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DEFEAT DICTATORSHIP : HELP DEMOCRACY WIN VICTORY

Dear Voter Brothers and Sisters,

I need not repeat the story of the events that took place since the Gujarat Agitation flared up in 1974. The history of those years is a history of Governmental expression and of insult of national values. It is a story of how one person anxious to retain power in her hands by hook or by crook and her sycephants deprived the people of their rights weakened the judiciary, tore the constitution to pieces and imposed a dictatorial rule on the Country, completely checking the voice of democracy.

Our choice is between dictatorship and democracy. The dictator is no other than Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi herself. She has made it amply clear by her misdeeds that she is prepared to do absolutely anything to retain power in her own hands, in the hands of her Party, in the hands of the rich whom she and her Party represent. The poor and the middle classes were worst suffered in Emergency. The cottages and hutments of the poor were demolished, so that fabulous mansions and spectacular bazaars of the rich could be raised on their ruins. Worker's right to strike work was snatched away so that they should never raise their voice. Industrialists could freely effect retrenchment of employees or declare a lock-out, while repressive measures were adopted against the Unions and organisations of the Labour and the middle class. While there was a continual hike in prices, the dearness allowance was drastically cut. Workers were summarily deprived of their bonus. Those who struggled to re-establish people's right were put behind the bars. The whole country was turned into a huge prison. Poor people were caught hold of like beasts and forcibly sterilised. The Police opened fire in a number of places against those who opposed the coercive measures. Everywhere in the Country, we had a reign of terror and repression.

At the moment, we are all standing at the crossroads. We have all been given an opportunity to make a decision as to which way our country will turn. This is our one opportunity to put an end to the continuation of those black deeds, and break all cruel bonds in one stroke. All that we have to do is to ensure that the Congress does not assume power at the Centre. Do away with misrule and end dictatorship once and for all. Vote for the nominee of the Janata Party : Vote for Democracy, and end dictatorship.

Remember that this time you are going to choose not for this Party or that, but your own future and the future of our country. All who prefer democracy and the rule of the people must unhesitatingly vote for the Janata Party candidate and supported by the Janata Party.

I appeal to you that you should vote the Janata Party candidate or Janata supported candidate from your Constituency.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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Bombay, 22nd February 1977.

