SAHIB KANSHI RAM’S INTERVIEW

QUESTION: Why are you so hostile to all the national parties, especially the communists?

KANSHI RAM: To my mind, all parties represent the forces of status quo. For us, politics is the politics of transformation. The existing parties are the reason for the status quo. That is why there has been no upward mobility for the backward communities. The communist parties have become the biggest stumbling block in this regard. They keep talking about change, but work for status quo. The BJP is better, they never talk about change. So people never feel duped. Parties like the Congress and communists talk about abolishing poverty, but work towards keeping people poor. If the poor are not kept poor, these people cannot remain in the party.

QUESTION: At the Congress centenary, Arun Singh said your emergence was not healthy for the national ethos.

KANSHI RAM: He is the grandson of a maharaja who never kept the interests of the nation in mind. Nationalism to him is feudalism. Nationalism to me is the masses of India. I BELIEVE IN THE TWO NATION THEORY: THOSE WHO OPPRESS AND THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED. What does the grandson of a wretched maharaja know about nationalism? What can we expect from Arun Singh than such things?

QUESTION: Why is your cadre so hostile to Mahatma Gandhi?

KANSHI RAM: Gandhi is the root of everything. I want change. Dr. Ambedkar wanted change. But Gandhi was the custodian of the status quo. He wanted Shudras to remain Shudras. He wanted the nation to go on the banks of the Ganga. Those interested in improving their next life come to me. They are four castes: 1. Agari 2. Bhandari 3. Koli 4. Chamar. They are Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and most backward communities. As soon as I touch the Maharashtra, these others are trying to pick up and burn a fire. They are the grandson of a wretched maharaja who never kept the interests of the nation in mind. Nationalism to him is feudalism. Nationalism to me is the masses of India. I BELIEVE IN THE TWO NATION THEORY: THOSE WHO OPPRESS AND THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED. What does the grandson of a wretched maharaja know about nationalism? What can we expect from Arun Singh than such things?

QUESTION: When this fear goes, will we have hands of the backward community?

HANDS OF THE BACKWARD COMMUNITY. My fear is BE ITS LEADERS. LEADERSHIP WILL REMAIN IN THE HANDS OF THE BACKWARD. Thebahujan samaj produces wealth. I get my money from them. Lakhs of people spend crores going to festivals like the Kumbh Mela to improve their next birth. I tell them that Kanshi Ram does not know anything about the next life. But he is an expert in the present life. My fear is that in their next life, I tell them, must go to the Brahmins on the banks of the Ganga. Those interested in improving their present life must come to me. So they throng to my meetings.

QUESTION: - There is talk of your being sponsored by the CIA.

KANSHI RAM: - For so many years this government has been clapping about it. It distributed lakhs of pamphlets about this in Bijnore. But the result was that people became furious and could not be purchased. Babuji told me to give Rs. 22 crores to buy tickets at Rs. 1000 each. But even those who used to be purchased at Rs. 10 turned him down. And if I am a CIA man, why hasn’t this government taken any action against me? That shows it is a hijra (eunuch) government.

QUESTION: - They say you spent a lot of money on the Lucknow rally.

KANSHI RAM: - Rs. 22 lakhs were spent on hiring the buses alone. But I am angry. It should have been Rs. 22 crores. A time will come when people should spend Rs. 22 crores on my call. I don’t feel any dearth of money. If money is coming from a treasury, it will be extinguished. I am getting money from a perennial source of funds. I need only one crore rupees to win all the 542 parliamentary seats. One day, voters will queue up to pay money to Kanshi Ram. The next day, they will queue up to vote for Kanshi Ram.

QUESTION: - Some of your party men have broken away from you.

KANSHI RAM: - You cannot keep all the people together. Some people may get tired. Some people may be purchased. Some may be frightened. This will be a permanent feature. It will not demoralise us. I have created a method where in a given time if 10 people go away, we will produce 110 people of the same calibre. Whom we dropped as deadwood, others are trying to pick up and burn a fire. They are trying to use them against us.

QUESTION: - You reiterature that you have never taken funds from a foreign source.

KANSHI RAM: - When I went to England two years ago, some people - there are seven lakh Chamars there - offered me funds. I decided not to take the money, though I told them, Gandhi and Buta Singh had taken money from the same source - the Guru Ravidsa Gurdwara in Birmingham. They had given to Babu Ji also. I was the only person who didn’t accept.

QUESTION: - What kind of change are you looking for?

KANSHI RAM: - I don’t want temporary changes. I want change. Dr. Ambedkar wanted change. But Gandhi was the custodian of the status quo. He wanted Shudras to remain Shudras. He wanted the nation to go on the banks of the Ganga. Those interested in improving their next life come to me. They are four castes: 1. Agari 2. Bhandari 3. Koli 4. Chamar. They are Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and most backward communities. As soon as I touch the Maharashtra, these others are trying to pick up and burn a fire. They are