

The author/owner may prefer for appeal against the awards of the Copyright Board and the Courts.

In the current knowledge driven economy, the copyrights poses challenges of different nature, which requires immediate attention, and cautious management. The authors/owners should formulate the Copyright Societies or Associations to share the news of their works at national, regional and international levels and have to maintain data of the new creations so that they can inform their counterparts about the infringement of works in their area. The police should be given extra powers or separate task force should be created to

take immediate action against the infringers. Instead of litigations, alternative methods of settlement of dispute such as non-payment of royalties, disputes between the authors/owners and assignees and related matters, may be used. Software should be developed to trace out the person accessing the copyrighted material. The administrators should have enough powers to catch and reprimand the culprits and the law should have sharp teeth to bite. Unless the legislations are powerful to handle the worst situations with effective enforcement, though the rights granted to the owners/authors have no meaning. A message of caution has to be given to the public in general and infringers in specific through awareness programs.

GENESIS OF PEOPLES REPRESENTATIVES

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Whether it is a “A” Political Party in power or “B” their approach to the people’s problems and issues related to the Nation are the same. After the Political Stalwarts who strive for progressive march of the nation towards prosperity were laid to rest umpteen number of Mushroom growth street hunters projected themselves as National Leaders. Their experience and qualifications according to them are that they are second to none with their Muscle Power and Pots of money extracted from public to feed handful of vagabonds to entrust them with the task of castigating the voice of citizens while chasing them out from political arena. Another set of Leaders based their claim on Religious patronization with a handful of empty-headed followers who know nothing about religious prescriptions as to what for the religion stands. As a matter of

fact the power of such religious leaders progress so fast and rapid that innocents and ignorants fall as easy prey to them to their fake and fissiparous sermons. Such of them will be under the religious protection which is more a solid base to shield themselves from their criminality which gives them a fool proof protection to their activities in all fields.

Of late in a Parliamentary Democracy which is being projected by the present feather weight Leaders of straw from the very first day of their entry in the Parliament and Legislative Assemblies the issue is that of Lung Power of one against the other without any substance or cause. More so when it is being Televised. Immediately followed after the Presidential and Governor’s address they expose their Lung Power ventilating the acts

and deeds of the previous party in power and their failure in all front. And this will be debated for well over half the period while the house is in session. The next half is within the reach of the opposition to counter the allegations threatening "Dharnas" while encircling the prosodium of the Speaker. The remaining handful of days are projected by the party in power in glorifying the debate by bringing in Legislation, Acts and Notifications enhancing the Salaries and Perks of sitting Parliamentarians, Legislators closely followed with equal increase to the former Members also. The Salaries and Perks to Judiciary will then take a fashionable curve as if they are entitled to a proportionate increase in their salaries also. Closely followed is to discuss labour problems without any genuine and absolute interest therein. Immediately thereafter the subject will be referred to a Labour Commission which will be kept pending for years together. The matters relating Gazetted and non-Gazetted Officers will be thrown open before the Pay Commission. In this process Parliament will be nearing towards next General Elections but without any result oriented decision from any Commission. Pro-Farmer Pro-Poor and Pro-Unemployed youth, fool proof security to working women remains as Past-Ward to be invoked at the next General Election.

What is the Present Party in Power intend to do pertaining to uneven growth of Population, the economic structures, the needs of citizens, protection of Nation, the need to provide absolute security to the country, industrialisation to march towards progress will remain only as a mirage and irrelevant due to perhaps lack of knowledge and wisdom among the representatives of people. During the Session Lung Power of each Parliamentarian is tested and on that basis people are expected to assess the performance of the Representative accusing one against the other where after drama of walkout will be enacted. When an individual aspiring to

become Doctor, Judge, Engineer are expected to qualify themselves in the respective Academy what about those who enters the Parliament and Assembly to debate, formulate and pass Laws for administration and governance of the country even without basic qualification in any field ? Should they not exhibit their talents by passing thro' an appropriate Academy to qualify themselves what to speak, how to speak, when to speak and to what is the subject and what is predicate ? The nation and we the citizens are indisputably lethargic in projecting our vision to analyse the sequence of circumstances in a Political Party in choosing the candidates by consigning the norms and qualms to fire. In the result Legislative Assemblies and Parliament has become a mockery to enjoy as an entertainment and amusement on Television.

It is time for every citizen more so educated citizen to raise and rise their voice and concern before the cause becomes incurable from every angle. Let us give the Parliament and the Assemblies its stature and status to be represented not by Political featherweights but by men of vision and wisdom to project appropriate issues to discuss assuring people that representative is alive to the problems of the country while participating in the debate as a member conscientiously projecting the country's interest. But then what should be the guidelines for a Political Party to pick and choose the person to be a true and faithful representative of the People to adorn the edifice of Parliament and Assembly ? That which is seemingly impossible is also equally possible since where there is a will there is a way of achieving the results with little or more efforts. The norms otherwise known as guideline has to be setup for each Recognised Political Party under the Peoples Representative Act. Such guidelines should be stringent with a specific provision barring the Courts under any Article of the Constitution once the authority under the Representative Act initiate

enquiry followed by action. Equally so the power of recalling the Peoples Representative should also be absolute and result oriented without right to Appeal in approaching the Courts under any provision of the Constitution barring the Writs of Jurisdiction also. The Appellate Jurisdiction should be vested with the Speaker. The Speaker in turn may (should not be construed as “shall”) consult with the Leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister in case of M.Ps and like manner in the case of MLAs. The Political Party who consider the name or names of the candidates must obtain foolproof opinion not only from Revenue authorities but also several agencies like Police, concern Municipal authorities *etc.* The Minimum Education qualification should be prescribed so as to enable the representative to distinguish between Act and Notification, Amendment, Bills and Law to be introduced. In fine the Parliament and Assembly should not be a hunting ground for interfering in any sort of Money transaction muchless in the affairs of day-to-day administrative

machinery prohibiting them from interference in recommending release from Police Custody till the person is cleared of offence by the Court of Justice. Equally is in case any Representative comes under the rigour of any provision of Act, the Political Party who sponsored the candidature shall be directly responsible along with the Representative. In effect the Representative shall be debarred from contesting the election for life and loses his Pension and Perks while the Political Party shall be derecognised for recommending mean and criminal minded as a candidate.

At the initial setup it looks hard and impractical but in long run Parliament and Assemblies will be saved from the mockery which is presently creating the impriation that Parliamentary entertainment has become a Part of life of the Citizens. The foolproof check on the Representatives will drive away corruption slowly but surely from all departments since they can no more take shelter under the Pale of Representative’s interference.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – NEED FOR EXPANSION

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The first wealth is health : Emerson

It is said that nothing is valued until it is lost. The same appears to be the case with mental health. Health as defined by the WHO is not merely the absence of disease but a state of total well-being of the individual – physically, mentally and socially. Good mental health is one of the greatest gifts of nature and is so essential for good quality of life. Health and mental health are interconnected. There is adequate scientific evidence now to

show that if one is under stress and suffering from anxiety or depression, there are more chances to get a heart attack or cancer or some infection. It is known that a state of stress or depression reduces the body’s immune response, making one more prone to many diseases. Serious mental disorders like psychosis, severe depression, mental retardation, dementia *etc.*, affect only a small section of population. A sizable population