

# QUIT INDIA MOVEMENT (1942)

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- \* AKA AUGUST KRANTI / BHARAT CHHODO ANDOLAN
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> 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) 1<sup>st</sup> 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 ARRESTS & 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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