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Dr Shama Mohamed, Spokesperson, AICC addressed the media at AICC Hdqrs., today.

Dr Shama said- Namaste. Hello everybody!

I want to know- Why is our Pradhan Mantri quiet, Why is Shri Amit Shah quiet and why is Yogi Adityanath quiet?

As you all know, as 33 farmers have lost their lives in the ongoing farmer agitation and the All India Kisan Sabha is observing today as Shraddhanjali Divas. Why hasn't PM Modi said a single word? Why is our Prime Minister *Maun*? Our *Annadatas* are sitting at the Delhi border along with their wives & children in one of the coldest winters Delhi is experiencing but our Home minister Amit Shah has no time to see them but has time to go to Bengal!

Why is he not talking to our Annadatas? The callousness of the govt is on full display when on the one hand lakhs of *Kisans* are waiting for justice & on the other side you have the most gruesome gang rape & cover up by the state witnessed in the 73 year history of India. The CBI filed a chargesheet in the Hathras case confirming that it was gang rape & murder but still PM Modi is quiet, Amit Shah is quiet & Yogi Adityanath is quiet. Narendra Modi-led central govt is responsible for the deaths of 33 farmers, who have died during the ongoing farmers' protest.

Cover up, complicity & collusion of Adityanath Govt stands exposed!

Yogi Adityanath alias Shri Ajay Singh Bisht & his government now stand exposed before the people of this country by filing of the chargesheet by the CBI on the gruesome Hathras Rape & Murder which shook the soul of the nation.

The systematic & diabolic design by which a national campaign was launched by the Modi government, the yogi Adityanath government and the BJP along with the section of the media for discrediting & tarnishing the character of the hapless Hathras gang rape victim;

questioning the motive of the family, questioning the financial capacity of the family & repeatedly attempting to convert into a caste dispute or honour killing now lies in complete tatters.

Never before in the history of 73 years of independent India, a girl who died of brutal gang rape was subjected to such ugly insinuation & innuendos whereby her entire family was targeted to be harassed threatened and detained. Even members of the press were not allowed to meet the family or report the facts.

The facts:

- The FIR took 8 days to be registered, that too after her family ran from pillar to post.
- Despite her dying declaration on Sept 22nd in the presence of the District Magistrate where she stated that she was gang raped, the Hathras SP kept insisting that there was no evidence of sexual assault. (Nirbhaya gang rape & murder case relied on her dying declaration to eventually convict & hang the rapists) On whose orders did he adamantly deny sexual assault?
- UP Additional DG of Police Law & Order Prashanth Kumar citing some reports which spoke about absence of semen on victims's body, thereby kept distracting the investigation saying the victim was not raped. But as per Nirbhaya Act 2013, this is not a legal requirement to determine rape. It is unfathomable that the DG did not know this fact & on whose orders did he make that statement? This was obviously an attempt to mislead the evidence & protect the rapists.
- Who gave the orders to the Police to forcefully cremate the victim secretly in dark hours of night without a single member of the family present as they were locked up by the Police?
- BJP MLAs & MPs including Shri Mohan Mandavi, Shri Surendra Singh openly defended the rapists. The BJP IT Cell head even published the Victim's face which according to section 228A is punishable by imprisonment for a term which may extend up to 2 years.

However, the person whose behaviour has been the most bizarre and reprehensible is UP CM Shri Ajay Singh Bisht. Because he is not only the CM, he is also the Home Minister of UP. The forceful cremation of the victim instructed by the DM of Hathras and the successive attempt to cover up the act could not have happened without the former's express sanction. When cornered by intense public interest and media enquiry into the case he went so far as to allege an international plot to defame the UP govt. The UP government

even hired a PR firm to spread the false narrative that the victim wasn't raped. The administration tried everything to hush up the case. It was only due to the sheer persistence of Shri Rahul Gandhi ji and Smt Priyanka Gandhi ji, who were repeatedly stopped from going to Hathras & even had to face police brutality on their way to reach the victim's family and listen to their concerns, which finally led to UP government reluctant transfer of the case to CBI.

We demand that the accountability must be fixed. UP Police, who are responsible for this botch up should be punished for this wilful subversion of justice. The UP govt has used the full might of the state to deny justice to the victim.

UP CM Shri Adityanath alias Shri Ajay Bisht should take moral responsibility of the tragedy and resign from his post. The Congress party and the people of India will not rest until the Ajay Bisht govt is held accountable for their shameful and despicable conduct.

डॉ शमा मोहम्मद ने कहा कि आज तक 33 किसानों का आप लोगों को पता है देहांत हो गया है और अभी भी मोदी जी, उनके जो परिवार हैं, उनसे मिलने के लिए गए नहीं। उनके प्रति सांत्वना व्यक्त करने गए नहीं, अमित शाह जी भी नहीं गए। सब यहाँ हैं। अमित शाह जी जा सकते हैं बंगाल प्रचार करने के लिए, जिसका चुनाव है मई में, लेकिन वो वहाँ हैं और जो हमारे अन्नदाता बॉर्डर पर हैं, जो 5-10 किलोमीटर यहाँ से हैं, उनके पास नहीं जाते हैं। उनके परिवार को कंसोल करने के लिए नहीं जाते हैं। ये क्या न्याय है? वो हमारे, जो किसान लोग न्याय के लिए मांग कर रहे हैं और यहाँ अन्याय हो रहा है इस सरकार में।

जब भी कुछ प्रश्न पूछे जाते हैं मोदी जी से, अमित शाह जी से, सब मौन है। आजतक उनके मुँह से शोक या सांत्वना का एक भी शब्द नहीं आया कि हाँ, हमारे जो अन्नदाताओं का देहांत हो गया है, उन्होंने इस पर कुछ भी नहीं कहा।

सीबीआई की चार्जशीट फाइल करने के बाद हाथरस बलात्कार और हत्याकांड में आदित्यनाथ सरकार की भूमिका के रहस्यों से पर्दा उठ गया है। सरकार ने जांच को भटकाने की कोशिश की। आरोपियों को बचाने की कोशिश की और पीड़िता के परिवार को न्याय से वंचित रखा। पिछले 73 वर्षों के आजाद भारत के इतिहास में ये पहली बार हुआ है कि पीड़िता को उसकी मृत्यु के बाद भी बदनाम किया गया। उनके चरित्र पर प्रश्न उठाया गया। पीड़िता के परिवार वालों को बदनाम किया गया, धमकाया गया। इस घटना को जातीय हिंसा बताया गया। यहाँ तक कि प्रेस के मित्रों को भी पीड़िता के परिवार से मिलने से रोका गया और पूरी सरकार, प्रशासन, भाजपा पार्टी, भाजपा नेता सबने मिलकर इस दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण घटना पर पर्दा डालने की कोशिश की, जांच को भटकाने की कोशिश की।

आज जब सत्य सबके सामने है, हम कांग्रेस पार्टी के मंच से ये मांग करते हैं कि घटना की जिम्मेदारी तय हो और दोषियों को कड़ी से कड़ी सजा मिले। पुलिस प्रशासन के अधिकारी, जो आरोपी हों, उन्हें तत्काल निलंबित किया जाए एवं उनके खिलाफ जांच बैठाई जाए। मुख्यमंत्री आदित्यनाथ को तुरंत नैतिक

जिम्मेदारी लेते हुए अपने पद से इस्तीफा देना चाहिए। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी और भाजपा नेताओं को देश से माफी मांगनी चाहिए।

On a question about PM visit to Gurudwara Rakabganj, Dr. Shama Mohamed said- What I would like to say on that it is a good thing always to go to a Gurudwara, go to a Mandir. You know, we are all Indians are very spiritual people and I appreciate the Prime Minister's going there and what I would like to say that there are these farmers who are protesting out at the border. 33 of them have died due to this extreme cold and ailments; you know it is very cold even sitting inside the house, we need heaters, now they are on the roads out there. He can just go there and console them? Where is the empathy? They say that Pradhan Mantri is a man, who loves this country, who loves his people, he keep saying that each one of you are inside me. Where is the empathy from the Pradhan Mantri? He can just go and say, visit them and just console the family, just imagine what is going through those families, their children; they are also there at the Delhi borders. I have visited them personally over there. I can tell you, it is very cold and it is very difficult. So, I would urge the Pradhan Mantri to go out there and visit them. Instead of just going to religious places, which we understand is a good thing, but, he must go and visit them and console them and listen to them, give justice to these farmers and repeal these black laws and re-enact new laws in consultation with farmers, opposition parties and other stakeholders.

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