

5/21/09: Isn't Indian Govt promoting extremism, terrorism? - The Daily Mail

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While the Congress is set to form a new government in India and it has constantly been calling for end to terrorism and extremism in the region and Delhi has been showing all the willingness to do so, it becomes highly imperative that the Congress government should act promptly and solidly to make certain amendments in the curriculum of its educational text books and the policies at schools, particularly the religious schools and these amendments and change must be made in the light of the findings of Ms. Felice D Gaer, Commissioner of the US Commission for International Religious Freedom who had pinpointed an alarming state of affairs at hundreds of Hindu educational institutes throughout India that are producing thousands of Hindu extremists and fundamentalist militants every year and are actually being run on the pattern of Madrasahs of former Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

Findings of The Daily Mail, in this direction, reveal that the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom on 10th June 2002 held a detailed hearing on Gujarat's anti Muslims riots. The hearing brought to light the atrocities committed in Gujarat by extremist Hindu groups such as Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) all components of umbrella organization 'Sangh Parivar'. During the commission's hearing, several speakers had called to block the funding and fund raising of the Extremist Hindu Groups and their sponsors in the United States.

Later, Felice D Gaer, Chairperson of the Commission sent a letter to the Vishwa Hindu Parishad America (VHPA) conveying concern over the support provided by them to Hindu groups involved in Gujarat violence. In response the President of VHPA, Mr. Jyotish Parekh had blatantly stated that VHPA was a tax-exempt, charitable organization merely supporting benevolent works and educational projects in India catering the needs of children, youth and adults 'instilling time tested eternal Hindu values'.