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## PRESS RELEASE

**The activists of PBI and Vidarbha demonstrated at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup>, February, 2011 demanding the creation of Separate Independent Vidarbha State to be carved out of the existing Maharashtra State consisting of Amaravati, Akola, Chandrapur, Bid, Bhandara, Buldana, Nagpur, Yeotmal and Wardha districts.**

**The demonstrators were addressed by Madhukar Nistane - State President, Vidarbha, Laxman Kohle - State General Secretary, Subash Chandra Tyagi - Chairman PBI, Rajesh Singh - General Secretary, PBI and Kanhu Charan Behura - Movement Secretary, PBI. Other activists who led the demonstrators from the front were Manoj Chawan, Sridhar Patil, Jyoti Awati, Narendra Dhanare, Devananda Vaghmare & Kishan Gaekwad. The delegation also went to submit memorandum to the Honourable President, Prime Minister and Home Minister (GOI).**

### **Following is the text of the memorandum:**

Since long, we Vidarbha people are demanding a separate state of Vidarbha. From development point of view, Vidarbha is lagging far behind Western Maharashtra and Mumbai. Vidarbha Economy is mostly dependent on Cotton, Orange, Soyabean, Jwar, and Bajra. These are the main crops of Vidarbha.

Vidarbha is quite different in culture, social aspect, geography and economy than Western Maharashtra. We can find so many references in Mahabharat for Vidarbha. It had an important history long from Aryan age. Kauwadanyapur was the capital of Vidarbha which is now in Amravati district. Even in vedic period Vidarbha had its special importance. Agasti Rishi Lopmudra Marriage, Rukhmini Haran, Nal-Damayanti etc. are famous in ancient Vidarbha. Meghadoot poetry was written by Kalidas in Vidarbha (Ramtek, near Nagpur). Pandavas were sent to Jungle in Vidarbha. Chikhaldara is known after Kichak Wadh, previously it was known Kichakdara which is situated in Amravati district. Maharshi Grutsmad Rishi is known for his research in Cotton and Clothes of Cotton. He was the pioneer in this field.

Demand of separate Vidarbha State was started in 1920 in Nagpur in famous meeting of Congress Committee. In 1928 Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vallabhabhai Patel & Pattabhi Sitaram Maiyaa committee also demanded separate Vidarbha State. In State assembly of C.P. & Berar, Separate Vidarbha State was proposed. On 17<sup>th</sup> June, Justice S. K. Dar in his Ayoga statement said that Vidarbha State is viable and logical. Rajya Punar Nirman Committee had the same opinion for a separate Vidarbha and mentioned that Vidarbha State can flourish and make a good progress. In 1951 election, Congress made this an important point of party

publicity. In 1995 BJP again did the same for Party publicity. Balasaheb Thakare, the head of Shivasena said that within two years they are going to develop Vidarbha to maximum extent, otherwise he himself will demand separate Vidarbha. After that many political dignitaries demanded Separate Vidarbha State. But this Demand was thrown into dustbin by Central Government of India.

A great visionary, profounder of PROUT (PROgressive Utilization Theory), Shri Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar had an idea of different states in the whole world according to the differences in their culture, economy, natural geological boundaries, sentiment etc. keeping universal spirit. According to Him India can be divided into 44 different Samajas (States). Vidarbha, Sahyandri and Konkan, all these three areas are different from each other in Culture, Economy, and Land etc. This is the main reason for their different economic state. Therefore, all three regions are quite different in culture, economy and in other respects of social standard. If we were to develop there regions we will have to give them separate existence. They can not progress if they are kept together. That's why we ask for separate Vidarbha State by knowing the real demand of the day.

In Vidarbha thousands of farmers had committed suicide because they could not return their bank loans due to natural calamities and insufficient rain etc. Many thinkers of India discussed this issue. Farmers should get good profits from their production. For that the rates of crops such as Cotton, Jwar, Wheat, Rice, Soyabean should be as per their spending of money, energy, man power etc. Irrigation facilities are very poor, we do not have sufficient factories hence no jobs. Unless Vidarbha State is not separated from the rest of Maharashtra, we cannot get satisfactory progress.

**Following are the few important Points in respect of differences between Vidarbha Region and West Maharashtra.**

- 1) Mumbai is capital of Maharashtra. From the center of Vidarbha Mumbai is 900 Km. away. In Madhya Pradesh the capital Bhopal is 400 Km., Hyderabad capital is 350 Km., capital of Chhattisgarh is 300 Km., from their respective centers. All these are near in respects of Vidarbha. But Mumbai is far away.
- 2) In Western Maharashtra lot of funds are procured for irrigation. 80% land is dependent on rain water in Vidarbha. Only 9% is irrigated land.
- 3) Even funds which were given to Vidarbha were utilized for Western Maharashtra. That is why Western Maharashtra has more irrigated land. Back log in Vidarbha in this respect is too much. Yet Vidarbha could not irrigated 10 Lakhs, 76 thousand 790 hectares of land due this disparity.
- 4) Forests, land, and animal kingdom of Vidarbha is vanishing day by day. This is not the same in West Maharashtra. Government is favoring them in all respects.
- 5) Vidarbhan farmers are dependent on chemical fertilizers, which is very costly as compare to the purchasing capacity of Vidarbha farmers than West Maharashtra.
- 6) Back log of Vidarbha is 600 crores of rupees. But in West Maharashtra 96% of road work is completed.
- 7) Irrigation Pumps etc., the back log is 295 crores rupees. This is 59.84% of the funds

given to West Maharashtra. We get 10.44% for our farmers out of the total electricity given for Vidarbha.

8) Vidarbha farmer gets yield of 25 thousand for 5 Acres of land. But Western Maharashtra for the same area gets yield of 5 lakhs Rupees.

9) Vidarbha is transporting, Coal, Manganese, Dolomite, Cement, Raw Cotton, etc. to West Maharashtra but what Vidarbha gets from Western Maharashtra.

10) Back log in cotton producers of Vidarbha is Two thousand crores but onion producers of West Maharashtra got Rs. 25000/- per acre.

11) Vidarbha do not have factories for our crop products. But all Cotton mills are in Western Maharashtra.

12) All higher Education colleges are in Western Maharashtra. They are all in Mumbai and Pune. Vidarbha Region is lagging behind in public service competitive Examinations.

13) Vidarbha has one crore jobless persons. Mihan, Cargohub is not yet ready to give lakhs of jobs.

14) Same Condition is in Health department, we are not having adequate hospitals to treat our poor people.

15) Facilities are not provided for artist and sports players in Vidarbha Region in comparison to West Maharashtra.

We solicit your kind attention to all these facts and hope you to consider this demand of ours for separate Vidarbha State. Then only farmer suicides can be brought under control. Separate Vidarbha State should be created as early as possible.

**From : Proutist Bloc India  
& Vidarbha Samaj**

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