

## **Growth of Muslim and Christian militancy under the UPA rule.**

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Hundreds of Muslims, under the aegis of Tamil Nadu Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, staged a violent demonstration in front of the US Consulate in Chennai on September 14, 2012, in protest against an English film made in the US, which allegedly depicted Prophet Mohammad in an insulting manner. They pelted the Consulate building with stones, burnt the American flag and pictures of President Barack Obama and damaged CCTV cameras, a police booth and some instruction boards for visitors. Earlier, announcements were made in all the important mosques in the city urging people to come out in large numbers and support the protest programme. Pamphlets with similar appeal were also distributed among the Muslims. The controversial film trailer titled 'Innocence of Muslims', made by a Coptic Christian in the US, was released on YouTube a few days ago. The crudely shot film trailer of 13 minutes duration, reportedly showed Prophet Mohammad as a fool, a womanizer and a homosexual. In Jammu and Kashmir also, there were wide-spread demonstrations by angry Muslims in front of different mosques and other religious places on September 14 in protest against the blasphemous film on Prophet Mohammad.

Continuing with their anti-US protest against the alleged blasphemous film "Innocence of Muslims", the Muslim protesters again disrupted traffic and clashed with police at several places in Chennai on September 18, 2012. Three protesters and five policemen were injured in the clashes. About 10000 Muslims, mostly youngsters, belonging to 23 Muslim groups attended the protest programme in front of the Makkah masjid in Chennai on September 18 afternoon. Popular Front of India, a militant Muslim outfit with substantial influence in all the southern states, had played a key role in organizing the protest programme on September 18, which showed the growing influence of radical elements in the Muslim society.

More than 20000 Muslims took part in a violent demonstration against the anti-Islam film 'Innocence of Muslims' in Kolkata on September 27, 2012. The protesters from different parts of the state assembled near the American Centre in Kolkata and raising anti-US slogans, they marched towards the American Centre, broke police barricades and indulged in heavy stone pelting. Five policemen were injured in the stone pelting. The police authorities were however able to pacify the crowd and defuse tension. The Muslim protesters held another demonstration in Central Kolkata on October 5, 2012 against the anti-Islam film 'Innocence of Muslims'. They shouted anti-US slogans and disrupted the traffic throughout the day.

A rally held by the Muslims of Ahmedabad to condemn the anti-Islam film 'Innocence of Muslims' took a violent turn on October 3, 2012, with the protesters setting fire to Khass Bazar police chowki at Karanj. The angry mob also torched ten vehicles, including two police jeeps. They even set fire to some motorbikes parked in the premises of Karanj police station. The city police lobbed 30 tear gas shells and resorted to a lathicharge and also fired a few rounds in the air to disperse the protesters. 12 people, including six policemen, were injured in the violence and more than 100 people were arrested in connection with the incident.

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### Azad Maidan violence in Mumbai

Mumbai city had witnessed unprecedented mob fury on August 11, 2012, when a meeting organized by some Muslim fundamentalist outfits at Azad Maidan in Mumbai to condemn the alleged atrocities against Muslims in Assam and Myanmar suddenly turned violent and a section of the mammoth crowd started attacking the police and media persons. By all accounts, the August 11 violence was pre-planned. Provocative SMSs and fabricated photographs of Assam and Myanmar violence were circulated among the Muslims well in advance and also at the meeting venue to incite violent reaction. Adding fuel to the fire, three of the speakers on the dais gave inflammatory speeches against the police and media, providing the necessary spark for violence. With the eruption of mob fury, the Azad Maidan soon became a war-zone. The rampaging miscreants set fire to 11 vehicles that included OB vans of three TV channels and four police vehicles, including one belonging to the Rapid Action Force. Several policemen and media persons were mercilessly beaten up. At least seven lady constables were molested. The miscreants tossed one constable up and down in the air several times in a most humiliating way. Some police firearms were stolen. The protesters snatched two self-loading rifles (SLRs), 150 rounds of ammunition and a police inspector's service pistol during the violence. A video clip on the riot scene showed one culprit firing from the police SLR. The man identified as Abdul Qadir Ansari was later arrested. The police later recovered the two SLRs and 29 rounds of ammunition. Several buses and even some of the local trains were subjected to heavy stone pelting. Many private vehicles and some shops in the CST subway were also attacked by the marauding mob. They did not spare even the Amar Jawan Jyoti memorial at Azad Maidan, which was vandalized. The Amar Jawan Jyoti memorial was erected in 2009 in memory of Sayyed Hussain and Mangal Candia, two sepoys who were martyred during the sepoy mutiny of 1857. The police resorted to lathi charge, lobbed tear gas shells and finally opened fire to disperse the crowd. Two Muslim youths were killed in the police firing and 63 people, including 58 police personnel, were injured in the rioting and violence.

The Mumbai city had not witnessed such organized violence against the police and media people any time in the past. It is reported that gangs of Muslim youths openly wielding lathis in a menacing way had boarded the trains from Mumbra and Kurla and had come to Azad Maidan fully prepared for unleashing violence. Police authorities cannot be unaware of such preparation for violence. And yet no action was taken for preventing the entry of such unruly elements into the meeting venue at Azad Maidan. Even after the eruption of violence, the police remained passive and inactive initially despite extreme provocation. After the mayhem, the police had seized hammers, knives, kerosene cans and a private pistol from the scene of violence, clearly indicating that the violence was pre-planned. I do not think that the police force anywhere in India was subjected to such insult and humiliation as was witnessed in Mumbai on August 11, like the fanatic Muslim hooligans molesting lady constables, snatching firearms from the police, tossing a policeman up and down in the air, etc. It was clear that the police inaction was deliberate as when DCP Ravindra Shisve caught hold of a misbehaving Muslim youth by the collar, he was publicly rebuked and humiliated by the Police Commissioner Arup Patnaik for acting independently. The protest meeting at Azad Maidan was organized by the Raza Academy and Madina Tul Ilm Foundation, a new Muslim radical outfit. It may be recalled that the Raza

Academy had played key role in organizing violent riots in Bhiwandi in July 2006 in protest against the construction of a new police station in Bhiwandi.

## Violence in UP

About 50/60 Muslims wearing skull caps and scarves indulged in arson and violence in Hazratganj area of Lucknow on August 17, 2012. These Muslims after offering the alvida namaz, which is offered on the last day of the holy month of Ramzan, came out from a mosque in Waziganj area and marched to Buddha Park before turning violent and started terrorizing the public in Hazratganj area. They shouted slogans raising the issue of violence against Muslims in Assam and Myanmar, ransacked Buddha Park, broke windowpanes of several vehicles and forced closure of shops. Several vehicles of media-persons were damaged and their cameras broken. Panic-stricken shop keepers downed their shutters and ran for shelter. The police remained as mute spectators initially allowing such hooliganism to continue, and acted to restore order only after some reporters were attacked. Meanwhile a curfew was imposed in Kotwali area in Allahabad on the same day as after the Friday prayers, the Muslims ransacked shops and damaged more than 70 vehicles in protest over the alleged atrocities against Muslims in Assam and Myanmar. The police had to resort to a lathi-charge to disperse the unruly mob.

Large-scale violence was also reported from Allahabad, Kanpur and Lucknow in UP on August 17 in protest against the atrocities on Muslims in Assam and Myanmar. The police reportedly later recovered some pamphlets which were distributed by a political party of eastern UP at various places soon after the Friday namaz. The pamphlets contained some provocative depiction of violence against Muslims in Assam and Myanmar which apparently provoked the Muslims to resort to violence across the state.

## Ghaziabad violence

On September 14, 2012, somebody at Masuri in Ghaziabad played a mischief by throwing some torn pages of Quran with some objectionable writings, on the railway tracks near the Adhyatmic Nagar railway station in Ghaziabad district of UP around 2 PM. Some local Muslims then brought the torn pages of the holy book to the police station around 7 PM to lodge a complaint. Very soon an unruly mob of over 100 people armed with country-made weapons, meat cleavers, petrol bombs and sharp weapons reached the spot and barged into the police station, attacked the policemen inside, set a barrack on fire and threw an LPG cylinder in the fire to maximize the damage. Several shops in the locality and at least 50 vehicles were destroyed in the mob violence. In the police firing that followed, six people were killed. More than 20 people, including 12 policemen, were injured in the violence. The bullet marks on the walls of the police station clearly indicates the target of the mob violence. There were reports that public address systems at religious places in Dasna, Masuri, Piplehda, Nahal and Sikrod were used to build up and incite the mob after the recovery of some torn pages of Quran from the railway tracks. Mobile phones were also used to pass the news and whip up passion and tension. Four police officers were suspended for dereliction of duty in connection with the incident. The police, reportedly, very well knew the names of people who led the attack. But as part of the government's appeasement policy, no names were mentioned in the FIR.

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/ghaziabad-violence-points-to-increasing-communal-tensions-in-akhileshs-up/1/217563.html>

What is the meaning of this increasing assertiveness and aggressiveness on the part of Muslims in India? The signal is very clear that under the patronage of the UPA government, they have now started terrorizing Hindus in India. Muslim violence in Mumbai, Ghaziabad, Lucknow and Chennai clearly gives this message. Muslims know that Hindus are a bunch of eunuchs. They know that even if they sit on our heads and start biting our ears, we won't react. So, if somebody draws a cartoon of Prophet Mohammad in Denmark or Belgium, or if somebody makes a film on Prophet Mohammad in US or UK, they will now terrorize the Hindus in India. I say the Hindus are targeted, because, the train and bus passengers, the shopkeepers, the vehicle owners and the policemen who at the receiving end are all mostly Hindus. Thus our passivity and cowardice have rendered us all as the slaves of a this satanic jihadi cult. This is the sad plight of Hindus in India today. By the way, where have all our Hindu activists gone? Where are our so-called secularists hiding now? Is there no security for Hindus even in India today?

### Christian militancy

Muslims are not the only minority community which terrorizes the Hindus in India. The Christian churches of all denominations are closely linked with various militant groups in India, like the Maoist outfit and the northeast insurgent groups. It may be recalled that four RSS Pracharaks who were opposed to the Christian conversion activities in Tripura were abducted by a Christian militant group about 20 years back, and even their dead bodies were never recovered. Even now there are various instances of pro-Christian militants in Tripura intimidating the Hindu tribals against offering prayers at their religious places and disrupting their pujas and other religious rituals. It is an open secret that the church had used the Maoist outfit to eliminate VHP leader Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati and four others in Kandhamal district of Orissa on August 23, 2008, because of his opposition to the Christian conversion activities in the area. The church activists and Maoists are also found jointly supporting the NGO-sponsored agitation against all mega-development projects in India as part of a western conspiracy to stall India's economic progress. The church's involvement in such destabilization activities was never seen as blatantly as in the case of agitation against the Kudankulam nuclear power plant in Tamil Nadu.

### Kudankulam nuclear project

The government of India had signed an agreement with the erstwhile government of USSR in 1988 to set up two 1000 MW light water nuclear reactors at Kudankulam in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. After the collapse of the Soviet regime, a supplementary agreement was signed with the new Russian Federation in 1998. The first of the two units of the Kudankulam project was to be completed in December 2007, which was subsequently revised to mid-2010. This was further revised to September 2011, by which time the anti-nuclear protests had broken out in Kudankulam. In 2011, the NPCIL of India and the Russian firm AtomstrovExport formally had inked another deal for building two more civil nuclear reactors of 1000 MW each at Kudankulam.

### Misinformation campaign

The Christian missionaries were opposed to the Koodankulam nuclear power plant from the very beginning. However they were not getting much support initially. Then the Church leaders and the church-funded NGOs started a vicious and sustained propaganda campaign among the local villagers to turn them against the nuclear power plant. The salient features of this misinformation campaign were as under.

- 1) The nuclear power plant poses a grave threat to the local population as even a minor accident due to a human or mechanical error or due to a natural calamity can wipe out the entire local population.
- 2) The plant will adversely affect the livelihood of the local fishermen as the radiation from the plant will cause large scale destruction of fish. Whatever catch they get, will be disqualified for export to the European market because of radiation effect.
- 3) The nuclear plants are responsible for the spread of cancer.
- 4) The nuclear plant will disturb the ecological balance of the area.

The fishermen in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu are all mostly Christian converts, many of them having been converted to Christianity in the recent past. The 2004 tsunami tragedy was a blessing in disguise for the Christian missionaries, who used the vast sums of money received as tsunami aid from the western countries to convert the tsunami-hit poor and homeless villagers into the Christian fold. Their religious affinity has helped the senior church leaders in brainwashing them over a period of time into believing the threat posed to their lives by the nuclear power plant. The fishermen in the coastal districts of Tuticorin, Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu thus became convinced that there was a real threat to their lives and livelihood from the Kudankulam nuclear power plant, and they were now ready to resort to any form of agitational activities as per the directions of the church and NGO leaders.

### Agitational activities

The villagers and other anti-nuclear activists have been conducting protest programmes against the Kudankulam plant since last two decades by holding protest demonstrations, sit-in dharnas, etc, in the locality at regular intervals. The church and NGO activists and local fishermen were in the forefront of such agitational activities. Earlier the villagers were opposing the plant raising mainly the issue of loss of livelihood. But later, after the Fukushima nuclear accident in Japan on March 11, 2011, they shifted their focus from the livelihood to the safety issue. The villagers, guided by the church leaders, also stepped up their agitational activities after the 2011 Fukushima incident in Japan. The agitating villagers led by church and NGO activists had laid siege to the nuclear plant on December 11, 2011, paralyzing the work at the plant.

The first unit of Kudankulam Phase-1 was to be commissioned in December, 2011. But it was delayed because of the ongoing anti-nuclear plant protests in Kudankulam. The massive protests organized by the church activists and some western-aided NGOs had paralyzed the work at Kudankulam plant. The delay in commissioning the plant had caused huge loss to the government of India. The Russian government had also conveyed its displeasure to India over the disruption of work at Kudankulam plant. Then suddenly in February 2012, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, while giving an interview to the Science magazine, lashed out some NGOs based in the US and Scandinavian countries for inciting anti-nuclear protests in Tamil Nadu. The prime minister's outburst against the role of some western NGOs in encouraging the anti-nuclear stir in Tamil Nadu had its desired effect. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalitha took prompt and immediate action against some of the Christian NGOs spearheading the agitation in the state, paving the way for resumption of work at the plant from March 19, 2012. Four NGOs were booked for diversion of funds for anti-nuclear stir, and licenses of three NGOs were cancelled for violation of FCRA rules. Meanwhile, a special home ministry team that visited Kundakulam and checked the accounts of two of the organizations spearheading the anti-nuclear

protests had found that the two outfits had received Rs 55 crore from the foreign donors. (<http://www.ndtv.com/article/tamil-nadu/minister-alleges-receiving-of-foreign-funds-170354>).

After a lull in the anti-nuclear protests following the prime minister's outburst against some western-funded NGOs and the arrest of some NGO leaders by the Tamil Nadu police, the protest against the Kudankulam plant resumed in Tamil Nadu with renewed vigour and intensity from September, 2012. The police lobbed tear gas shells and also resorted to a cane charge to disperse a mob of about 5000 anti-nuclear protesters who assembled at Kudankulam beach on September 10, 2012. It was the first time that the police used force to disperse the anti-nuclear protesters. Hundreds of villagers held a 'Jal satyagraha' at Idinthakarai (near Kudankulam) in Tamil Nadu on September 13, 2012 by standing in waist-deep sea water and forming a human chain, in a novel way of protest against the Kudankulam nuclear plant. On September 22, about 600 fishing boats from the coastal districts of Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli and Ramanathapuram in Tamil Nadu laid siege to the Tuticorin port, located about 100 km away from Kudankulam, for two hours in a symbolic protest against the Kudankulam nuclear power plant. On September 26, hundreds of villagers buried themselves in neck-deep sand at Idinthakarai beach from 10 AM to 4 PM in another dramatic form of protest against the nuclear plant. On the same day, the villagers occupied cemeteries in some places in the state, symbolically seeking the help of ancestors in their fight against the nuclear plant. Can you believe that the poor and illiterate villagers in the coastal districts of Tamil Nadu would indulge in such gimmicks as their own innovation in the name of agitation against the nuclear power plant?

Millions of rupees are spent by the various church agencies and NGOs in providing food and transportation to the villagers who participate in the prolonged agitation against the Kudankulam nuclear plant and for their nation-wide misinformation campaign in support of their agitation. The church and western-funded NGOs are whipping up anger and fear-complex against the nuclear plant only to serve the private agenda of the western countries aimed to stall India's economic progress and also to sow the seeds of disintegration. Every agitational activity against the Kudankulam nuclear plant was openly supported by the church leaders in the area. The churches in the entire coastal belt of Tirunelveli, Tuticorin and Kanyakumari used to give open appeals to the people asking them to come out in large numbers and take part in various protest programmes against the nuclear plant. Reports about such open abetment by church leaders to agitation against the Kudankulam plant had come in all national newspapers. Kudankulam nuclear plant is a prestigious project undertaken by the government of India with the collaboration of a foreign government. How can the church try to stall it by inciting a violent agitation against it? Why are our politicians silent over such anti-national role of the church in India?

The church and NGO leaders have been exploiting the Fukushima accident to spread panic among the villagers in Tamil Nadu. But what is the truth about Fukushima accident? It is true that three Fukushima Daiichi nuclear reactors were crippled by the tsunami flood in 2011. However, while about 19000 people were killed in the devastation caused by the earth quake and tsunami in Japan on March 11, 2011, none died from any radiation leakage from the Fukushima nuclear plant. The biggest ever recorded nuclear mishap in history took place at Chernobyl in Soviet Union (now Ukraine) on April 26, 1986. About 200000 people had to be permanently relocated after the accident. But there was no immediate casualty. However, death of 56 people

at a later stage, including 47 plant workers, could be linked directly to radiation leak from the plant. The combined death toll in all the past nuclear accidents in the world so far is less than 100. This is a minuscule number when compared to thousands of deaths occurring the world over every year from various industrial accidents. Why are the church leaders concealing such facts from the people? Why are they silent over the fact that the Kalpakkam nuclear plant near Chennai withstood the 2004 tsunami attack without any loss of life? Why can't the church and NGO leaders speak about the safety records of BARC and other nuclear plants in India since 1950s?

There were only two nuclear disasters in the world in which thousands of innocent people had perished. One was at Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and the other was at Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. These were however not accidents, but mindless and brutal massacres carried out by the Americans. About 90000 to 160000 people were killed in the bombing of Hiroshima city on August 6 where as about 60000 to 80000 people perished in the bombing of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. About 50% of the victims died on the day of bombing itself, and the rest died over a period of five years. It is inconceivable as to how could anyone, after witnessing the devastation caused by the bombing of Hiroshima, target Nagasaki too three days later? Well, only the Americans can do it. There is not much change even now in the mindset of American rulers. The American misadventure in Vietnam, the carpet bombing of Afghanistan in the name of war on terror and the Iraq invasion prove just that.

It is time to call the bluff of these anti-nuclear activists. They are the same people who successfully paralyzed the work at Jaitapur nuclear plant in Maharashtra. The same bunch of activists were able to sabotage the Haripur nuclear plant in West Bengal at the land acquisition stage itself. Activist B.G.Kolse Patil, a retired judge of Bombay High Court, who headed a so-called three-member independent inquiry commission to probe into the police crack down on anti-nuclear protesters at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu on September 10, 2012 had submitted his probe report condemning the state authorities and supporting the cause of the anti-nuclear protesters. He is the same activist who had courted arrest in 2011, while participating in the agitation against the Jatapur nuclear power plant in Maharashtra. The same Kolse Patil had headed a 15-member independent inquiry committee in 2006 only to prove that the three Muslim terrorists who were shot dead by the police in an encounter in front of the RSS headquarters in Nagpur on June 1, 2006, were innocent people killed in a fake encounter. NGO activists Medha Patkar and B.D.Sharma are two of the prominent leaders who coordinate the various anti-development movements and agitations at the national level. But are these activists opposed to only the nuclear power plants? Not at all. They are opposed to all developmental projects in India, including thermal power plants, hydel projects, cement and steel plants and dams and ports. They oppose all such projects raking up issues like livelihood and rehabilitation of the project-affected people, environmental pollution, health hazards to local people, threat to rare species of birds and animals and wild-life protection. The whole exercise is part of a big international conspiracy funded by the church and some western agencies to stall India's march to progress. For instance, about 250 NGOs from 37 countries had conducted an international campaign in support of Medha Patkar-led Narmada Bachao Andolan's opposition to Sardar Sarovar Project, which culminated in the cancellation of a world bank loan for the said project in 1993. The UK branch of World Wide Fund for Nature and the Rufford Foundation of UK had played a key role in mobilizing support for a campaign against the proposed mega port project at

Vadhavan near Dahanu in Maharashtra in 1997. Several British MPs and representatives of international NGOs had participated in a protest demonstration in front of the Indian High Commissioner's office in London against the Vadhavan port project in 1997. The said port project was finally scuttled in 1998 due to the machinations of the anti-development lobby. The World Wide Fund for Nature and some Christian NGOs were in the forefront in a vicious campaign against a prestigious underground Neutrino laboratory proposed to be constructed at Shingara in Nilgiri Hills in Tamil Nadu leading to shifting of its location to Theni district in Tamil Nadu in 2010, thereby delaying the project by about seven years. The employees of Alcan, a Canadian aluminum company, and some human rights and NGO activists had started a prolonged campaign in Montreal from 2000 in protest against the Utkal Alumina project, a joint venture by Hindalco and Alcan in Kashipur tahsil of Orissa, on the ground of displacement of tribal villagers and environmental pollution. They even started an NGO called 'Alcan't in India' to coordinate the campaign against the Utkal Alumina project in India. The Alcan sold its share to Hindalco and withdrew from the project in July, 2007.

The Centre on August 20, 2010 had withdrawn permission for the 600-MW hydropower project coming up at Loharinag-Pala in Uttarakhand following environmental concerns raised by some NGOs and locals. The Rs.2262-crore project which was sanctioned on February 8, 2005 was coming up on the river Bhagirathi. The state-run firm had already spent Rs.700 crore and made financial commitment worth crores of rupees. The NTPC had taken environmental clearance for the project before starting the work. As part of the construction work, tunnels and shafts have been dug through the mountains. The Centre will now have to pay Rs.600 crore to the promoters as compensation.

The other two minor projects, 480 MW Pala Maneri hydro project and 381 MW Bhaironghati hydro project coming up on the same river were already scrapped by the Centre earlier due to opposition from local environmental groups who alleged that the plant will reduce the flow of the river venerated in the Hindu mythology. When have these Christian and leftist-dominated activists started respecting the divinity attached to these rivers by the Hindu mythology?

British MPs and members of European Parliament under the aegis of South Asia Solidarity Group have sent a letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in May, 2012 expressing deep concern over the human rights and environmental issues around the Kudankulam nuclear project in Tamil Nadu which according to them violates International Atomic Energy Agency's safety guidelines. The letter also demanded the immediate withdrawal of all cases registered against the nuclear power plant protesters and accusing the security forces of intimidation and harassment. Demanding the immediate scrapping of the project, the letter described it as a safety hazard as it is located in a tsunami and earth-quake-prone region.

Anti-nuclear and rights group activists held a noisy demonstration in front of the Indian High Commission Office in London on May 18, 2012 in protest against the Kudankulam nuclear power plant allegedly located in a tsunami-prone area. The activists representing anti-nuclear and human rights groups like South Asia Solidarity Group, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and South West Against Nuclear demanded immediate scrapping of the Kudankulam power plant.



The activists of several NGOs and human rights groups held a demonstration in Central London on August 28, 2012 in protest against a bauxite mining project of Vedanta Aluminum Ltd, a subsidiary of Vedanta Resources of the UK, in Niyamgiri Hills in Orissa. The protest programme was organized by the Survival International, an international NGO, Amnesty International and South Asia Solidarity Group. Senior Labor MP John Mc Donnell also participated in the protest. All the leaders who addressed the gathering criticized the Vedanta Resources for going ahead with its project ignoring the misgivings and grievances of the local Dongria Kondh tribals of Niyamgiri Hills against the project. The Norwegian government in 2007 had withdrawn its pension fund of more than 9 million Euros, invested with the Vedanta Resources of UK, in protest against the alleged insensitivity of the Vedanta Resources towards the grievances of the Dongria Kondh tribals of Niyamgiri Hills in Orissa. The UK National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, a government agency, which conducted a probe into the allegations raised by the Survival International against the Vedanta Resources, had also come up with its probe report on September 25, 2009, severely criticizing the Vedanta Resources for ignoring the fears and concerns of the tribal residents of Niyamgiri Hills. The state chief minister had laid the foundation stone for Vedanta's mining project in 2004. However, the final environmental clearance for this project is yet to be received. (<http://www.oecd.org/investment/guidelinesformultinationalenterprises/43884129.pdf>)

In April 2011, two Australians from Queensland province had lodged two separate complaints with the Indian High Commission against the threat to the local communities in downstream villages of Lanjigarh from Vedanta Aluminium's Red Mud Ponds in Orissa and seeking remedial measures and denial of permission to any expansion programme of the project, as though they are better informed of such threats than the Indian authorities. In another development, the Orissa government recently had imposed stringent restrictions on foreign tourists visiting the tribal regions in the state because of their suspicious activities among the local tribals.

A German national, by name Sonnteg Reiner Hermann, was picked up by the Tamil Nadu police from a lodge in Nagercoil on February 26, 2012 for his role in mobilizing funds and support for the anti-nuclear stir in Tamil Nadu. After interrogation, he was deported back to Germany on February 28, 2012. In a similar incident on September 26, 2012, three Japanese nationals, including a woman, who arrived in Chennai en route to Kudankulam to participate in the anti-nuclear plant stir, were deported back on the same day. Fishing in the troubled waters, German physicist and Nobel Peace Laureate Hans Peter Duerr, who is also the Director Emeritus of Max-Planck Institute for Physics, Germany, said in Chennai on March 8, 2012, that nuclear energy could never be safe or sustainable option for the mankind and any claims to the contrary were nonsensical. All these instances clearly indicate a wider international conspiracy behind the protest movements and agitations against various developmental projects in India. However these movements could not have been such a success without a helping hand from the ruling regime. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh who had recently criticized some American and Scandinavian NGOs for inciting the anti-nuclear stir in Tamil Nadu cannot be unaware about the nexus between the anti-development lobby and the NAC led by Sonia Gandhi. The ministries of environment and forests and Tribal affairs have played a key role in stalling or delaying various mega development projects in India, as is seen in the case of POSCO project in Orissa.

The South Korean steel major POSCO is setting up a mega steel plant at Jagatsinghpur in Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs.52000 crores. The MOU for the project was signed in June, 2005. This will be the biggest ever single- project foreign investment in India. This project will give employment to about 13000 people and indirect employment to 35000 people. But, as usual, the NGO and environmental lobby is opposing the project raking up displacement of people, environmental and livelihood issues. They also claimed that the proposed port at Jatadhari would affect the fishing community in the area, cause damage to the coastline and destroy the nesting habitat of endangered Olive Ridley turtle. There had been many clashes in the past between the supporters and opponents of the project. The first phase of the project was scheduled to be completed in 2010. But the work on the project has not even started because of the confrontational attitude of a section of the people backed by some NGO activists. On November 2, 2010, the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) recommended withdrawal of the forest clearance granted to the 52000 crore project in 2007, as it was going to come up in violation of the Forest Rights Act. In 2011, the ministry of environment and forests gave an environmental clearance to the project with 28 additional conditions over and above what was stipulated in the original environmental clearance of July 2007. However, creating further hurdles against the project, the National Green Tribunal (TGT) on March 30, 2012 suspended the final 2011 environmental order of the MoEF given in favour of the POSCO plant. The ministry of environment and forests has thus made a mockery of the process of granting environmental clearance to various projects in the country.

Frustrated by the prolonged delay in granting environmental and other clearances by the concerned ministries to various mega development projects in India, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh now wants to introduce a single-window clearance for all developmental projects with an investment of Rs 1000 crore or more. Finance Minister P.Chidambaram, while speaking at a meeting of the Planning Commission on September 15, 2012, had proposed to set up a national investment board (NIB), headed by the Prime Minister, to fast-track all infrastructure projects in the country. He had said that the NIB's authority should extend to all proposals and projects involving an investment of Rs 1000 crore or more and once the final decision is taken by the NIB, no other ministry or department or authority should be allowed to interfere with its decision. Well, it is a very admirable and laudable proposal. However, as expected, the ministries of environment and tribal affairs are opposed to the said proposal. In a letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, environment minister Jayanthi Natarajan has slammed the finance ministry's proposal for a National Investment Board (NIB) as unconstitutional and completely unacceptable. She has further said that the proposed decision to shift decision making from the respective ministries to the finance ministry and the manner in which the proposal was pushed through was disturbing. In simple terms, it means that while the prime minister backed by P.Chidambaram wants to fast-track all infrastructure projects, Jayanti Natarajan backed by Sonia Gandhi and National Advisory Council, wants to retain the authority to stall all such projects. If the prime minister and his supporters cannot have their way, why can't they come out in open and lead a rebellion to save the country from the clutches of the anti-nationals in the ministry and the party?

<http://www.ndtv.com/article/india/jayanthi-natarajan-writes-to-pm-objects-to-chidambaram-s-proposal-on-infra-projects-277619>

At a time when the Hindus are faced with deadly onslaughts from two of the major minority communities challenging their very survival in India, the National Advisory Council has come up with a draft Bill purportedly intended to curb communal violence in India. The Bill called the "Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence Bill, 2011", unashamedly puts all the blame on Hindus, unless proven otherwise, for every incident of communal violence in India. The Bill violates individual and state rights and principles of equality under the law and innocent-until-proven-guilty principles underlying the due process of law. This Bill will only serve to instigate inter-religious and communal tension in India as under the provisions of this Bill, in all cases of communal violence, the Hindus, being the majority community, will be automatically considered as the perpetrators of the crime and the people from the minority community as the victims. This vicious Bill was drafted by congenial Hindu-baiters like Harsh Mander, Aruna Roy, Jean Dreze, Teesta Satalvad, John Dayal and Syed Shahabuddin, all hand-picked by the NAC, the super cabinet cum think tank of Sonia Gandhi. Though the Bill is presently kept in abeyance because of stringent criticism from all quarters, the very fact that such an obnoxious and blatantly anti-Hindu Bill was drafted by the minions of Sonia Gandhi clearly illustrates Sonia's destructive agenda for India. Sonia's NAC is a Satan's Workshop. Every piece of draft legislation comes out of this workshop is intended to harm the Hindus and pave the way for India's disintegration. Sonia's real advisors are all based outside India and she is only a tool used by the western conspirators to destabilize India. This tool, most vicious and poisonous, needs to be neutralized if India is to be saved. Stop her now, before she becomes the Mikhail Gorbachev of India.