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Developmental Action Plan An Over View with Reference to Kasaragod District

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ABSTRACT

The Research paper reviews the possibilities in inclusive growth for the country. Study has undertaken in Kasaragod district of Kerala during April 2014 general election to the Lok Sabha. Focus area and the sector vise possibilities are highlighted.

KEYWORDS Inclusive growth, Lawmakers, Shift in trends, Kasaragod dwarfs

Introduction

Law makers in India have made considerable attempt to distribute Income and Wealth uniformly throughout our country since independence. But if we look back our 67 years of Independence, there are still areas which are disconnected by even basic amenities. Our lawmaker preach inclusive growth slogan and when it comes up for implementation, the developmental agenda goes to their constituency. This has dent the overall development of the country where income and wealth concentrates on Individual or particular area, a diametrically opposite philosophy of socialistic pattern of society. This paper tries to highlight the potentials and requirements of growth prospects with regard to Kasaragod district in Kerala.

Developmental Background

Kasaragod is the northern district in Kerala, bordering Karnataka state on the west coast of Indian peninsula. The Developmental history of Kasaragod is bleak compared to other parts of Kerala and rest of India. Elected representatives from here always took the sincere voters for granted by conveniently forgetting their responsibility. They showed their accountability only to "Party Mechanism" and the general public was scared to question this supremacy. District need to grow with the rest of the country and grab opportunities to get the share in developmental projects.

Objective of Action Plan Project

Paper tries to focus the issues concerning the people during the last general election(2014) period through collecting the feedback from the people and put it across different candidates for a healthy discussion on the subjects. The modern communication has made the interface between the people and potential law makers a close link and updates information bites second by second. There is no run away from the core issues. Preaching International philosophies have never helped the people of this area to get the right share of Developmental funds. On one side we talk about inclusive growth and on the other no attempt is made to get the share from the system, where elected representatives are supposed to raise their voices in highest decision making bodies. Kasaragod is blessed with Human and Natural resources and has highest revenue land available for developmental purpose.

Area of Focus

1. Education

Education is the solution to almost all problems in Society. When it comes to Primary, Secondary, High School and Plus 2, they are the building blocks of future India. A state like Kerala with 100% literacy does not lag behind in basic education. But quality erosion is the greater concern. Government has ample fund and infrastructure and lack competitive and Knowledge gathering mind set. There is no denying the fact that higher education has become expensive. This does not mean that those students with poor financial back ground should deny education. Country has one of the largest educational loan programmes in the world. Over the past five years over thirty lakh students have received loans totaling more than Rs 42,000 crore and are pursuing various professional courses.

2. Industry

Cottage Industries need support because it is the lively hood of thousands of common man. People neglect the traditional cottage industries citing the fact that it is uneconomical. The challenge here is to find good market for these products. IT Industries follow a trend in shifting their operational work to semi urban areas.

3. Agriculture

Paddy and vegetable cultivation need to be recognized with the traditional environmental friendly bio farming with central support. Free trade agreement has a dent on the prices of Commercial Agricultural produce like Areconut, Rubber, Coconut, Cashew and pepper. The challenge is to increase the productivity and to market the products. The medicinal value of Milk, cow dung of KASARAGOD DWARFS cows is very famous. So is the milk production.

4. Fishing

District has tremendous possibilities of fish catching areas. Survey for harbour construction is progressing in Ajanur panchayath. Proposals and project works are in a slow pace. These need to be accelerated. The challenge is to procure, preserve and market the fish and its value added products.

5. Tourism

Kasaragod has an extraordinarily rich heritage and Tourism spots going back centuries. These I product need to be protected, preserved, promoted and utilized from the tourism perspective. The proposed Airstrip at Periya is limping and require acceleration.

6. Infrastructure

Basic railway facilities affect the common man directly. Long distance nonstop trains are not solution for local commuters. The only level crossing in highway which is not connected by overbridge is at Pallikare. Kanniyoor-Kanhangad railway line is still in papers. Seven years after its commissioning, the 205-km Kollam-Kottappuram National Waterway III remains grossly underutilised. No steps have been taken to make

Kovalam-Neeleswaram waterway operational. This has to be done by developing the State's waterways beyond NW III. The proposed line of national Highway Kanhangad-Chennai is still in papers. It must be brought to limelite.

7. Health

The discussion in regard to ENDOSULFAN pesticide victims has centered only on financial assistance and pensions. Discussion should go beyond financial assistance to give a livelihood for next generation. Streamline SAMAGRA AROGYA INSURANCE PROJECT need priority.

8. Pravasis

The pillar of Kerala economy rests on NRI fund. No serious attempt has been made to creatively utilise their resources for productive purposes. NRI welfare can be streamlined if their money is utilized for Government projects as a long term investment.

Suggestions for Implementation

- All students admitted to any recognised course in any recognised college/university can be provided, on a need basis, either a scholarship or an educational loan without collateral repayable over a very long period. Mean time it will be good to remind them to repay it once they are capable, so that our system runs for the benefit of the country. District has 1 Central University and 4 Campuses of Kannur University in the constituency to execute the plan.
- Kasaragod Sarees, Mud pots, handlooms, Khadi, Talangara thoppy can be marketed.
- IT require land for developments, Kasaragod has enough revenue land available.
- To support the research works of central agricultural institutions research works and utilizes the umpteen numbers of cooperatives institutions in the constituency to procure and market vegetables and cash crops by eliminating middle men. Focus bio farming in 8250 Acres.
- Unexploited vast costal area. Survey need to be speeded up for fishing
- Valiaparamba,Chandragiri backwaters, Ranipuram, Kottengery hill resorts, Bekal, Chandragiri beaches. Historical Temples, Churches and Mosques. An action plan for Tourism circuit.
- To utlilise the existing train bogies at Mangalore,Kannur and Calicut during day time. Underutlised and hazzel free costal seaways and the less public resistant land acquisition for NH.
- In addition to the ongoing projects of State Medical College at BADIYADUKKA, Central medical college at the stature of AIMS should be set up either under Central University or KANNUR UNIVERSITY-ESIC TIE UP.
- Good number of youth works in Middle East countries from the district.

Channel of Implementation

Kerala has three tire local body administrative systems. Parliament member can take initiative to convene routine meeting of elected representatives to take the feedback and implement the projects which comes under each panchayth area.

Most of the Central Panchayath project funds are designed according to North Indian situation. Here Flexibility in Utilization of panchayth fund is needed to suitable projects which are important to that local area.

Conclusion

Inclusive growth and true federalism can only lead our country to conquer greater heights. Keep provisions in development agenda for evenly distribution of resources.

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