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Dear Sri Arvind Kejriwal Ji,

Congratulations for your party's second victory in Delhi.

We promise that any office bearer or member of Zakat Foundation of India shall never seek any personal favor from you or your government for ourselves or any other well placed individual.

During its second innings the UPA Govt in the centre generally ignored the restoration of justice to Muslims except toning up the Waqf law. Through a PowerPoint presentation made at Ahmedabad on 29 June 2013 in a program of Sri Narendra Modi, the ZFI President had eloquently narrated the reasons of Muslim disenchantment with his party and the required remedial measures. But a substantial improvement has yet to come. During the 2014 Lok Sabha elections and in the just concluded Delhi Assembly elections, Muslims overwhelmingly voted for AAP.

We would request you to kindly consider the following major recommendations of Justice Sachar Committee, Justice Mishra Commission, Mr. Harsh Mandar and others for planned implementation in Delhi. With warm regards, yours faithfully, For Zakat Foundation of India: Dr Syed Zafar Mahmood, S. M. Shakil, Asrar Ahmad, Anisur Rahman, Mumtaz Najmi, Irfan Baig, Mufti Dr Adil Jamal, Imtiyaz Ahmad Siddiqui, Kamal Akhtar www.zakatindia.org

Works pending for long

1. Units of Planning & Implementation

Make the village (in rural area) and ward (in urban area) [and not the district or block] as units of planning for infrastructure schemes (including MSDP) and their implementation.

2. Alternate Admission Criteria

Implement the ALTERNATE ADMISSION CRITERIA that will help the poor among all communities and will facilitate admissions to the 'most backward' in regular universities and colleges, providing a rating/ grading system (Sachar Committee Report page 246, Statement 12.1).

State funding should also be linked to the use of such criteria in admissions by the educational institutions.

3. Equal Opportunity Commission

Establish Equal Opportunity Commission in Delhi. (Modalities were finalized by Central Govt's Expert Committee 5 years ago)

4. Incentive Schemes based on Diversity Index

Institute in Delhi the Schemes for Incentives based on Diversity Index. (Modalities were finalized by Central Govt's Expert Committee 5 years ago).

5. Interest Free Finance Option

Give option for interest-free finance in the banking sector. Implement the recommendations of Raghuram Rajan Committee on financial sector reforms of the erstwhile Planning Commission.

6. Budget Component

Create Special Component Plan in the Budget for Muslims for skill development programs and other economic opportunities. ('Promises to Keep' by Harsh Mandar & others)

7. Delimitation

De-reserve constituencies with substantial Muslim presence. Create a cell in the CM's office to carry out research and collect data. Write to the Delimitation Commission to remove these anomalies.

For example, in Delhi, Mangolpuri assembly constituency (Scheduled Castes 34.16%, Muslims 6.31%) is not reserved for SCs. However, Seemapuri assembly constituency (SCs 28.97%, Muslims 17.38%) is reserved for SCs. Such gross injustice to Muslims needs to be reversed.

8. Waqfs

(a) Institutionally ensure that

(i) No Waqf property is leased at less than the currently prevalent fair market rate of rent.

(ii) No Waqf lease proposal is required to be submitted to the state government before the State Waqf Board is enabled to issue the lease order.

(b) Order the vacation of Waqf properties occupied for long by the central & Delhi Governments and their agencies and restore these to the Delhi State Waqf Board. For the period of occupation, Waqf Board should be given rent at market rate.

(c) Ensure that all the 123 Waqf properties are immediately returned to the Delhi Waqf Board immediately and it begins working to fruitfully utilize these as per the Waqf purposes. (d) Appoint a senior officer of an all-India or central service as CEO of Delhi Waqf Board on the pattern of several states where senior officers are appointed to manage temples & pratishthaans.

9. Madarsas

(a) Publicize the Central Madarsa Modernization Scheme (SPQEM) in Urdu & Hindi.

(b) Establish equivalence between Madarsa and other education in coordination with UGC and NIOS.

10. Urdu Teachers

Implement the Central Urdu Teachers Scheme.

11. Muslim Nomination & Involvement

(a) Like, Andhra Pradesh, evolve procedure to nominate Muslims in public positions of power, not only in areas of exclusive Muslim interest but in all other areas also.

(b) Involve Muslim beneficiary groups in planning & oversight of projects.

(c) Concentrate on benefiting the whole Muslim community, not only a few individuals.
