AIMIM'S RELIEF WORK AND CONTRIBUTION FOR COMMUNITY'S CAUSES

ALL INDIA MAJLIS-E-ITTEHADUL MUSLIMEEN (AIMIM) has a long track record of working for the welfare of Muslim community, other minorities and underprivileged sections of society during its 56 years' standing in politics. Besides running a string of professional colleges and educational institutions and hospitals and medical centres, and a cooperative urban bank, AIMIM has been rendering service to the people, irrespective of caste, community and class, whenever the need arose, such as at the times of communal violence or natural calamities.

AIMIM has been the first to send relief teams and arrange assistance whenever natural calamities hit the State (Andhra Pradesh/Telangana) or communal disturbances rocked some towns. Right from 1970s till 2012, whenever communal incidents took place in Hyderabad, AIMIM not only distributed relief materials and financial assistance to affected families but also arranged legal aid for minority youth who were implicated by the police in communal incidents.

RELIEF FOR RIOT VICTIMS:

Whenever communal incidents took place in other places in the State, such as Nirmal, Bhainsa, Vitoli, Adoni, Sangareddy, Siddipet, Tandur, etc, AIMIM organized relief work and distributed financial assistance for affected persons. AIMIM also provided financial assistance for arranging bail for innocent Muslim youth upon whom cases were foisted in the wake of communal violence. AIMIM prevailed upon the State Government to provide ex-gratia to the affected, including injured persons, families of those killed or hawkers and petty shop-keepers who suffered damage to their properties.

MECCA MASJID BLAST & CM's APOLOGY:

Bomb blasts rocked Hyderabad City's historic Mecca Masjid in May 2007. Soon after, police opened indiscriminate firing in adjoining areas. AIMIM prevailed upon the State Government to order Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the bomb blast, judicial inquiry into the police firing and payment of exgratia to those killed or injured. Due to AIMIM's sustained campaign, innocent Muslim youth, who were falsely implicated and jailed, were released on bail and the CBI subsequently caught right-wing elements of Hindu community for Mecca Masjid blast. AIMIM arranged bail sureties for these youth.

In December 2010, AIMIM pressured the then Congress Chief Minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy to apologise to Muslim community for wrongful arrest and incarceration of innocent youth. The Government gave them financial compensation and also issued character certificates. This was an unprecedented act by a Chief Minister and a State Government anywhere in the country. The credit for this should rightfully go to AIMIM.

AIMIM distributed relief in riot-affected areas when Hyderabad City was rocked by communal incidents in 2010 and 2012. The party also arranged bail for Muslim youth who were falsely implicated in these disturbances. Apart from arranging financial help of Rs 10 lakhs, AIMIM pressured the Government to give ex-gratia for the families of Muslim youth killed or injured in police firing at Kishanbagh in the City in May 2014.

RELIEF FOR KURNOOL FLOOD VICTIMS:

When floods inundated Kurnool City in the State in 2009, AIMIM relief teams under Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi's leadership reached the town even before the then Chief Minister K Rosaiah and official relief teams arrived there. AIMIM arranged relief worth more than Rs two crores for Kurnool flood victims. AIMIM teams camped in the town for more than a fortnight and distributed relief to affected people, both Muslims and Hindus.

MEDICAL AND RELIEF TEAMS SENT TO OTHER STATES:

Similarly, whenever major communal disturbances occurred or floods ravaged other parts of the country, AIMIM organized relief work. In recent times, AIMIM teams worked in Gujarat (after the 2002 riots), Assam (following riots in July 2012), Uttarakhand (during the floods in June 2013) and Jammu and Kashmir (floods in September 2014). Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi visited communal riothit Muzaffarnagar town in October 2013 and distributed relief to affected families there.

RELIEF FOR GUJARAT RIOT VICTIMS:

When Gujarat was rocked by anti-Muslim riots in February/March 2002, AIMIM sent medical and relief teams to riot-affected areas. AIMIM medical teams provided much-needed medical care to riot victims. About Rs 25 lakh worth of medicines were distributed. Subsequently, when Gujarat police arrested and

jailed Muslim youth from Hyderabad in connection with cases foisted on them, AIMIM arranged legal help for them. Most of these innocent youth were acquitted by Gujarat courts after they spent years in jails on trumped-up charges.

RELIEF WORK IN ASSAM:

Medical and relief teams of AIMIM worked in riot-hit areas of Assam during July-September 2012, after lakhs of Muslims were rendered homeless and driven to relief camps. Medical teams treated the inmates of relief camps while relief teams distributed relief kits to the riot victims. Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi led AIMIM teams to Assam. The medical teams treated 25,000 persons and distributed medicines worth Rs 20 lakh. AIMIM also distributed relief material worth Rs 1.25 crores.

RELIEF TO UTTARAKHAND FLOOD VICTIMS:

When flash floods ravaged Uttarakhand in June 2013 and thousands of Hindu pilgrims and local residents were affected in Kedarnath, Badrinath and other pilgrim centres, AIMIM rushed medical and relief teams to provide medicare and relief to affected persons. AIMIM contributed Rs six lakh to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund and spent another Rs 74 lakh on relief kits and medicines for the flood victims. AIMIM's relief teams included Hindu brethren. About 5,000 relief kits, comprising essential commodities and clothing and bedding, were distributed.

VISIT TO MUZAFFARNAGAR:

After the vicious communal violence devastated Muzaffarnagar and other adjoining places in Uttar Pradesh during August-September 2013, Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi wanted to visit the affected areas to see the plight of the victims from Muslim community. However, the UP Government prevented his entry into riot-affected areas. Subsequently, Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi visited the relief camps at Shahpur and Shikarpur. He donated Rs three lakh for the marriage of three riot-affected girls.

AIMIM has been working with various other Muslim organizations and institutions across the country over the last five decades. AIMIM has been associated with the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) which was

constituted in 1973 for the protection of Shariat Laws in the country. Fakhr-e-Millat Maulvi Abdul Wahed Owaisi and Salar-e-Millat Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi served as members of AIMPLB. Naqeeb-e-Millat Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi has been an active member of AIMPLB.

RS 55 LAKH DONATION TO FIGHT BABRI MASJID CASE IN SUPREME COURT:

After Allahabad High Court's judgement in 2010 on the title dispute of Babri Masjid, AIMPLB has challenged the verdict in the Supreme Court. AIMPLB held a meeting in Hyderabad in April 2011 and gave a clarion call to Muslim community to donate generously to meet the high costs of legal battle in the Apex Court. Responding to the Board's appeal, Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi handed over a donation of Rs 55.5 lakh on behalf of AIMIM to AIMPLB.