

Press statement issued by BJP National Secretary and Spokesperson, Shri Balbir Punj

The statements made by Shri Lalu Prasad Yadav and Shri D. Srinivas, President, Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee have brought to fore the rank communalism being practiced by the so- called secular parties as a part of their vote bank politics.

According to media report, while addressing an election meeting in a minority dominated Kishanganj, the RJD Chief said “The day Varun Gandhi used his tongue against the 17 crore Muslims of the country, I would have run a roller over Varun’s chest, irrespective of the consequences,”.

The APCC President, Shri D. Srinivas addressing a minority meeting in Nizamabad on April 5, said that he would sever the hands of those who point a finger at minorities.

In the case of Mr. Varun Gandhi, Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh and Congress General Secretary, Rahul Gandhi (along with his sister, Ms. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra) were quick to react. One expects them to show the same level of promptness in this case as well. The least Dr. Manmohan Singh can do is to sack Mr. Lalu Prasad Yadav with immediate effect. The Congress Party which repeatedly swears by secularism should take suitable disciplinary action against Shri D. Srinivas.

Since there is precedent in Mr. Varun Gandhi’s case, the Election commission should direct both, the Congress party and RJD, not to field Shri D. Srinivas and Shri Lalu Yadav respectively in the coming elections.

The civil society should seek the release of Varun Gandhi who has been booked under National Security Act or should see to it that both Shri Lalu Yadav and Shri D. Srinivas are also booked under NSA. There cannot be double standards in a democratic system.

The BJP is approaching the Election Commission of India demanding stringent action against Congress and RJD leaders for their hate speeches.

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