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Dear Citizens of Delhi

As the Chief Ministerial nominee of the Bharatiya Janata Party, it is my great pleasure to share some of my ideas with you. The coming election for the Delhi Assembly is going to be historic in many ways. In spite of the fact that Congress has ruled the state and the centre at the same time for 10 years, Delhi has not only failed to progress commensurately, it has regressed in the area of social security and the fundamental needs of the people have not been met.

I am aware that you are tired of the mis-governance of the Congress during the last 15 years and are determined to bring in a change of government. Conscious of this desire of the people of Delhi, the BJP is presenting itself as a trusted, viable and effective alternative. This Manifesto is a testament to the thinking, approach and vision we hold for Delhi and its residents.

Friends, 20 years ago we took on the responsibility of making Delhi Polio-free and we were successful in our objective. As Health Minister of the BJP Government then, it was my privilege to undertake and execute this onerous responsibility. Now we have committed ourselves to make Delhi free of inflation, corruption and mis-governance. The Congress has been roundly responsible for all three anomalies in our state and so we must first make Delhi Congress-free. We eradicated Polio and gave Delhi a dose of ‘health’. Now we will remove Congress and give Delhi the good governance it deserves.

Come and participate in this transition by voting for the BJP in the elections.

Yours
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PREAMBLE

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is extremely happy to present this Charter of Commitments to the people of Delhi on the eve of Delhi Assembly Elections 2014.

As core of the National Capital Region, Delhi has acquired a special place in the scheme of things of this geographical region. However, since Delhi is not a full-fledged State, its special status has remained more at the conceptual level. Practically, Delhi is just another mega-metro, with similar problems, similar concerns and similar bottlenecks in its progress. The division of responsibilities under the current system; among the Municipal Corporations and village bodies, State Government and the Central Govt is without any sound rationale and hence impracticable and also ineffective. Making the power-structure within this region more balanced, participative and thereby effective to ensure Good Governance will be the TOP MOST priority of our Govt.

BJP also looks at the question of collective, shred identity and common ethos of the citizens of Delhi. Delhi is a salad bowl, where people from almost all parts of the country live peacefully, with their own linguistic and regional identities intact while acquiring yet another identity of a Delhite, a proud resident of National Capital.

Common ethos through a carefully cultivated shared sense of belonging and identity is also required for modern mega-cities. Cities are not just lifeless concrete structures, roads, bridges and other infrastructure. Social Infrastructure is extremely important for the growth of a city. It is this social infrastructure that gives cities an identity of their own.

While presenting this Charter of Commitments, we do have taken due care of all important issues afflicting the Quality of Life in Delhi. From school education to vehicular traffic and women safety to health, every issue that concerns the citizens of Delhi has been addressed. However, we have gone beyond them and given top priority to the subject of Full Statehood to Delhi and strengthening a Common Identity of all Delhites through structured efforts.

Delhi belongs to all who live here. We dedicate this Charter to all those who love Delhi, who care for Delhi and who have a passion to better this National Capital for they consider it their duty to keep its prestige intact. After all the prestige of every Indian is intertwined with the prestige of Delhi.

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BACKGROUNDER

15 Years of Congress misrule – A Fact Sheet

- Even today, 40% of Delhi does not get Delhi Jal Board water supply and piped water contains at least 10 varieties of dangerous pollutants.
- The Yamuna flowing along Nizammudin area has been found to possess 41 Crore coliform bacterium.
- The capital’s 629 water bodies have been occupied and taken over by land sharks. The water bodies have disappeared.
- 40 Lakh people in Delhi are living in unauthorized or illegal colonies in abject conditions.
- 30 Lakh people are living in slums without basic amenities.
- Over 2 lakh people are homeless and are forced to live, eat and clean themselves in the open.
- The 483 traffic crossings in the capital are proving to be deadly for pedestrians. In the current year 2281 pedestrians were injured and 832 people died in accidents at such crossings.
- 1809 of the newly acquired low floor DTC buses were found to be unfit within one year of their purchase and commissioning.
- Beautification of Connaught Place was initiated to be in time with Commonwealth Games. The work has not been completed till date. Contractors have been allowed a seventh time extension. Business in the area has dropped dramatically and inconvenience and traffic snarls for commuters have become permanent features. Cost of the project has escalated hundred times.
- A state led by a woman Chief Minister has become a centre for girl child trafficking where they are being exploited and pushed into various criminal acts.
OUR COMMITMENTS

FULL STATEHOOD FOR DELHI:

• BJP shall continue the struggle for full statehood to Delhi
• Integrated transport system for facility of commuters in the NCR areas including Faridabad, Gurgaon, Sonipat, Rohtak, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad and Noida etc.

GOOD GOVERNANCE:

• Promotion of e-governance to ensure transparent, responsive and corruption free administration. All tenders shall be available on the website and the process of awarding big tenders shall be video-recorded.
• An ‘Accountability Commission’ to be established for ensuring efficient use of public money.
• The Institution of LOKAYUKTA shall be made affective with sufficient powers.
• An easy ‘Helpline’ telephone number shall be assigned for reporting complaints on corruption.
• ‘Public Grievance Redressal Cell’ shall be established in all Government offices for redressal of grievances in a time-bound manner.
• 14 Districts shall be established in the 7 Parliamentary constituencies of Delhi. The revenue Districts shall be co-terminus with the police districts, MCD zones and division other local bodies

JUSTICE:

• Time Bound improvements in the system of justice, its administration and infrastructure shall be brought with the use of information technology.
• All courts and tribunals falling in a district shall be brought in a single campus.
• Increase in the number of evening courts for speedy disposal of pending matters.
• Establishment of ‘Speedy Justice Commission’ to suggest measures for ensuring justice without delay.
• More ‘Fast Track Courts’ for trial of serious offenses against women & special courts for cases filed by senior citizens.

JUSTICE FOR 1984 RIOT VICTIMS

• It shall be our priority to ensure speedy trial and conviction of persons guilty for 1984 riots.
FOOD and CIVIL SUPPLIES:

PRICE MONITORING & CONTROL

- Prices of onions, tomatoes and other vegetables shall be brought under control within 30 days of formation of BJP Government. For a lasting solution, Beta-Ray process plants, pre-cooling plants, cold-storages and such other storage facilities shall be created for storage and timely availability of fruits & vegetables.

REFORMS IN PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

- The whole process of acquisition and public distribution shall be computerized and made available on internet to ensure transparency. PDS system modeled on Chhattisgarh Pattern shall be implemented in Delhi.

AVAILABILITY OF SUBSIDIZED GAS CYLINDERS

- The numbers of subsidized gas Cylinders shall be increased from 9 to 12 per family per year.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES:

ELECTRICITY, SOLAR & OTHER ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY

- Delhi shall be made a ‘Power Surplus State’.
- Reduction of 30% Power tariff by promoting competition in Discoms and bringing them under CAG audit and RTI.
- To make Delhi as the Solar Energy Capital of the country by generation of Solar Power on the roof-tops of the government and other buildings. The government shall provide liberal assistance for this purpose.
- Tax holiday for manufacturing of solar energy equipments for ten years.

WATER

- Provision of Safe Drinking Water for all residents of Delhi
- Power–tariff shall be rationalized.
- Government assistance to promote Rain Water Harvesting.
- The water distribution infrastructure shall be modernized to prevent wastage of water during procuring, treating and distribution process.
- Enquiry will be conducted into under-utilization of water recycling plants and sewage treatment plants for efficient functioning and prevention of malpractices in Delhi Jal Board.
• Recycling plants for non-consumptive water shall be encouraged in new constructions, big colonies and hotels. The treated water shall be used in parks, toilets and industry.

SEWAGE SYSTEM
• The sewage system shall be made efficient, environment friendly and modern by use of updated technology.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
• Metro Rail, DTC bus system, Metro-feeder buses and ring-railway shall be developed as complementary to each other.
• Common Smart Card (CSC) will be introduced for use in Metro rail, Metro-feeder buses and DTC buses. Students shall be provided smart cards at concessional rates for their education.
• The DTC shall be restructured, expanded and strengthened. Special services shall be provided for the factory workers in the industrial areas. The revamped of DTC routes to achieve economy of scale.
• Promotion of CNG vehicles in public and private transport, battery operated taxies and ring-railway.
• Promotion of increased use of DTC buses for school children during non peak hours.
• Fitness centers for vehicles shall be established in Transport Authority premises.
• Augmentation of DTC services in rural and industrial areas including Bijwasan, Nazafgarh and Narela.
• New Inter-state bus terminus in Narela and Nazafgarh.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES
• Priority to expansion of public conveniences, with emphasis upon women in the colonies inhabited by weaker sections.
• Time bound provision of public conveniences in markets and other busy public places.

HEALTH SERVICES :

RIGHT TO HEALTH
• Universal Health Insurance in Delhi with government assistance.
• To implement again the India’s first ‘Essential Drug Policy’ made by Dr. Harsh Vardhan to ensure lifelong availability of 25 essential drugs for all residents of Delhi. This shall also be implemented on Ayurvedic, Unani, Homeopathic systems of medicines.
• Mobile OPDs for health facilities in the economically weaker section colonies.
• Establishment of ‘Trauma Centers’ in all districts of Delhi.
• Establishment of family clinics in good numbers with emphasis on rural areas for provision of quality health services upon low cost.
• Impetus for research for affordable health diagnostics.
• 30% of the health budget shall be invested for preventative and promotive health care and to create awareness about healthy lifestyle, diet and exercise.
• Deemed University status for Tibbia College.
• An Institute Of Integrated Medicine shall be set up for research and development of health care. Holistic Personalized Treatment under one roof by integrating of Allopathic, Unani, Ayurvedic and Homeopathic systems of medicine.
• Private OPD service between 5 to 7 pm in all Government hospitals by specialist Government Doctors.
• Infant Mortality Rate to be brought down from 28 to 15 per thousand in two years.

EDUCATION:
• Expansion and opening of new schools and institutions of higher education (including girls schools and colleges) to keep pace with the increasing population and the requirement of rural areas of Delhi.
• Scholarships to all eligible students from economically weaker sections of the society.
• Restructuring of primary school curriculum to include values for life, dignity, and patriotism as also conservation of electricity, water and security on roads.
• 85% seats in Delhi colleges shall be reserved for the students of Delhi or they shall be given 4% concession of marks in admissions. This shall be applicable to all students (irrespective of their place of origin) who pass their senior secondary examination from schools in Delhi.
• Special provision in primary education for students from rural, backward and disadvantaged groups.
• Equal opportunity in education through the medium of instruction in mother tongue - regional languages.
• The teaching of traditional arts and handicrafts shall be provided in all schools.
• The role of SCERT shall be expanded and made effective.
• The vacancies of teaching staffs in schools, colleges and universities shall be filled up on priority. The wage structure shall be rationalized to remove anomalies.

• Establishment of ‘East Delhi Campus’ of Delhi University.

**LANGUAGE**

• Language and Literature courses shall include authors and works in Hindi and regional language.

• The school students shall have option to learn Punjabi and other languages. Government shall employ adequate number of language teachers for the purpose.

• The Government shall strive for making English & Hindi as court languages in High Court and Subordinate Courts.

**INFRASTRUCTURE :**

**ROAD & TRANSPORT**

• To relieve Delhi of traffic jams, a centralized traffic plan shall be made for time-bound provision of alternative roads.

• The Delhi roads shall be made pedestrian and cycle friendly.

• We shall persuade the Central Government for completion of Western Express Highway connecting Kundli – Manesar – Palwal and of Eastern Express Highway connecting Sonipat – Ghaziabad – Faridabad – Palwal within 6 months, so that vehicles going on those sides do not have to pass through Delhi. This will ease traffic congestion and reduce vehicular pollution in Delhi.

• Inter-connecting the crowded flyovers. Provision of modern pedestrian-bridges.

• Construction of under pass / over bridges on level railway crossings to ease traffic jams.

• The rural areas of Najafgarh, Narela and Bawana shall be provided with wide better roads.

• Better traffic management outside railway stations. The railway stations in Delhi shall be inter-connected with local trains and buses.

**METRO RAIL - MONO RAIL**

• Implementation of long awaited Mono-Rail. The Mono-Rail system shall be made complimentary with Metro-Rail. The number of coaches in Metro-Rail shall be increased.

• The reach of Metro-Rail shall be increased to all areas in Delhi.

• The capacity of Metro-Rail shall be increased by provided multi-level Metro trains in densely populated areas.
PARKING

• A Parking Master Plan shall be made with the help of international experts for long term solution of parking problems in Delhi.
• Multi-level underground parking shall be provided in various parts of Delhi.
• Four big Truck-Bus terminals shall be provided in the peripheral areas of Delhi for parking of trucks and buses coming to Delhi.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT :

HOUSING

• To permit conversion into free-hold the double story quarters and LSC-Shop cum residence and to increase their FAR.
• Construction of parking on the ground floor shall be mandatory for new multi-story buildings.
• Affordable Housing with the use of modern technology for lower and middle income groups. Provision of housing loans on easy terms.

UNAUTHORIZED COLONIES

• Unauthorized colonies shall be regularized. They shall be provided with developments as in DDA colonies. The layout fund for development shall be provided by Delhi Government.
• Unauthorized and private colonies shall be provided with educational and health facilities, community centers, parks, recreational and sports centers.

PUCCA HOUSING FOR JHUGGI DWELLERS

• ‘Atal Bihari Vajpayee Jan-Punarvas Yojana’ for in-situ construction of multi-storied houses for Jhuggi dwellers. Till such time, following facilities to be provided to slum dwellers:
  • Drinking water, drainage, sanitation & hygiene,
  • School admission to children inspite of not having resident proof.

TRADE & COMMERCE

• Accidental Insurance cover of Rs. 4 Lac for all the VAT registered dealer by the Government.
• To freehold industrial plots in DSIDC area,
• To freehold/regularize small industrial plots necessitated by family divisions in DSIDC,
• Grievance centres in all industrial areas,
• Single window clearance to set up any new business,

• Entire VAT process to be simplified and rationalized,

• Families desirous of starting cottage industry in rural areas to be encouraged.

• Delhi being a big trade centre a trade board will be setup to resolve all trade related complicated issues.

WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR

• Single window facility for payment of statutory taxes,

• Facilitate working capital from Delhi Finance Corporation to help women entrepreneur sustain their business.

YOUTH, SKILL DEVELOPMENT & EMPLOYMENT

• Setting up of “Atal Yuva Mission” to facilitate employment generation for youth,

• Current school curriculum to be expanded to include employment generating skill programmes & to encourage self employment amongst youth,

• Free training and tools to those learning hand crafts with special emphasis on Vishwakarma and Weavers,

• Easy loans to those wishing to start self employment,

• Setting up of IT zones in Nazafgarh, Narela and Bijwasan areas,

• Setting up language Centres to generate employment as tour guides in large numbers.

• Demand for ‘domestic help’ has grown in proportion to increase in the number of working women. To facilitate availability of domestic help & to prevent their exploitation, following is proposed :
  • To increase their employability and dependability, starting of short term free courses for their training,
  • Facilitating availability of such trained personnel who would be registered at these training centres,

• Similar training centres to be started for drivers as well.

SPORTS

• To promote sports, new play grounds to be made which will be equipped with latest sports facilities which will be in sync with environmental and ecological concerns,
• New sports stadium to be opened in Narela.
• Traditional Indian sports like Kabbadi, kho kho, Mal khamb and Wrestling to be encouraged & promoted

**WOMEN SECURITY & CHILD WELFARE**

• Create an environment of respect & security for women,
• To introduce self defence programmes in school curriculum with emphasis on martial arts,
• Opening of more hostels for working women,
• More fast track courts for speedy trial of women related cases,
• 24 hrs call centres to address women safety issues and creation of dedicated ‘Women Security Force’ under direct supervision of Chief Minister,
• To ensure lighting inside all public buses,
• Setting up of nutritional rehabilitation centres for mal nourished children,
• Expansion of Anganwadis to cover all needy children with emphasis on training of Anganwadi worker,
• Introduce facilities in Anganwadis to house & care for infants between the age of 3 months to 3 years,
• Assimilate homeless and orphan children in mainstream in timebound welfare programmes,

**ORPHANAGES / JUVENILE REHABILITATION CENTRES**

• Involvement of public participation for transparency & to improve the infrastructure & facilities in these homes with a focus on holistic development of children.

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT & AGRICULTURE:**

• Ownership rights to those landless in villages who were allotted housing plots under Bees Sutri programme,
• One self occupied house of each rural family to be exempted from house tax,
• Priority to rural landless families in different housing schemes,
• Expansion of Lal Dora,
• Revenue department to be computerized,
• Bhalswa landfill to be developed into a tourism spot,
• Section 81 & 33 of Delhi Land Reform Act to be amended to regularize existing unauthorized colonies beyond urban villages. Setting up of dedicated ‘Board for Rural Development Board’ for holistic development of villages on outskirts of Delhi,
• Farmers of Yamuna Khadar will not be dispossessed of their land,
• Secure Gram Sabha land in environment & rural interests,
• Lift the ban on new tube wells,
• Chakbandi of agriculture land to be resumed and completed,
• Technology sharing with rural youth to promote agriculture,

**SOCIAL WELFARE & SOCIAL SECURITY:**

• Pensions of senior citizens, physically challenged, widows & destitute women to be increased from current Rs1000/1500 to Rs2000/ per month.
• Setting up of ‘Senior Citizen Commission’ to address concerns of senior citizens.
• Special rebate for property registration in the name of senior citizen.
• Setting up of ‘Migrants Commission’ to address welfare of large number of migrants settled in Delhi.

**SECURITY OF NORTH EAST STUDENTS**

• 24 hour helpline and special arrangements in police stations of NE populated students to ensure their safety,
• Encouraging local guardianship for North Eastern students,

**MINORITIES**

• Setting up of training centres for skill development and entrepreneurship,
• Setting up of Madarasa Board and integrate modern education in them,
• Remove encroachment from Waqf properties,
• Filling of vacancies of Urdu teachers,
• Adequate education centres in minority dominated areas,

**DISADVANTAGED SECTIONS**

• Ensuring dignified living for specially challenged and homeless with emphasis on facilitating self employment, food, shelter & housing,
• Training for Safai Karamchari, govt job on compassionate grounds on the death of existing Safai Karamchari in govt,

• Education and self employment for third genders,

• Education and employment & self employment opportunities for beggars, for their dignified rehabilitation,

**UNORGANIZED LABOUR**

• Ensuring implementation of minimum wages for those working in unorganized sectors,

• Identity cards to weekly hawkers and allotment of space for weekly haats,

• Newspaper hawkers to be given free cycle,

• Battery operated rickshaws to be brought under MCD for their operational convenience,

**FUNERAL GROUNDS**

• Crematoriums/ Burial grounds to be provided with better facilities,

• Proper and dignified last rites of unidentified dead bodies with free of charge.

**ENVIRONMENT**

• Setting up of ‘Deprt of Public Safety’ in India to address concerns of food safety, product safety, workplace safety, fire safety and home safety,

• For Holistic development of common man, emphasis on integrating physical, emotional, psychological & spiritual quotients which will reduce increasing instances of stress and depression,

• Ensuring effective sanitation, hygiene & waste disposal,

• Reduce environmental & noise pollution,

• All development project will be environment friendly.

• To meet growing demands of flower, encourage flower cultivation, facilitate technical know how to grow Orchid flowers which is also a great source of income,

• Protecting green belt,

• Extensive tree plantation drives, especially fruit bearing and of medicinal qualities,

• Preventing damage to Child’s brain by Lead pollution by starting Lead Screening Programmes.
YAMUNA:
• BJP believes that river Yamuna is our national heritage. We will constitute a Delhi Yamuna Development Authority.
• Yamuna will be made totally pollution free under a time bound programme.
• Dirty water, flowing through nullas will NOT AT ALL be allowed to be deposited in Yamuna. Instead, it will be recycled and used for public parks, industries and also for toilets.
• Both the banks of Yamuna will be developed as tourist spot and recreational activities including boating will be started in the river.

CATTLE SHEDS AND COW PROTECTION:
• Well equipped Cattle Sheds will be created for stray cattle and cows. Responsibility of maintaining such facilities will be given to voluntary organisations.

ARTS AND CULTURE:
• Measures will be taken to cultivate and promote Delhi’s rich composite culture through various Art Festivals with special emphasis on Music, Dance, Films and Theatre.
• Training Centres will be opened for the teaching of classical dance, music, drawing and sculpture etc.
• Recognition to literatures and artists belonging to regional language-groups along with Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Sindhi etc.
• Establishment of Delhi Museum for presenting the rich historical traditions and heritage of Delhi region.
• Promotion and development of the local history, folk arts, dialects and culture of villages belonging of Delhi.
• Extension of Public Libraries in the far flung areas of Delhi in view of growing number of educated individuals.

TOURISM:
• Making Delhi a safe and secure Tourism Destination for tourists from all over the world.
• Establishment of Tourist Assistance Centres for various tourism related services at affordable charges.
• Introduction of modern, well-equipped buses for attracting more tourists.
• Making historic buildings, heritage structures and other important monuments free from encroaches to facilitate their maintenance and protection.