BR PRESTIGE WHEN INDIAN MEMBERS OF

VICEROY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESIGNED ∵ THEY DIDN'T WANT

BLAME OF MG DEATH.

MASS UPSURGE IN FORM OF DEMONSTRATIONS & STRIKES

ATTENTION OF INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ON BR REPRESSION

H Even Those Against QM DEMANDED MG'S RELEASE ∵ BROUGHT UNITY

(E) PARALLEL GOVTs:

- (i) 1st in BALLIA, EAST UP (AUG, 1942) BY CHITRU PANDAY
- OVERTHREW DISTRICT COLLECTOR & FREED INc LEADERS
in JAIL • FLED WHEN BR CAME.
- (ii) JATIYA SARKAR (Dec 1942 - Sep 1944) in MIDNAPORE, BENGAL
- (* JATIYA VIDYUT VAHINI LTD did ARBITRARY CSR, ARBITRATION COURTS, RICE TO POOR)
 - Schools
Cyclone Relief
- # Extensive CONSTRUCTIVE WORK BY INc EARLIER
 - # DID CYCLONE RELIEF WORK # GAVE GRANTS TO SCHOOLS
 - # SETUP ARBITRATION COURTS # GAVE RICE TO POOR
 - # SETUP AN ARMED GROUP CALLED VIDYUT VAHINI
- (iii) PATRI SARKAR (SATARA) (mid 1943-45): MOST SUCCESSFUL
- Nana Achyut Chavan Went To A GANDHI MARRIAGE WITH BOOK ON PATRI JUSTICE AS GIFTING ALCOHOL WAS PROHIBITED
 - # YB CHAVAN: most important LEADER UNTIL ARREST AT END OF 1942
 - # ACHYUT PATHWARDMAN GAVE GUIDANCE TO PATRI SARKAR SETUP BY NANA PATIL (ENGAGED EARLIER IN ROBIN HOOD STYLE ROBBERIES)
 - # PATHWARDMAN GOT TITLE LION OF SATARA
 - # TERM PATRI MEANT THE MARSH PUNISHMENT GIVEN TO THOSE WHO OPPOSED THE PARALLEL GOVT (GOVT OFFICIALS, INFORMERS)

WORK:

- SETUP PEOPLE'S COURT & VILLAGE LIBRARIES • ENFORCED PROHIBITION
- ORGANIZED GANDHI MARRIAGES WHERE DALITS WERE INVITED & RESPECTED.

Q] WAS QIM SPONTANEOUS ?

Ans] YES ∵ OF ARREST & PUBLIC DIDNT KNOW ACTION PLAN.

However,

- MG HAD BUILT TEMPO VIA INDIVIDUAL SATYAGRAH (1940)
- SINCE NAGPUR SESSION 1920, MG STRENGTHENED INC AT GRASS ROOT LEVELS

Q] HOW QIM ENDED ?

MG RELEASED ON HEALTH GROUNDS IN MAY 1944. GOT ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTIVE WORK.

WITH END OF WW II, ALL INC LEADERS RELEASED IN JUNE 1945 TO PARTICIPATE IN SIMLA CONFERENCE. THIS MARKED END OF QIM.

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