HUMAN RIGHTS AND TERRORISM IN SRILANKA WITH REFERENCE TO SOVEREIGNTY AND INTERNAL SECURITY

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ABSTRACT

The rights are most important for the Development of every human being. There are many rights guaranteed by law for the citizen of the nation. Political rights, Economical rights and Human rights are most important among all. This paper attempts to trace the Human rights and terrorism in Srilanka with reference to sovereignty and internal security.

INTRODUCTION

The ethnic Tamils as internally displaced people (IDP) are suffering a lot in the Island nation. Tamil women are asking their children to close their eyes while they change their dresses. Nobody knows about their fulfillment of basic amenities. If fulfillment of basic amenities itself is a question mark, there is nothing to say about their rights. The lessons learnt reconciliation Commission (LLRC) has presented the report which is highly occupied with tackling terrorism in the future and not about the deceased tamils. In the meantime, the human rights resolution initiated by U.S.A made an embarrassing moment for Srilanka in which India supported U.S.A due to the pressure of D.M.K the congress ally. The day to day activities of Srilankan Tamils are horrendous and horrible which was evidenced from the footage that has been tele casted by British IVth channel. Sensitive questions raised at international level against Srilanka torching over LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) in which more number of violations of human rights recorded. Srilanka blames international organizations and political parties of Tamilnadu for fuelling this sensitive issue. There is a lapse on the part of Srilanka as well as Tamils in combating the issue which was considered as bone of contention.

Ethnic Clashes in Srilanka

The row over between sinhaleese and ethnic tamils was unprecedented and frontal attacks against tamils initiated a deadly war between them for around three decades. The increasing population and participation of Tamil minority kindled furious enmity among majority sinhaleese. Social discrimination is tolerable but day to day life will be affected, if there is economic discrimination. (Batrais) The prices are variant between Sinhalese and tamils which further added fire to the fuel. Tamil girls were either raped by a gang of sinhaleese or otherwise tortured and harassed. A liberation tiger of Tamil Eelam was started by Prabakaran Vellupillai in order to get justice for tamils from sinhaleese exploitation. The demand of separate state i.e., Eelam kindled major animosity and the Government induced swiftly to curb out the activities of LTTE at bud itself. The action and reactions are recorded in history of Srilanka in which more than lacks of tamils were killed and 5 lacs people rendered homeless. India helped Srilanka by sending its military forces to tackle LTTE which was highly opposed by political parties of Tamilnadu. Besides this, the former prime minister of India, Rajeev Gandhi was cruelly murdered for various reasons. The Norwegian peace process met with so many failures. By the time other organization which claimed itself as a protector of tamil community was never tolerated by LTTE. The result is murdering of other Tamil organization leaders. (Brownlie) Recruiting and utilizing children for LTTE activities raised International level criticism against LTTE which was never bothered by it.

Srilankan Tragedy

Liberation tigers of Tamil Eelam which fought for freedom of tamils from the clutches of Sinhaleese met with several fiasco. Although it has received wide support from International countries, Srilanka’s conviction and commitment made LTTE to suffer a lot in terms of humans and as well as materials. In the year 2009, the military forces almost cornered LTTE which resulted in bloodshed war. It is reported that LTTE used human shields with normal civilians and there were devastating casualties. On both sides, with clear cut strategy, Srilankan Military forces captured all areas that were once
occupied by LTTE and killed all high-rung leaders without showing a little level of sympathy. (Thomas)

Issues Concerned

At International level, war is considered as a curse that is being unleashed by human minds. “War starts not in the battle field but from minds of the people” mentioned by UNESCO. The recent crisis in Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Palestine are all the International issues in which more number of human rights violations recorded. The “war on Terrorism” initiated by Bush Junior sent around \( \frac{1}{2} \) lac military troops in order to located Osama bin Laden. But still, the forces are there in Afghanistan after killing Laden, now the state is called as Failed” in which people doesn’t know who really rules over Afghanistan.”The ultimate aim of state is to protect people and give happiness” said Aristotle “When state is not in the position or incapable of providing security and happiness to the subjects, people possess rights to revolt” mentioned by Locke. (Charla.M.C) Almost all the countries are having multi ethnic community for which the state is doing their best to furnish required amenities. In Srilanka, the state fails to protect its subjects from all sorts of insecurity. If people are provided with legitimate rights economically and socially, why then they indulge in terrorist activities. Blame must be made also upon LTTE for having the means of violence and murdering leaders of India and Srilanka. But the Government of Srilanka should not have opted for military solution. The subjects are interdependent of the Government which involves in military solutions, where should go the people? In India also, there is separatist tendency prevails among various states. But the central Government pacifies thus tackling over the situation. Act 370 of India constitution has given special status to Jammu & Kashmir. (Chaturvedi) If same political solution was implied in North-Eastern part of Srilanka, what is the necessity for Tamils to opt for terrorism? Not only the state, but entire organisations such as Media, Non-Governmental Organization, Political parties and pressure groups are to be blamed for this kind of atrocious and unsympathetic and inhuman activity unleashed by Srilankan Government. When there was reliable information that Osama indulged in bombarding W.T.O and Pentagen, U.S.A immediately initiated “War on Terrorism” policy and sent NATO troops to Afghanistan in order to kill a single man. No nation dared to question NATO forces under the leadership of U.S.A. But when, lacs and lacs of Tamil people and their establishments were attacked and targeted by Srilankan Government, where went U.N.O, and NATO or other organizations. (Haqnsaria)

CONCLUSION

The government of Srilanka failed to protects its subjects which initiated terrorism related activities in the Island nation. There were lots of human rights violations recorded and registered at international level. No nation in this world initiated and bombarded its own people with all sorts of sophisticated arms and ammunitions. The insecurity of Srilankan Tamil minority made them to choose for terrorism. On both sides blame must be made, since casualties are extreme as per the military records of Srilanka. It is also the failure of the so-called U.N.O., which furthered the daringness of Srilankan military forces. India as a sovereign nation was unable to question the military solution, since it touches the sovereign decision making of Srilankan govt. The intolerance of Srilankan community and the failure of state and Government made a heritage old human community to suffer a lot with lacs of causalties.

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