

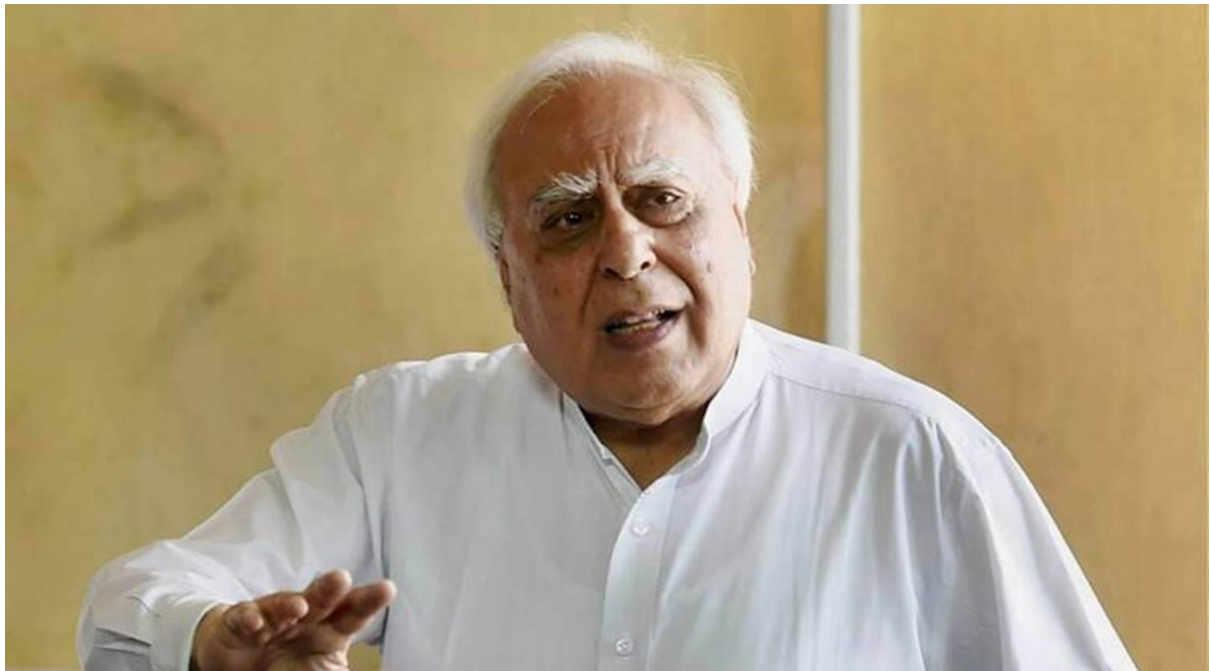
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At Jantar Mantar, Kapil Sibal launches a ‘non-electoral’ political platform

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Launching a “non-electoral” political platform, ‘Insaaf’, at Jantar Mantar on Saturday, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal spoke out against the recent raids on opposition party members, the collapse of elected governments and incidents of lynching as he stressed on the importance of justice.

Sibal spoke about the need to bring forth a people’s movement for justice and said that the “foundation of Constitution is justice... economic, social and political.”

Talking about political justice, Sibal said, “You bring down an elected government. The Governor is yours, the speaker of yours, there is no interference from the courts. They have brought down eight elected governments like this. Have you heard of this happening elsewhere that an elected government is brought down? This is not political justice.”

Sibal then spoke CBI and ED arrests of opposition members.

“When the ED looks at India’s map they look at it with a bizzare view point, they only look at those states where opposition party has a government,” Sibal said.

“Think of the Constitution as a vehicle. Modi ji is the driver, one wheel is the parliament, the second wheel is the election commission, and the third wheel is the executive, that is in their possession, the fourth wheel is the judiciary they are trying to get that in their possession. When the driver has possession of all wheels, then the ED will say you can go anywhere. What kind of democracy is this? What kind of India will we make in the future ?

He also spoke about the recent incidents of lynching: “Look at what is happening in Bihar, some people were lynched there, look at what is happening in Haryana... two people were burnt, people come into Universities to do violence. You will lock up students in UAPA?”

Talking about the economic justice, Sibal said, “Perhaps you don’t know this; there are 80 crore people in this country, whose salary per month is less than Rs 5,000.”

“The India right is now Modi’s India, it is Amit Shah’s India, it is RSS’s India. Tomorrow’s India will make it an India for everyone... the country’s wealth is not made by Industrialists, they make their wealth and go abroad. When young people go to Universities, they think of change, how to make a scientific change... the violence which we see in our Universities, then how do we see the birth of intellectual property? You put your own RSS vice-chancellor, that standard of education that you want, you will not get. I want to bat for an alternative vision for India.”

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Kapil Sibal announces new platform 'Insaaf' to fight 'injustice' in India



Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal addresses an unveiling ceremony of a new vision for India for the future, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, Saturday, March 11, 2023. Sibal has also launched a platform 'Insaaf Ke Sipahi'. (Photo: PTI)

NEW DELHI: Alleging that a government working against the citizens is at the helm, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Saturday announced a new platform 'Insaaf' to fight "injustice" prevailing in the country and called on everyone, including Opposition parties' chief ministers and leaders, to support him in his endeavour.

Sibal said he would hold a public meeting of the new platform at Jantar Mantar on March 11 and will put forward a new vision of India there. He said it was an open invitation for everyone, including opposition leaders and common people, to join him at the event.

"Will give a new vision of India, a positive agenda. Main koi Modi ji ko criticise nahi karne baitha, main unko sudhaar doonga (I am not here to criticise Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but will reform him)," he said at a press conference at his residence.

Sibal alleged that injustice is prevailing in every nook and corner of India.

Injustice is being done to citizens, institutions, political Opposition, journalists, teachers, and medium and small businesses, he claimed.

"We have started a website 'Insaaf ke Sipahi' where anyone can register. This will be a national level platform where lawyers will be at the forefront," the former Congress leader said.

"It is with great deliberation that I have decided that people need to be awakened and asked to become our 'Insaaf ke Sipahi' and wherever injustice is happening, they should fight it. I want all Opposition chief ministers and leaders to support me in this endeavour and we start a national movement to free ourselves from this slavery," Sibal said.

He said efforts will be made to bring Opposition leaders and parties to jointly fight injustice in the country, but asserted that his motives were not political but to fight for constitutional values.

Sibal, who had been a Union minister during the UPA I and II, had quit the Congress in May last year and was elected to Rajya Sabha as an independent with the support of the Samajwadi Party.

The initiative by Sibal, who is considered an important voice of the Opposition, and his talk of bringing parties and leaders together for the "fight against injustice" comes amid a crack in Opposition ranks with the Congress and Trinamool Congress (TMC) trading barbs repeatedly.

"Through you (media) I am requesting everyone to be part of this, then we will take this forward," he said.

Responding to a question, Sibal said he wants the Congress also to join the initiative but asserted that this was aimed at being a people's movement and he was not going to form any political party.

Sibal said common people and lawyers together will fight against injustice through this initiative.

"The RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) shakhas spread their ideology in every locality and that ideology also gives rise to injustice in certain cases. We will fight that injustice also. We want that in every nook and corner of the country 'insaaf ke sipahi' stand up and fight," he said.

The former Union minister also launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led government at the Centre, accusing it to working to finish off political Opposition with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) acting as its "valentine".

Citing the Preamble of the Constitution, Sibal said though India's sovereignty will always remain, it was not moving on the path of socialism, democracy was on the decline and there were also questions over the Republic.

The Constitution also promised social, economic and political justice, he pointed out, alleging that there was "injustice" prevailing on all the three fronts.

Talking about political injustice, Sibal said the Xth Schedule of the Constitution that deals with the anti-defection law has become a "defector's paradise".

"After 2014, they (the BJP) have toppled eight governments be it in Meghalaya, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh or Maharashtra. Tell me if there is any other country where elected governments are toppled through inducements and buying of legislators. Courts, lawyers and people are silent, this is political injustice," he said.

About 100 people in this country have assets worth Rs 54 lakh crore, Sibal claimed and asked if this was economic justice.

"In 2018, 190 million people were poor and in 2022, the number of poor increased to 350 million," he said.

"The government valentine is ED. You put it behind anyone and coerce that person. CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) still needs the nod of the state government but not the ED," the senior advocate pointed out.

"The fact of the matter is that we are in a situation that we see a government versus the citizens. We want a government for citizens not versus citizens," Sibal asserted.

The ED has acted against 121 people in recent times out of which 115 belong to the Opposition, he said.

Such violence is prevailing in the country and until common people rise to fight it, "we are in for a difficult time", Sibal said.

"There are some good things about every administration. If I say that what Modi ji is doing everything is wrong even that is not right. Digitalisation is right, 'Awas Yojana' is right, there are several policies, we are not against that. But wherever people's voice is suppressed and wherever injustice is being done, we are against it," he said.

On the 'Insaaf' platform, he asserted that this was not political but about justice, asserting that no one will oppose this including Modi.

Asked about forging Opposition unity through this initiative, Sibal said he will make efforts and take it forward.

"I will ask Opposition parties' CMs and wherever not in government, their leaders to go to various states such as Maharashtra, Jharkhand Chhattisgarh, to Akhilesh Yadav in Uttar Pradesh and talk about justice," Sibal said that he was only acting as a "facilitating factor" for the 'Insaaf' initiative.

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Tax exemption for building girls' schools to penalty for defectors — Sibal's Insaaf collective makes 6 demands

Former Congress leader & now independent Rajya Sabha MP, Kapil Sibal had announced the platform a week ago & on Saturday also demanded 4 constitutional courts of appeal in all regions.

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Kapil Sibal at Saturday's event | Photo: Ishadrita Lahiri | ThePrint

New Delhi: From exemption under section 80G of the Income Tax Act to industrialists who build schools for girls, to four constitutional courts of appeal in all regions — independent Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal Saturday laid down six demands to be made to the government by his new citizens' collective called 'Insaaf'.

The former Congress leader also sought a five-year bar on contesting elections for defectors, who left one political party for another.

Sibal, who had announced the platform a week ago, reiterated that lawyers would be at the "forefront" of the platform. Present with him on stage, as he laid down the demands, was

lawyer and former party colleague, Congress leader and MP Vivek Tankha.

Tankha and Sibal were both part of the Congress' G-23 group, which had [written](#) a letter to then party president Sonia Gandhi in 2020, demanding reforms within the Congress. Sibal

thereafter went on to [quit](#) the party last year, and became an independent Rajya Sabha MP with the support of the Samajwadi Party (SP).

In his speech at Jantar Mantar Saturday evening, Sibal delineated goals that the platform seeks to achieve in education, health, political and legal sectors.

Before ending his speech, Sibal announced that he and Tankha will take the movement forward and that the next public meeting of 'Insaaf' will probably be held in Madhya Pradesh.

"This is the beginning. We appeal to all bar associations in all states to become 'Insaaf Ke Sipahi'. Wherever there is injustice, they should fight against it. If required, they should fight in court. We will also talk to political parties and ask their people to become Insaaf Ke Sipahi, irrespective of party", he added.

For his first demand, Sibal pointed towards "low salaries" earned by teachers in both government and private schools.

"There are 91 lakh government teachers in our country and their salary is 25 thousand. That of private teachers in 12 thousand. Almost 40 per cent of teachers have no contract. So, how will your kids study? If someone is earning 12 thousand rupees and their expense is 14 thousand rupees, will they worry about their salary or the children. What will they teach your kids?", he asked.

Sibal then went on to demand that salaries for school teachers across the nation be fixed at Rs 50,000 a month.

Further, talking about the need to introduce educational reforms, Sibal said that more schools should be set up for girl students.

"Industrialists who build such schools should be given 80G tax exemption", he said, placing his second demand from the government.

Sibal proposed that since many among the youth prefer to start earning after passing school, to facilitate this, factory owners should be incentivised to train class 12 passouts in their factories and then absorb them. Sibal proposed a 80G exemption also for those who followed this as his third demand.

For his fourth demand, Sibal spoke about the anti-defection law, which penalises elected members of Parliament for leaving one party for another, adding that eight elected state governments had been made to fall by the Bharatiya Janata Party with the support of defectors.

"Those people who defect to other parties should not have the permission to contest elections for five years. They should not get any public post or support from the government for five years", he said.

Sibal added: "If Modi does this then from tomorrow defections will stop. But they won't because injustice runs in their veins."

As his fifth demand, Sibal spoke about the tyranny of distance for those seeking redress on constitutional grounds.

"There should be four courts of appeals in this country. People from Arunachal or Kerala can't come to the SC (Supreme Court) in Delhi. In all regions there should be a final court of

appeal after HC (High Court). And this court should just be a 13-judge constitutional court”, he said.

Sibal’s final demand was one he’d [stated](#) in an interview to ThePrint earlier this week.

Commenting on the ongoing controversy over the collegium system of appointing judges, Sibal said, “The Law Minister is saying that the government will decide who will become judge and judges say our collegium will decide. Both are problematic. There must be a third, consensus-based option.”

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“Blood of injustice runs in his body...” Kapil Sibal launches blistering jibe at PM Modi

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Former Union Minister and Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament Kapil Sibal on March 11 addressed the gathering at Jantar Mantar in Delhi. While addressing the gathering he launched a blistering jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that the blood of injustice runs in Modi's body. Kapil Sibal said, “If someone is defecting and changing party, then he should not be permitted for any public post. Neither he should be given support from government. If PM Modi do this, there would be no defection. But they won't do. Because the blood of injustice runs in Modi's body and with this, they are running government.”

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Delhi:

कपिल सिब्बल ने बीजेपी पर विधायकों की खरीद-फरोख्त कर राज्यों में विपक्षी पार्टियों की सरकारों को अस्थिर करने का आरोप लगाते हुए सख्त दलबदल कानून लाने की मांग की.

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कपिल सिब्बल (Image Source : PTI)

Kapil Sibal Website Launch: मशहूर वकील और राज्यसभा सांसद कपिल सिब्बल ने शनिवार (11 मार्च) को दिल्ली (आतपग) के जंतर मंतर पर इंसाफ के सिपाही (Insaaf Ke Sipahi) वेबसाइट लॉन्च की. इस दौरान वहां मौजूद लोगों को संबोधित करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि दुनिया में जब भी बदलाव आया है वो वकीलों के जरिये ही आया, आप इतिहास उठाकर देख सकते हैं. उन्होंने कहा कि हमारे देश की आजादी की बात करें तो महात्मा गांधी, गोविंद बल्लभ पंत, सीआर दास, मोतीलाल नेहरू जैसे कई ऐसे लोग थे जो वकील थे.

पूर्व कांग्रेस नेता ने आगे कहा कि अमेरिकन वॉर ऑफ इंडिपेंडेंस, अब्राहम लिंकन, जेफरसन, फ्रेंच रिवॉल्यूशन की बुनियाद वकीलों ने रखी थी. कपिल सिब्बल ने इस दौरान बीजेपी सरकार पर जांच एजेंसियों का दुरुपयोग करने का आरोप लगाया. उन्होंने कहा कि ईडी भारत के नक्शे को अलग तरीके से देखता है और केवल विपक्षी पार्टियों की ओर से शासित राज्यों को निशाना बनाता है. वे बीजेपी शासित राज्यों को नहीं देखते.

बीजेपी पर साधा निशाना

पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री सिब्बल ने बिहार के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री लालू प्रसाद यादव और उनके परिवार के सदस्यों से जुड़ी संपत्तियों पर छापेमारी की कार्रवाई का जिक्र करते हुए कहा कि यह बिहार की सत्ता गंवाने पर बीजेपी की प्रतिक्रिया है. आप देख सकते हैं कि बिहार में क्या हो रहा है. उन्हें (राजद नेता व उप मुख्यमंत्री) तेजस्वी यादव और जनता दल यूनाइटेड के एकसाथ आने की पीड़ा महसूस हो रही है. लालू यादव के मुख्यमंत्री पद छोड़े सालों हो गए हैं. उन्हें अब अचानक ये मामले याद आ रहे हैं.

"ये वेबसाइट 133 करोड़ भारतीयों की आवाज बनेगी"

इस मौके पर कांग्रेस के राज्यसभा सदस्य विवेक तन्खा भी सिब्बल के साथ मंच पर मौजूद थे. तन्खा और सिब्बल दोनों कांग्रेस के असंतुष्ट नेताओं में शामिल हैं जिन्हें जी-23 के नाम से जाना जाता है. बाद में सिब्बल ने कांग्रेस छोड़ दी थी. सिब्बल ने कहा कि प्रत्येक राजनीतिक दल की अपनी विचारधारा है, लेकिन जब आप भारत के संविधान का प्रस्तावना पढ़ते हैं तो पाएंगे कि संविधान का आधार न्याय है. उन्होंने पोर्टल के बारे में कहा कि हर व्यक्ति न्याय चाहता है, लेकिन बहुत कम इसके लिए लड़ते हैं. ये 133 करोड़ भारतीयों की आवाज बनेगी. हमें उम्मीद है कि यह बदलाव जन आंदोलन में तब्दील होगा.

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Defectors should be banned from becoming ministers: Kapil Sibal

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New Delhi: After Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal last week announced a new platform, 'Insaaf', and a website, 'Insaaf Ke Sipahi', to fight the 'injustice prevailing in the country under the BJP-led government', the senior lawyer on Saturday held a meeting at Jantar Mantar to launch the initiative.

Sibal launched this platform in the presence of Congress Rajya Sabha MP Vivek Tankha, which is intended to help people rise in the fight against injustice with lawyers at the forefront of the initiative.

Addressing the gathering, Sibal referred to the raids conducted at the premises of RJD chief Lalu Prasad and his family members, and claimed that the operation was BJP's response to losing power in Bihar.

Sibal said: "You can see what is happening in Bihar. They felt Tejashwi Yadav and JD-U are coming together. It's been years since Lalu Prasad has been the Chief Minister of Bihar. They came to remember the case all of a sudden."

Talking about the recent raids by probe agencies, Sibal said: "The ED sees the Indian map in a different way. They see only the opposition ruled states, they don't go to BJP ruled states."

Focusing on his initiative, Sibal said: “Every political party has its own ideology, but when you read the preamble of the Constitution, the basis of it is justice.”

Sibal also pointed out the prevalence of defectors becoming ministers, and went on to accuse the BJP of buying MLAs, and destabilising opposition governments in different states.

“What kind of politics is this? Defectors are become ministers... Those who defect from their party should be banned from becoming ministers or fighting elections for five years,” Sibal said.

Sibal also demanded for Rs 50,000 salary for school teachers, free education for women, and cheap healthcare, and more.

About Sibal’s national-level platform, Tankha said: “Everyone wants justice, but there are very few who can fight for it. This will become the voice of 133 crore Indians. We hope that it will transform into a people’s movement.”

Those who want to combat injustice can register on the website insaafkesipahi.co.in, Sibal said.

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Tribune

Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal announces new platform to fight ‘injustice’ in India

Seeks support of Opposition CMs and leaders for his initiative



Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal. PTI file

New Delhi, March 4

Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Saturday announced a new platform to fight “injustice” prevailing in the country under the BJP-led government, calling on everyone, including opposition chief ministers and leaders, to support him in his endeavour.

Addressing a press conference here, Sibal said he was launching the platform “Insaaf” and a website “Insaaf ke sipahi” to help people rise in the fight against injustice with lawyers at the forefront of the initiative.

He said on March 11, he will hold a meeting of the initiative at Jantar Mantar where he will put forward a vision for India.

Sibal said it was an open invitation for everyone, including opposition leaders and common people, to join him at the event.

He sought the support of opposition chief ministers and leaders for his initiative.

“This will be a national level platform where lawyers will be at the forefront. RSS shakhas have also been spreading their ideology in every locality which gives rise to injustice. We will fight that injustice also,” he said.

The senior advocate said this was a people's platform and dismissed suggestions that he was launching any political party.

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ईडी-सीबीआई की विपक्षी नेताओं के खिलाफ कार्रवाई को सिब्बल ने बताया लोकतंत्र को कब्जे में करने के प्रयास का हिस्सा। पूर्व कानून मंत्री ने कहा कि दुखद स्थिति यह है कि अदालतें भी इस अन्याय के खिलाफ अपनी उचित भूमिका नहीं निभा पा रही हैं।

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली। पूर्व कानून मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल ने संवैधानिक संस्थाओं से लेकर सत्ता सियासत के हर तंत्र पर भाजपा-संघ की विचारधारा के गहराते प्रहार को रोकने के लिए शनिवार को जंतर-मंतर पर अपने अराजनीतिक मंच 'इंसाफ' का गठन कर दिया। इस मंच को राजनीतिक-सामाजिक और आर्थिक अन्याय के खिलाफ न्याय का प्रहरी बनाने की घोषणा करते हुए सिब्बल ने भाजपा-संघ की नीतियों से असहमत राजनीतिक दलों को भी इंसाफ से जुड़ने का न्यौता दिया। विपक्षी नेताओं के खिलाफ ईडी-सीबीआई के इस्तेमाल को लेकर मोदी सरकार पर हमला करते हुए कहा कि इसके जरिए देश के लोकतंत्र को भाजपा-संघ अपने कब्जे में लेने का प्रयास कर रहा है।

सिब्बल ने भारत के लिए अपना एक वैकल्पिक विजन किया पेश

कांग्रेस से अलग होने के बाद भी विपक्षी राजनीति को मुखर आवाज देने की अपनी कोशिश के क्रम में कपिल सिब्बल की इंसोफ की यह अराजनीतिक पहल बिखरे विपक्ष की सियासत को एक मंच देने की कोशिश के रूप में देखी जा रही है। जंतर-मंतर पर बड़ी संख्या में जुटे वकीलों, सिविल सोसाइटी के लोगों और बुद्धिजीवियों के बीच इंसोफ मंच का औपचारिक आगाज करते हुए कपिल सिब्बल ने भविष्य के भारत के लिए अपना एक वैकल्पिक विजन भी पेश किया।

इसमें युवाओं को गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा देने के लिए अनुसंधान और विकास पर बड़ी रकम खर्च करने से लेकर बेहतर ऑल इंडिया शिक्षक सेवा का गठन कर बेहतर शिक्षक नियुक्त करने का सुझाव दिया। साथ ही शिक्षकों के कम वेतन और अस्थायी स्वरूप को चिंताजनक बताते हुए कहा कि देश में किसी भी शिक्षक का वेतन 50000 रुपये से कम नहीं होना चाहिए तभी हमारे बच्चों को अच्छे शिक्षक मिलेंगे।

सिब्बल ने अपने वैकल्पिक विजन में ग्रामीण भारत की स्वास्थ्य चुनौतियों के समाधान के लिए गांवों के इलाके में मेडिकल कालेज खोलने से लेकर आम लोगों को न्याय सुलभ कराने के लिए देश के चार हिस्सों में चार कोर्ट ऑफ अपील बनाने का सरकार को सुझाव दिया। साथ ही कहा हाईकोर्ट के बाद कोर्ट ऑफ अपील होना चाहिए और सुप्रीम कोर्ट को केवल संवैधानिक मामलों की सुनवाई तक सीमित रहना चाहिए।

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अपने सियासी विजन की चर्चा करते हुए सिब्बल ने कहा कि मौजूदा भारत भाजपा-संघ का भारत बन गया है और इसे आम लोगों का हिन्दुस्तान बनाने के लिए सबको मिलकर संसद से सड़क तक अन्याय के खिलाफ आवाज उठानी होगी।

संसद में अन्याय के खिलाफ आवाज उठाने नहीं दी जा रही और कार्यपालिका के सारे तंत्र कब्जे में हैं जो ईडी- सीबीआई जैसी एजेंसियों के हैरान करने वाले कदमों के तौर पर सामने आ रहे हैं। लालू प्रसाद और उनके परिवार के खिलाफ ताजा कार्रवाई को लेकर आड़े हाथों लेते हुए सिब्बल ने कहा कि ईडी और सीबीआई को देश के नक्शे में केवल वे ही राज्य दिखाई दे रहे जहां विपक्षी नेताओं के दलों की सरकारें हैं।

सिब्बल ने मंच का अगला कार्यक्रम मध्यप्रदेश में करने की घोषणा की

भाजपा शासित राज्य और उसके नेता तो एजेंसियों को दिखते ही नहीं। पूर्व कानून मंत्री ने इसे लोकतंत्र पर गंभीर प्रहार करार देते हुए कहा कि दुखद स्थिति यह है कि अदालतें भी इस अन्याय के खिलाफ अपनी उचित भूमिका नहीं निभा पा रही हैं और उनको भी कब्जे में लेने का प्रयास किया जा रहा है।

सिब्बल ने कहा कि जजों की नियुक्ति की कालिजियम प्रणाली में बेशक कमियां हैं मगर उनकी नियुक्ति सरकार के हाथ में चली जाए यह अस्वीकार्य है। कानून मंत्री रिजिजु के लगातार आ रहे बयान सरकार के इसी प्रयास का हिस्सा है। कांग्रेस के राज्यसभा सांसद विवेक तन्खा ने बतौर वकील इंसाफ से जुड़ने का ऐलान किया तो कपिल सिब्बल ने मंच का अगला कार्यक्रम मध्यप्रदेश में करने की घोषणा की।

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