

Atalji's appeal to Indian voters

My Dear Fellow Citizens,

The decisive hour for electing the 15th Lok Sabha is upon us. Today, our nation is confronted by serious challenges of every kind. To successfully meet these challenges the nation needs a strong government and a determined leader. A government that by means of good governance, can ensure security for and rapid development of our country – a promise that has been made and will be delivered by Shri LK Advani.

I am unable to meet all of you due to poor health. However, I am grateful to you for the belongingness and affection that you have showered upon me. What perturbs me much more than my own health is the health of my India. The cure for that lies in your firm resolve.

Shri Lal Krishna Advani and I have been working together since 1952. His unblemished character and resolute personality have shown like a light torch in Indian politics. He is skilful in the art of taking up challenges and overcoming them. He is a compassionate human being and an exceptional leader whose best is yet to come. I firmly believe becoming the Prime Minister of India will bring out the best in him.

I appeal to all of you, especially to the youth of our country, to extend your wholehearted support, assistance and mandate to the BJP and its allied parties. Only Advaniji is capable of fulfilling the dream that both of us have seen together. Advaniji can provide a new direction to the governance of this country so that we create an India that is devoid of poverty, hunger, despair and injustice.

I invite you to join me in taking a firm resolve to create a strong government under the determined leadership of Shree Advani for a strong and prosperous India. This will only happen when you make the candidates of BJP and its allies from your region victorious.

Thank you,

Atal Bihari Vajpayee