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The year 2004-05 was for us a year of consolidation of our work among the people at the grassroots for bringing awareness for the need of basic changes to the Indian Constitution for a better people's participation at the grass roots i.e. at the village level. Many people do not know that the people participation is least at the grassroots and the gap between the 'People' and the 'Cracy' is widening ever since the British left India in 1947. This is one of the main reasons for increasing social and political Violence in the Country. Lok Swaraj Campaign under the leadership of our able and dedicated Bajrangbabu (Shri Bajranglal Agarwal) has been on since 2000-2001.

Our demand has been that like the rights in the Indian Constitution to the Parliament at the national level, States at the level of State Legislatures, the right of the lower level constituents like half a million Villages and many hundred Towns should be given as Fundamental Right. This has been our demand ever since this experiment has been successfully made in the township of Ramanujganj, an area inhabited by 15,000 people in central part of India, in the newly created state of Chhatisgarh under the leadership of Bajrangbabu in the years 1996 to 2000, during which he had been elected as the Nagar Parmukh (Chairman of the Town).

Peoples from all walks of life are supporting this movement, which is a very encouraging sign. In fact people at the grassroots have been feeling alienated in the so-called democratic set up which is very clearly been reflected in the past few years general elections in the country.

While the WTR and PTC has been working at the global level as to how the War mania and building up of nuclear arms could be stopped. How the money should be diverted to World Peace Initiatives. At the same time, it is also very essential to decentralize (the right word in our language is Akaindrikaran) the unlimited rights of the Parliaments and State Legislatures to bring the real Swaraj to the grassroots. This has been my humble work that I have been engaged in since 1984, in my country and at the global level.

Governments all over the world have gradually been failing to perform their essential duties for their citizens, and instead have been indulging in highlighting the non-issues. The one of such issues of late has been "global threat of terrorism".

Our group, Lok Swaraj Manch, has been focusing people's attention to the vital issue of transferring the fundamental rights and duties to the people at the grassroots level, which in India is at the Village level.

In the year 2005 in the month of September an all India meet of the activists engaged in this work was organized in Delhi and about three hundred people from all over the country participated in this conference. Shri Kailash Bhai and Shri Pushpendea Chaaahan have been main organizers. This conference was for three days and many vital issues were discussed. It was here in this conferece that decision was taken to organize a Yatra to convey the message to the people all over the country. Pankajji was made National Convener of this campaign. Under the leadership of Bajrangbabu, Kailash Babu and Pankajji

Our three full time main organizers, thereafter, have been on tour of the country and people to people contact has been on. The latest in this direction has been five months (May- September) continuous Yatra which concluded on 2nd of October 2006 at Rajghat, New Delhi.

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