



Aam Aadmi Party

Our Dream
Political Revolution

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Why this Party?

For the past two years, millions of people came out on the streets to fight corruption and demand JanLokpal. This two year anti-corruption movement has exposed all our political parties and has made us all realize that we cannot expect any political party to work for a corruption free India.

For two years we tried all available avenues. We negotiated for our cause with the government, prayed to all parties, begged in front of them, sat on dharna, organized protests and sat on indefinite fasts thrice; but nobody listened, neither the parties nor the leaders. They went on fooling the people of this country.

We realize now that begging will not work. It is the time to uproot these parties and change the whole system. We are not saying that every single politician is corrupt nor are we saying that only we are honest and only we will run the Government honestly if we come to power. We are saying that the whole political system of the Government needs a complete overhaul so that the key of the system rests only with the public. Hence we are not planning to enjoy the power if we get it, but to tear down the power conclaves and pass on the power directly to public.

The Dream of Our Freedom Fighters

Millions of martyrs including Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, Afshaq Ullah, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Ram Prasad Bismil, Mangal Pandey, sacrificed their lives to free the nation. Did they sacrifice their lives so that our own people should plunder the country instead of the British? These gallant freedom fighters envisaged an India that is described in the preamble of our Constitution.

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens:

JUSTICE, social, economic and political;

LIBERTY, of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;

EQUALITY of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all

FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation;

IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, DO HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

This preamble depicts our dream, the dream of ordinary Indians.

This is a dream of democracy, social justice, secularism and of sovereign India. The preamble of the constitution promises a just society. It is a promise of Liberty, Equality and Brotherhood.

This Dream of Golden India lies unfulfilled

Even 65 years after Independence, India of today is totally contrary to what was imagined. Why? Because the framework designed to run the country was totally inappropriate. We wanted an independent India, but continued with the rules, regulations and laws from the British era. Before Independence, this framework was answerable to British rulers and not to public. After independence, it swore allegiance to indigenous leaders and stayed anti-public. Hence the tyranny of the rulers continued—first by the Britishers, and later by our own people.

Aam Aadmi Party wants to totally upturn the system. First of all the systemic structure carried forward from the British era has to be changed. The structure has to be loyal and accountable to the public and not to the leaders. Being accountable is not limited to changing of guard once in five years through voting. The elected Government should also be answerable directly to the public. The Public should have authority to remove corrupt and ineffective leaders and officers.

The Three Pillars of Current Framework

1. The Executive

Today all big and small decisions that affect the nation are taken by a few select members of Government including leaders and bureaucrats. The 'Aam Aadmi' has no say. The government and public are on opposite sides. Top leaders of some parties and some influential industrialists are jointly running the country. They are oppressing the people, indulging in corrupt practices and increasing inflation! The hapless public keeps begging without any success. It changes the ruling party every five years, but conditions remain the same.

Should not the public be the Government itself? Aam Aadmi Party wants to change the definition of the word "Government". There will be no kings, no subjects and no VIPs. There will be only the 'Aam Aadmi'. Every "Aam Aadmi" of this country will be the "Government".

Is this Possible? Of course it is! Several countries of the world are doing this. We can learn from them and develop a new model suitable for India. This model will require that any policy needed by a village shall be made by the villagers themselves by taking decisions in the Gram Sabha. In the cities people of the locality will decide about their local problems and devise regulations to deal with them. Thus, these local people deciding on local issues will be the local "government". But these laws and regulations have to be within the larger framework of our Constitution and other laws that will take precedence in any dispute.

Decisions required for a larger area affecting several villages and cities will be taken by the State Government. Decisions affecting the whole nation, national security and other such topics will be taken by the Central Government.

2. The Legislature

We elect our Members of Legislative Assemblies and Members of Parliament. They sit in the Vidhan Sabhas and the Parliament and make laws. The Public has no role in this law making exercise. All these Legislation are thrust on the hapless public. Some legislation is blatantly

anti-public and biased in favour of certain people.

Except in five countries, the public has a direct hand in making legislation in almost all other democracies. This is called Referendum and Direct Initiative. India is among these five unfortunate countries.

Aam Aadmi Party wants the common man to participate directly in the legislative process at state or national level. It should have the power to change or abolish laws. This is called Referendum. Similarly it can force the Legislature or Parliament to pass a new law. This is Direct initiative. We want these two to start functioning in India.

3. The Judiciary

Today a common man needs lakhs of rupees to afford legal representation in either the Supreme Court or a High Court. Even in lower courts, lawyers charge thousands of rupees for each date. Only rich people can really afford to pay so much. Others find it almost impossible to go to courts. Then, is the judiciary only for the affluent? Since independence, has any poor person reached the Supreme Court? Unless a lawyer offers to fight a case for free it is impossible for a poor or middle class person to go to a court. Should we get justice in this country as a matter of charity instead of as a right?

Today we get decisions in courts instead of justice. Corruption in the judiciary is growing by day People now seriously believe that Justice is for sale in India. This is lethal for Indian democracy.

This has to change. Aam Aadmi Party wants that people should have justice as a right. Justice should be a fundamental right of a common man and he should not be made to beg in front of a lawyer. Justice should be dispensed to the common man at his doorstep, his village, his locality. There should be no need for him to travel to Delhi. The whole judicial system needs to be changed.

We Have to Change the Political System

Unite the Common People

Politics is a sacred word. Politics is for serving the nation and society. Gandhiji was a politician. He believed that politics sans spirituality is dangerous for society and the nation. Today, politics means crime and corruption. Money from Power and Power by using Money is the foundation of modern politics.

This has to change. Politics has to connect again with social service and national pride. That will be the aim of Aam Aadmi Party.

Corruption not to be Accepted Control in the Hands of Public

There will be a stringent legislation against corruption called Jan Lokpal. This will allow the public to directly file the complaints against the corrupt leaders and officers and get justice.

- Now-a-days the cases of corruption keep continuing for years without any resolution. All this while, the corrupt leaders keeps getting elected and plundering the country. Sometimes the cases are not resolved even till the death of the concerned person! Janlokpal legislation will ensure that investigation and litigation would be expedited. This will secure the conviction of a guilty person within two years, his assets would be confiscated and he would be expelled from his position. Cases against leaders will be promptly investigated and corrupt leaders will be jailed within six months.
- If Aam Aadmi Party comes to power, fast track courts will be constituted and CBI will be made an independent entity. Guilty people from all scams will be jailed within six months. All property of such people will be confiscated and deposited into Government coffers.
- A common man has to pay bribe to get work done in more or less all the government offices. Janlokpal legislation will determine the time

frame and specific officers for different kind of work. If the work does not get done by that officer in the allotted time, there will be a penalty and that would be deducted from his salary and paid to the complainant.

Creation of a Just and Equal Society free of Prejudice and Oppression

A significant portion of our society has been discriminated against as untouchables, and has suffered severe humiliation and injustice in the past. Even after sixty-five years of independence untouchability still exists in parts of our country. It is the responsibility of whole society to honor and love all brethren and march forward together.

The reservation system was introduced to resolve the issue of social inequality. We believe that at this point, reservation is essential for the advancement of the deprived and marginalized section of the society. At the same time it is essential that the benefits of reservation reach to those who are most needy even amongst this lot. Reservation should not be an option for those who have already benefited from it and are now financially prosperous. These should be for socially and economically weaker sections only.

Unfortunately until now all political outfits have used the issue of reservations to create vote banks for themselves. Vested political interests have ensured that the most marginalized sections of society remain marginalized and become the fodder for vote banks.

However, we have to reconsider and think if only reservations are enough to ensure progress among the backward segments of society? Reservation alone will not serve the purpose. Along with reservation, free higher education should be provided without the labels of religion, caste and creed. Hence Aam Aadmi Party's most important agenda will be to upgrade all government schools in the country to the standard of good private schools. This will improve the future of children from both socially and economically backward sections. We do not believe that

everything is perfect in private schools, but they have their good points which would be incorporated in government schools.

However, even this will be not enough. We have to make an effort to remove this venomous tendency of untouchability from people's minds. We have to campaign to create a civil environment which fosters amity and harmony between different castes.

In a nutshell there should be an efficient system to stop caste humiliation and violence. There should be enough platforms to deliver the benefits of reservations to the most marginalized backward classes, minorities, tribals and other weakest sections of society. To make sure that the benefits of reservation reach really deserving people, priorities should be given to those people, families and groups who have not yet received any benefits, instead of those who are already prosperous. Most backwards, dalits, tribals and nomads need special schemes.

Socio—Religious Respect

Leaders like to divide the society on the basis of religion to play the vote bank politics. Some parties have created Hindus as their vote bank and some lure Muslims and Christians. They try to instill venom in people's minds regarding other religions and create riots. Several parties of the country are doing this kind of cheap communal politics. This has to be stopped immediately if we do not want our country to break.

Aam Aadmi Party believes that this country belongs to people of all religions. Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists —absence of any one of these will render the country incomplete. The diversity of India is its distinct trait. The people playing politics in the name of religion would be dealt with strictly. There would be zero tolerance towards attempts to spread poison towards any religion.

All possible efforts would be made to make people respect all religions.

Economic Outlook

Almost 70 per cent of Indians today live on less than Rs. 20 per day, while the wealthiest resources of the country lie in the hands of about 100 business houses. Is this enormous gulf between the rich and poor a good thing? The most worrisome part is that the current economic policies and system are making this gulf wider. The rich are getting richer at the expense of poor.

How did a vast portion of the country's wealth come to rest in the hands of just a few? Did they toil more, produce more by agriculture or industry? Did they provide more services to the society? It seems that in most cases nothing happened. In most cases unlimited wealth was collected by fraud and deceit. When a business house buys 2G Spectrum license at Rs. 1500 crore from the government and then sells it 10 days later at Rs. 6000 crore, making thousand of crores in profit, is it correct? Is this kind of earned wealth right for the society, country or democracy? Or is this the misuse of system to earn profit? If a few people collect wealth by fraud, is this a healthy trend for a democracy? With this money they can buy any leader, officer or institution.

Change in Economic Policy

Aam Aadmi Party believes that present economic policies are more indulgent towards money grabbers, share market and corrupt people instead of genuine people. Such a society can never make progress. Economic policies should encourage honest traders, Industrial and Agriculture workers, and businessmen and enhance their prospects. Most people adopt corrupt practices because they are forced to do so. Though they want to be honest they have no option but to bribe. On the other hand, there are a few industrialist families who are openly indulging in pillaging the country. On one hand we have to deal strictly with such people, and on the other, change those policies which help and abet them.

Forced Land Acquisition from Farmers

Present economic policies victimizes farming, farmers and villages. This victimization is under several guises. Land from many villages is procured against the wishes of the owners and given to big industrialists and builders. Villagers who lose their land, become unemployed and keep lamenting to no avail. Recently several scams have come to light where nexus of leaders and industrialists bought land very cheaply from farmers in the name of development, got the land use changed and sold it for enormous profit.

Aam Aadmi Party believes this practice should be stopped. No land should be acquired without the permission of the Gram Sabha of that village. Only the Gram Sabha will have the right to decide if any land can be sold and at what price and terms. The right to change the Land Use will rest only with the Gram Sabha or Mohalla Sabha. This will ensure that farmers and other poor people of the village will be able to have stake in development and progress.

Farmers are being Forced to Commit Suicide

Government policies are forcing the farmers to commit suicide. On one hand, because of expensive seeds and fertilizer, farming is becoming expensive. On the other hand the government fixes such low rates for the crop that even the input cost is not covered. For example, last year according to Haryana Government's figures, the cost of producing rice was Rs.1,560 per Quintal whereas Government kept the base purchase price at Rs.1,280 per Quintal. Similarly in Maharashtra, the cost of growing sugarcane was Rs. 3,000/ton, but the sugar mills were only offering Rs. 2,300/ton to the farmer. If the farmer does not even get his input price, he will be forced to commit suicide!

Governments are forcing villagers to move to cities. There is not enough to eat in the villages and the cities are getting overwhelmed by increased population and inflation.

Aam Aadmi Party believes that farmers should get atleast enough to

cover their input prices and make a decent profit. According to the Swamithathan Report, farmers should get the sum of all their inputs plus a profit of 50%. Aam Aadmi Party entirely agrees with this. If we implement this, Haryana farmers would get Rs. 2,300 instead of Rs. 1,280 per quintal. Similarly sugarcane farmers of Maharashtra would get Rs. 4,500 instead of Rs. 2,300 per ton. This should be the basis for fixing the purchase price of crops in the whole country.

India still lives in its villages. Without the development and prosperity of the villages, India cannot be prosperous. To save the country we need to save the villages. Hence the resources of the country should be divided according to the population of villages or cities. Facilities in the villages should get better. If we implement the model of Swaraj, villagers will be able to design and execute developmental schemes themselves. Since they would be the stakeholders in the development, each village will get basic conveniences without running to the cities to improve the conditions of their village.

The developmental schemes for the villages should be made in the villages and not in the state capitals or Delhi. There should be gram sabhas in all villages and Government officials should be under Gram sabha.

Natural Resources: Water, Forest, land and all natural resources should be under local custody. Natural resources of the country are national wealth. This should be used for the development of the population. It should not be used for private profit of individual companies.

Controlling Price Rise

Public Participation in Determining the Prices of Main Commodities

Today inflation is making life hell for the common man. The Government has deliberately inflated the rates of many commodities just to ensure that corporate giants make more profit. This is direct corruption. The prices of the main commodities should not be fixed without public consent. This does not mean that public will fix the price of all things. Most items sold in the market are subject to demand and

supply but the prices for essential items like diesel, petrol etc, for which the government determines the price should be determined with public consent.

- a. The price of petrol, diesel, LPG and gas cylinders can be reduced immediately. On one hand, the government has provided relief to big, wealthy companies worth Rs 13 lakh crore in the last 3 years and on the other hand it is extracting Rs 2 lakh crore each year from the common man by taxing his diesel and petrol. Is this good governance? Tax relief for the wealthy and putting all the burden on common man should stop immediately. If a tax of Rs 13 lakh crore is collected from these companies and Rs 2 lakh crore taxes on common man are waived off, petrol can be priced at Rs 50 and diesel at Rs 40.
- b. The reason gas is expensive in the country is because in 2000 the BJP government gave refining and extraction contracts of many natural gas wells to Reliance and other private companies. In 2004, Reliance entered into an agreement with the Government of India that for 17 years Reliance will provide this gas at the rate of 2 dollars per unit. But Reliance had no intention of doing so.

In just two years, in 2006, this rate was increased to double the price of 4 dollars per unit by the then Congress led UPA government. Instead of confronting Reliance, Congress increased the price to 4 dollars. The new agreement was that Reliance will supply gas at this rate till 2014. However, this agreement was also broken. In 2010, Reliance again asked the government to increase the procurement price of gas from 4 dollars to 14 dollars per unit! At this point when the Union Oil and Gas Minister Mr. Jaipal Reddy refused to agree to this, the Congress Government replaced him with Mr. Veerappa Moily.

It is now being speculated that after the 2014 general elections the price of gas could go up to 14 dollars per unit. This will make gas cylinders unaffordable for the common family. Today the Government is providing 6 cylinders at Rs. 400/cylinder, and more than six will be available at Rs. 900/cylinder. If the procurement price is increased to 14 dollars from 4 dollars, then the six cylinders will cost 1400 and rest will cost 3000/cylinder. Both the BJP and the Congress are bending over backwards to accommodate the

demands of Reliance. Aam Aadmi Party strongly opposes this. According to our information Reliance should get only Rs. 2.50/unit of gas. This would not only cover the cost but also include profit. With this price each person can get unlimited cylinders for only Rs. 350/cylinder.

- c. Electricity and water rates are increased in Delhi in improper way. Rates of electricity are adjudicated by DERC- a government Commission. On 5th May 2010, DERC was going to take out an order to reduce the electricity rates by 23% instead of increasing it. When Chief Minister Ms. Sheila Dixit came to know of it, she stopped them. On 4th May 2010, Ms. Dikshit wrote a letter forbidding them to do so. Accordingly, the order that was to be passed on 5th May 2010 was stopped a day before it was to be passed. When Mr. Prashant Bhushan, a senior member of the Party and eminent lawyer came to know of this, he registered a case against the government in Delhi High Court. After a year of hearing, the court rapped Ms. Sheila Dikshit and asked DERC to pass a new order. In the meantime the Chairperson of the commission had retired. Ms. Sheila Dikshit had her own man in his place. He passed a order with substantial increase in the tariff. It is obvious that there is a nexus between Electricity companies and Ms. Sheila Dikshit. If Aam Aadmi Party comes to power, electricity tariffs will be reduced in Delhi.
- d. In Delhi and other parts of India, current governments are planning to privatise water supply. This will result in making even water very expensive. Water is basic necessity and the natural right of everyone. Privatization of this is inhumane and unconstitutional.
- e. If petrol, diesel, gas, electricity and water rates are reduced, other commodities will naturally become cheaper. A system will be put in place by which people's consent will be necessary for future pricing of such critical commodities.
- f. The government has started dabbling in speculation and futures trading on all commodities. Rice, wheat, pulses, all commodities are being gambled upon, which is the genesis of price rise. This speculation must stop.

Good Education and Healthcare for All

Government schools are in pitiable condition today. There are neither good teachers nor good education. To get admission in a private school, you have to pay a large donation and a fat fees. It has become difficult for a common man to provide good education to his child. How can a nation develop if the children are denied good education? Government schools will be upgraded to the standard of good private schools. Education will be free in these schools for all—rich or poor.

Government hospitals are in equally bad condition. Previously there used to be atleast free treatment and medication. But now even the Government hospitals are charging big fees. A poor man can go bankrupt if someone falls sick in the family. Many farmers are committing suicide due to the expenses incurred in sickness. Government hospitals will be made at par with private hospitals, and they will provide free treatment and medication.

Our aim is not to close down private schools and hospitals, but to upgrade Government schools and hospitals to world standards.

Bur how will these be financed? At first glance it seems that even today Government is spending a lot of money on education and health, but all of it gets stolen. Benefit hardly reaches to the public. If we are able to stop corruption then enough funds would be available for education and health for all. Still, we are constituting a team of experts from all over the country to study the matter and estimate how much money will be needed and how can it be arranged.

All the resources and finances of Local Government schools and hospitals will be directly under Gram Sabha and Mohalla Sabhas making them directly answerable to the local citizens. Hence if the doctor or the teacher does not work properly, Local Gram or Mohalla Sabha would be able to take action against them.

Right to Reject

When we go to cast our vote, sometimes we do not want to vote for any candidate or party as we do not find them upto our expectation. Still we have no option but to vote for someone. Now there will be a last button in the voting machine opting for “No One”. If you do not like any candidate you can click this button. If this option gets a majority of votes, fresh elections will be conducted within a month. The parties and candidates rejected in the cancelled elections will forfeit their right to contest again in the re-elections.

Right to Recall

Today after winning elections, our representatives have no time to listen to our problems even though they were elected because of our votes. Unfortunately, under the current electoral system, the people have to suffer such candidates for 5 years. We will enact a Right to Recall law wherein people can complain to the Election Commission anytime to recall their representative and call for fresh elections.

Helplessness of the Youth

Education has been totally commercialized. Degrees are sold openly. Leaders have started large collages where you have to spend lakhs to get education. Commercialization of education has to stop immediately.

And even after obtaining a Degree after spending so much money you cannot get a job. To get a job you have to bribe again! Political leadership is holding the youth hostage in the name of Government jobs. Most of the Government jobs have fixed rates. From peon to the highest officer there is rampant corruption and nepotism.

Aam Aadmi Party will provide jobs on impartial and transparent basis. Youth will be freed from the clutches of parties and leaders. Right now Government jobs are totally allotted under corruption, political interference and nepotism. Aam Aadmi Party's Government will

remove political interference, bring transparency to Government jobs and make them merit based.

You have to bribe the banks if you want to start any business. Hopefully, once Janlokal Bill is passed, bribery will decrease, and youth would get some relief. It will be easy for a common man to avail bank loans to start a business.

In the villages, there should be avenues for employment other than farming. To realize these objectives, a big chunk of national resources should be made available to local groups that so they can devise and execute their own projects. It will be the responsibility of Gram Sabha and Mohalla Sabhas. The community and the state will be responsible to provide employment to all as well as to look after seniors and those who are helpless and incapable of looking after themselves.

It is the job of the Government to provide enough power and resources to the Gram Sabha. Unorganized labourers need to be protected.

Industrial Labourers (Contract System)

The state of contractual labour across industries is alarming. Most of them are kept on contracts, which can be terminated at will. There is no leave or bonus. Even minimum wage/DC rate is not given. Contractors embezzles the EPF and ESI money of the laborers. Almost all labour laws are violated because Labour Commissioner takes bribes from the contractor and big companies and sells labour rights. This exploitation of labourers has to stop immediately. A new policy has to be formulated to secure basic comforts, justice and respectful life for an honest labourer.

Status of Women

An effective system must be installed to prevent abortion of female fetuses as also to end the exploitation and murder of women. Girls in villages should have special facilities for education. No liquor shops should be permitted to be opened in any locality without the consent of women in that locality. One third of the seats in the Parliament and Assemblies should be reserved for women.

Safety and security of women:- Safety of women has become a critical issue after the recent gang rape incident in Delhi. Women are afraid to come out of their homes. Our legal system is responsible for this. On one hand, the law does not provide for sufficient punishment for crimes like eve-teasing, rape etc and on the other hand, legal process in our courts takes almost 10-15 years to bring the culprits to book. During this period, the rapists keep roam free and keep intimidating and mentally harassing the victims. In contrast, in 2005, a German girl was raped in Jaipur and a fast track court had punished the culprit and sent him to jail in 16 days. If a fast track court in Jaipur can punish a rapist in 16 days, why can't our country's courts decide on cases of rape within two months? Strangely, instead of making fast track courts like Jaipur all over the country, the UPA government even closed the Jaipur fast track court citing paucity of funds. Currently, all over India, over one hundred and twenty five thousand cases are pending in our courts since many years. Till these cases are decided and the culprits are handed out severe punishment, women will continue to get raped. Because of this, Aam Aadmi Party believes that the following three steps are needed:

- The law should provide that crimes like molestation and rape should be resolved in the quickest possible time and the culprits punished within two months.
- As many investigation officers and fast track courts should be provided as required to punish the culprits within two months.
- The law should be amended wherever it does not provide for adequate punishments for crimes against women.

Police Atrocities against the People:— We saw police atrocities after the gangrape incident in Delhi. If a common man goes to file a complaint against the Police, the Police often take bribes from the perpetrators and downplay the matter. It also tries to trouble the accuser in various ways. Fake cases are often filed against innocent people.

Police atrocities were experienced during this incident also. Police lathi-charged the demonstrators and used tear gas on them. This happens because the Police works directly under the control of corrupt politicians and political parties. Aam Aadmi Party believes that the local Police should be directly accountable to the local people instead of politicians.

The Mohalla Sabha should have authority to summon local police

officials. It must be compulsory for the Police to register a case if the local Mohalla Sabha so desires. If there are repeated complaints against any Police official, the local Mohalla Sabha should have the power to penalize him or terminate his services. If Aam Aadmi Party come to power, the Police will be directly accountable to the local people.

Other Matters

India is a very big country. People have myriad complaints. We will go around the country and talk to the people. We will ask them their problems and possible solutions. We will also have debates and discussions on various matters and will find the solution through consensus. This is how our manifesto will be prepared.

Committees of experts are being instituted on about thirty issues. These committees of the Aam Aadmi Party will prepare their recommendations in three to four months time. The Aam Aadmi Party will decide on its stand after these have been debated all over the country and within the Party. Other parties decide on their policies behind closed doors, as if they know the solution to all the world's problems. Their decisions are based on their perception of vote bank politics. Their prime consideration is—how many votes will we get if we announce such and such measure as our policy? They have sidelined the interest of the nation. Aam Aadmi Party will not do this. Decisions will be taken keeping the common person's view in mind.

What will Happen if the Party's Candidates become Corrupt after Getting Elected?

The Public will be empowered to remove and punish corrupt and arrogant leaders.

The corrupt will be jailed within six months—The Janlokal Bill will be enacted within one month of coming to power. Any common person will be able to file a complaint against any corrupt leader, whether such a

leader belongs to our party or any other party.

If the representative does not work as per the wishes of the electorate, he or she will be removed— It is possible that the elected representative does not become corrupt but becomes arrogant. He may stop interacting with the people or working on their behalf. To counter this, the “Right to Recall” law will be enacted. The people will not have to wait for five years then If the people are dissatisfied with any MP or MLA, they will be able to petition the Election Commission and get that person removed by holding another election.

The Party will have Internal Lokpal— Party's Internal Lokpal and Lokayuktas, comprising of retired judges and well-known people will be established at the national, state and district levels. If any common person has any evidence of corruption or other crime against any party office bearer, he or she will be able to file a complaint with the internal Lokpal or Lokayukta. If they feel that there is merit in the complaint, they will pass judgement on the member which will be binding on the member.

How will Aam Aadmi Party be Different from Other Parties?

1. No MP or MLA belonging to Aam Aadmi Party will use red light on his or her car.
2. No member of the Aam Aadmi Party will take security guards after winning elections. People's representatives should have the same security as is available to the common man.
3. Members of Aam Aadmi Party will not live in a big government bungalow after winning. They will live in houses similar to housing used by the common man.
4. Crores of rupees have to be paid by candidates to their parties for being nominated. Nominations in Aam Aadmi Party will be made after considering the views of the common people. The tickets will be given to those candidates who the people say it should be given to.

5. People accused of major crimes and huge corruption are nominated as candidates by other parties. Such people will not be Nominated by Aam Aadmi Party.
6. Today parties encourage and protect their corrupt leaders. All officials of Aam Aadmi Party will be subject to a strict Code of Conduct. The party has its own independent internal Lokpal This will have retired judges and other prestigious persons. If any official of Aam Aadmi Party does anything wrong and any person complains, the Lokpal/Lokayukta will investigate and render its judgment in a time bound manner. If the Lokpal so orders, the guilty official will have to leave the party.
7. Parties collect thousands of crores of rupees in donations and do not disclose where these donations have come from. All donations received by Aam Aadmi Party will be put up on the party website. Details of all expenditure will also be available on the AAP website. No party shares the details of its expenditure with the people but AAP would do so.
8. In others parties, Party workers have virtually no say in their parties. The party High Command has its way. Aam Aadmi Party will not have a High Command. Party workers will have an important place in AAP.
9. Today all parties are dividing the nation on the basis of religion and caste. Vote bank is created on the basis of religion and caste. Aam Aadmi Party will never resort to politics based on religion or caste. We will try to unite our country. Dirty politics has divided our country, Good politics will unite us.
10. Women and youth will have a special place in our party. Positions will be reserved for women and youth in every committee.
11. Adequate provision has been made for the participation of Dalits and minorities. If they are under-represented in the working committees, there is provision for direct nomination also.
12. Nepotism has become a curse of our politics. The constitution of the Aam Aadmi Party prohibits the inclusion of two members of the same family in any committee. Similarly, not more than one member from any family will be nominated as the AAP candidate for standing in elections.

13. There is provision for Right to Recall in AAP. Any representative can be recalled if found unsatisfactory. Similarly, members of any committee can remove the Convener, Secretary or Treasurer.

How can Good Candidates be Selected?

We have put this question to the people and received many suggestions. After considering these suggestions and discussing among ourselves, we have prepared the first draft of the process of selecting good candidates. Suggestions from everyone are welcome on the following:

1. The names of prospective candidates will be invited from the local area through appropriate publicity. Anyone can nominate any good person from his or her locality or nominate himself or herself. Through this process those good people will get an opportunity to stand for elections who are not able to do so at present because of shortage of funds.
2. All applicants will have to fill a form in which they will have to declare the details of all accusations levelled against them, criminal and other cases, cases of corruption, all sources of their income and their family's income, the total wealth of themselves and their family and all the work they have done for the community.
3. These forms can be deposited through the party's local offices or via the party website. These forms will be brought to the National office of the party for Parliamentary elections and to the party's State office for Assembly elections.
4. All the forms will be sent to the Assembly Committees or the Parliamentary Committee.
5. The committees will investigate all the information given in the form. An investigation report will be prepared for every form. They will meet and note their comments and recommendations for every applicant. All differing opinions will be recorded separately on the report.
6. Apart from other things, the Committee will definitely comment on the following:

- a. How is the Candidate perceived in the community.
 - b. Are the people of the area aware about the work done by the applicant? If yes, has it resulted into influence in the community? Is it good or bad?
 - c. Are any cases of corruption or another crime pending in the courts against the applicant? If yes, then details of these cases will be noted in the report.
 - d. Was the applicant ever accused of corruption or other crime? What is the impression of the people about these accusations? Do people think these to be correct or false?
 - e. What is the source of the candidate's income? Do people have a negative impression about the sources of the candidate's income?
 - f. Is the applicant drug addict and make a nuisance of himself or herself for his family or society?
 - g. Have any questions been raised about the character of the applicant?
 - h. Has the applicant ever participated in any communal activity? Does the applicant respect all religions? Has the applicant ever tried to spread hatred towards any religion or caste?
 - i. Has the applicant ever taken part in any violence?
7. A Screening Committee will be constituted. For the Parliamentary elections, there will be people with national stature and some members of the National Committee. For Assembly elections, a similar committee will be formed at the state level.
 8. The Screening Committee will go through all the reports on the applicants. Their objective will not be to nominate the candidates but to weed out undesirable applicants. If the Screening Committee wishes, it can also investigate any particular matter relating to any candidate.
 9. The list of applicants after the removal of undesirable candidates by the Screening Committee will be prepared.
 10. The names of all these candidates will be put on the party website and people will be invited to submit any evidence they may have

against any candidate, either to the local office or via the party's website.

11. Evidence from the public will again be put up before the Screening Committee. If the Screening Committee finds the evidence correct against any applicant, they can remove the applicant from the list. A fresh list will be prepared after this exercise.
12. A convention of all short-listed applicants and the local workers will be held. In this convention, the Party workers will vote for the applicants on the basis of preferential voting and will select one candidate.
13. The nominated candidate will have to give the following undertaking under oath:

If I win,

- a. I will not use a red light on my car.
- b. I will not take unnecessary security cover. The security forces should not be for the security of leaders but for the security of the common people. The leaders do not need any more security than the common man.
- c. I will not take a large government bungalow but will live in a small house like a common person.
- d. I am fully in agreement with the idea of self-governance, Swaraj. I believe that in a democracy, power should be directly with the people and not with the leaders and officers. I will do everything to get a law which makes this possible. Till this law is enacted I will do everything in consultation with the people of my constituency.
- e. I am committed to the Janlokpall bill and towards electoral reforms. I will do all I can to get laws enacted which will enable this.
- f. The government must not have the right to take over the land belonging to the people without their consent. I will do all I can to bring about a law which will prevent this.

This is the first effort at selecting good candidates. You are invited to give your views and suggestions on this process.

We have to Change this Corrupt Politics

Ever since we announced that we are entering politics, people have been accusing us of being power-hungry. Some well-wishers are also saying this—politics is a dirty mire, a den of corruption. Why do we want to get stuck in this filth?

Lal Bahadur Shastri fought elections. Baba Saheb Ambedkar fought elections. Were they power hungry or were they patriots? Sardar Patel fought elections. Was he ambitious? In those days entering politics was considered an act of patriotism. Today's corrupt leaders have so soiled the political arena that politics is considered a den of corruption and crime.

We have to change this. We have to rid politics of corruption and crime. We have to associate politics with patriotism again, so that good people can enter politics. Good young people will have to enthusiastically take part in this.

The Win or Loss is Yours

The win or loss of this party will be the win or loss of the people of this nation. If this revolution wins, our nation will win, the people of India will win and if this revolution loses, the nation will lose, the people of India will lose.

If you think that the Congress can give a future to this country, do vote for the Congress. If you think that the BJP or any other party can rid our country of corruption, then please vote for BJP or another party. However, if you feel that all parties are similar to each other and cannot give our nation a bright future, then you must participate in this revolution.

We have got this opportunity thirty-five years after the Jayprakash Narayan's movement. If the nation loses this time the next opportunity will perhaps come in another thirty-five years. The youth of this nation must participate in this political revolution. They must be prepared for

sacrifice. We will have to achieve India which our martyred revolutionaries dreamed of.

We are not fond of getting into politics. If the present government enacts the Janlokal Bill, Right to Reject, Right to Recall and Swaraj, then we do not need to enter politics or even establish a new party. However, if the government does not do this, then we will do everything which is needed to change this corrupt system so that India can change for the better.

How to Join the Aam Aadmi Party?

The Party has two types of members, the Ordinary Members and the Active Members. Ordinary Members are those who have become members by paying their party membership fees. Ordinary members do not have the right to vote. Those Ordinary Members who work actively for the Party for at least four months after joining the Party, they will be designated Active Members and get the right to vote in the Party.

To become a member of the Party, you will have to visit the local office. Only the local office (village, municipal ward or college) can make you a member.

If your village, municipal ward or college does not have a local party office, you will have to bear with us for some more time. However, whether you formally become a member or not does not make such a difference. We are all in this effort to change our country. Please start working in this direction immediately. Please do not wait to become a member of the Party for this. Even now, you can do the following-

1. Please phone at least five friends and ask— “Friend, do you think that the Congress can rid India of corruption? Do you think BJP can rid India of corruption? No? Have you heard of the Aam Aadmi Party? What do you feel about that party?” Please ask them to support the Aam Aadmi Party in this manner. Please ask your friends if they agree with the ideas of the Aam Aadmi Party and, if so, do they support the Party? If they support us, please ask them too to phone ten of their friends and ask them to be associated with the Aam Aadmi Party.

2. A film on the Aam Aadmi Party is available on the Party's website (www.aamaadmiparty.org). It is also available in the Party's office at A-119, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, U.P. 201010. Please show this film to your family and friends.
3. Party documents are available on the Party website. You can download these, put your name and mobile number on these and distribute these amongst the people.
4. If you publicise the Aam Aadmi Party in this manner, please inform us about it on the party website (www.aamaadmiparty.org). There is a link to share your experiences on the website. Reading your experiences will encourage others too. We will also find out who is working actively in the interests of the party and in which area. It is possible that we may ourselves propose that you open the local office of the Aam Aadmi Party in your area and get involved in serving the country.

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You are invited to give your suggestions on all issues mentioned in this booklet. We will definitely modify our stand based on the good suggestions received from you. You can send your suggestions by writing to
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