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Riots in Muzzafarnagar have great similarity with what had happened in Gujarat in 2002. I am of the view that these riots are the extension of the experiment BJP-RSS conducted in Gujarat laboratory in 2002. It is yet another test in another land to test the efficacy of the sinister design of BJP-RSS to strengthen their vote bank. In this article I have given the ground realities of what happened in Gujarat in 2002 and what is happening now.

After gaining political success by using Gujarat as a laboratory, it appears that BJP and RSS are now using their success formula in the country. BJP and RSS used CDs showing burning coaches of train and dead bodies which were distributed to flare up communal riots in Gujarat in 2002, similar modus operandi is in riots in Muzzafarnagar and UP.

Gujarat had a devastating earthquake on January 26, 2001. Gujarat had BJP government and BJP had many more seats in Assembly than what is has today. But after the earthquake people had developed anti-BJP mindset. In the elections of local self governments after the earthquake, Congress had a spectacular success. It got majority in over 90 percent of district and taluka panchayats.

Congress gained power in municipalities and Municipal Corporations. Even in Ahmedabad, Congress had its Mayor. Congress came to power even in Rajkot which has maximum number of shakhas of RSS. Modi used this situation as a plot and convinced the BJP leadership that then Chief Minister Keshubhai Patel was responsible for the flop show of BJP in Gujarat and he should be removed. Keshubhai was removed from the post of Chief Minister.

Narendra Modi managed to capture office of the Chief Minister of Gujarat even though he was not a MLA. But after becoming Chief Minister Narendra Modi could not improve ground realities. After Modi becoming CM, three Assembly by-elections were held in Gujarat. One seat fell vacant as BJP MLA from Vadodara had resigned, another seat fell vacant because BJP MLA representing Mahuva died. In Rajkot, Vajubhai Vala resigned to make way for Modi to go to Assembly. Interestingly, all the three seats were of BJP. In these by-elections, Congress won two! Modi, the Chief Minsiter, managed to win by a thin margin.

All these three elections were fought in the leadership of Narendra Modi. After this BJP and RSS drew up a sinister plan to capture power. Ultimately, this became an experiment and Gujarat a laboratory.

In the past karsevakas used to go to Ayodhaya but never any untoward incident took place. In February 2002, this movement of karsevakas started again. People who played politics in the name of Rama were in power in Gujarat. It was the duty of the government to protect karsevakas turned Ramsevakas, but, there was an incident of fire in a coach of Sabarmati express at Godhara, by accident or by design. State and centre both had BJP government. What IB was doing? Why Railway police was missing? Forensic laboratory of Gujarat raised doubt that the coach was set afire from outside.

Godhara collector decided to send bodies to the hometowns of dead persons after post mortem. But, Gujarat CM decided that all dead bodies be brought to Ahmedabad. Thus, he created tension by the show of dead bodies. The resolution and speech of the Chief Minister in the Assembly was communally divisive. Despite this, it was the rational thinking of people of Gujarat that they maintained cool and there were no riots for three days.

However, during these three days RSS and BJP distributed innumerable video CDs showing burning coaches, dead bodies and all kind of provocative statements. In a well planned manner, there were SMSs and bulk phone call inciting communal violence. And ultimately, it worked. There were large scale riots. Police was asked not to take any action. Two cabinet ministers were stationed in police control room. There job was to further aggravate situation. If any police officer tried to control riots, he was punished instantaneously with sidelined posting. Whether a Hindu died or Muslim, it did not matter because it was an experiment to strengthen vote bank of BJP. This was followed by Gaurav yatra by the Chief Minister. It clearly divided Gujarat in two, Hindu and Muslim. He was successful in his vote bank politics.

Since then whenever elections approached in Gujarat, Chief Minister has sought votes on communal plank. Gujarat Chief Minister has just marketed himself in the name of development of Gujarat. Gujarat had no debt when he came to power. Today, Gujarat has

debt of Rs 1.56lakh crore! Even CAG has censored Gujarat government for this alarming situation.

Modi has never sought votes in the name of development or works done by him. Fake encounters of Gujarat are just part of larger vote bank politics.

We are proud of unity of our country which has many languages, castes, communities and regions and religions. We are neither Hindu, nor Muslim, we are just Hindustani. Is it not our duty to think that loss of anyone is loss of the country?

There should be narco test of the BJP MLA who has put highly distorted video on facebook which led to large scale violence in UP. I am sure this will bring out the Truth.

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