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Dossier

Indian Cabinet

1. Rajnath Singh (Minister of Home Affairs)

As Minister of Home Affairs Rajnath Singh's principal responsibility is to maintain India's internal security. This senior position in office grants him access and supervising powers over India's vast police force. However, with such power comes the responsibility of maintaining security of the Indian people even if it means in areas of high conflict such as Kashmir.

2. Sushma Swaraj (Minister of External Affairs)

Sushma Swaraj is the second woman to hold the position, Minister of External Affairs, the first being Indira Gandhi. Her primary role is to implement and assist in the foreign policy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. As a close neighbor, Pakistan and the happenings in Kashmir are a top priority and require attention. Otherwise, the decisions made could lead to consequences for both sides.

3. Arun Jaitley (Minister of Defence)

When it comes to the Kashmir issue Arun Jaitley's personal life may have an unforeseen effects on his role as Minister of Defense. This can be attributed to the fact that his wife is the daughter of former Jammu and Kashmir finance minister Girdhari Lal Dogra, so the issue may hit a little close to home. Nevertheless, as minister he must compartmentalize any such emotions for the country comes first.

4. Piyush Goyal (Minister of Finance)

As Minister of Finance, Piyush Goyal is responsible for the fiscal policy of the government, as well as presenting the annual budget in Parliament. Nevertheless, budgeting does not always go according to calculations in times of crisis. Goyal must plan and act accordingly when crisis arises and the state requires access to funding to address issues of people in crisis, as well as supplies for defense in times of conflict or war.

5. Rajyavardhan Rathore (Minister of Information and Broadcasting)

The role of Rajyavardhan Rathore as Minister of Information and Broadcasting may play a greater role in the Kashmir issue than ever before. The rising suspicion of Pakistani officials spreading false propaganda in order to insinuate anti-Indian sentiments in parts of Kashmir calls for actions. If the hunch is true, the Indian controlled parts of Kashmir may revolt. The truth must be conveyed to both people at home and those in Kashmir.

6. Ravi Shankar Prasad (Minister of Law and Justice)

The Minister of Law and Justice, Ravi Shankar Prasad is a part of the oldest limb of the Indian government which means the department is very well acquainted with the legal aspects of the Kashmir issue. Ravi Shankar Prasad plays a crucial role in justifying the basis for India's long-stance on the Instrument of Accession.

7. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi (Minister of Minority Affairs)

Although Minister of Minority Affairs, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi's department may be one of the newest in the Indian Government, it is vital in ensuring the proper regulatory and developmental programs are implemented for minorities. For example, Muslims are

considered a minority group in India, and for the Muslim Kashmiris this may be essential in receiving the proper attention for their issues and concerns.

8. Narendra Singh Tomar (Minister of Rural Development)

Apart from the ongoing conflicts, Kashmir its Beauty and mountainous terrain. Nevertheless, its rural areas are quite difficult to navigate, especially in the winter months. As Minister of Rural Development, Narendra Singh Tomar is entrusted with the acceleration of socio-economic development throughout many parts of India, including Kashmir. With the proper focus on and development of health, education, roads, housing, and etc, there is a possibility that the Kashmir issue may be tackled from a humanitarian aspect or atleast creates a proper foundation for moving forward.

9. Ram Vilas (Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution)

Ram Vilas is the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution, a departments that provides India's poor access to proper food and water. A rural and mountainous region such as Kashmir can easily be catapulted into a food security issue when conflicts breakout and people lose access to basic necessities in fear of losing their lives in-between the crossfire. Thus, this minister must be prepared to deliver to those in need in ordinary circumstances.

10. Maneka Gandhi (Minister of Women and Child Development)

As the Minister of Women and Child Development, Maneka Gandhi is tasked with the formulation of plans, policies, and programs, as well as coordination with both governmental and nongovernmental organizations dealing with women and children. During the continuing

conflict in Kashmir, those that need immediate aid, but are often overlooked are the women and children. In-between the crossfire of three sides, many Kashmiri women just want to ensure that their children are safe.

11. Jual Oram (Minister of Tribal Affairs)

Apart from its continued conflict, Kashmir can be defined by its beauty and culture thanks to its many small tribes that consider to be home. However, when conflict does arise the tribal minorities are threatened. The loss of such people, traditions, and culture would mark a point of no return. As Minister of Tribal Affairs, Jual Oram must ensure that these tribes are able to sustain and remain safe during difficult times.

12. Thawar Chand Gehlot (Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment)

Thawar Chand Gehlot, the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment is the responsible for those that are disadvantaged and marginalized by society. As the real ownership of Kashmir has failed to be determined and compromised by India or Pakistan, the Kashmiris are often a forgotten part of society and require additional aid. Gehlot is tasked with ensuring that all those in need have a right and access to welfare, social justice, and empowerment.

13. Radha Mohan Singh (Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare)

Radha Mohan Singh, the Minister of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare is responsible for administering the livelihood for more than half of the population of India, agriculture. As for Kashmir, most of its people live off the land as well. Therefore, it's necessary to ensure that the people of Kashmir are able to continue the likelihood of farming that provides for their families.

14. Jagat Prakash Nadda (Minister of Health and Family Welfare)

Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadda is a critical component when it comes to Kashmir and the ongoing conflict. Each time there are injuries and casualties, Nadda and his department are responsible for addressing them. This means time is a deciding factor on how many lives can be saved, a situation in which sides and politics must be set aside.

15. Manoj Sinha (Minister of Railways)

Kashmir is not considered a well-developed region for many reasons. Thus, the rumor of a new railway project has stirred all sides. The location and access to a railway could change the whole game when it comes to conflicts in Kashmir, meaning each side wants its own control over the railway. The Minister of Railway, Manoj Sinha has a great task ahead of him. Will the government be able to have the railway constructed in the India controlled Kashmir parts?

16. Nitin Gadkari (Minister of Road Transport and Highways)

Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways may have the same difficult task as Minister of Railways. Those who control the transport and highways during any crisis are one step ahead of their opponent. Not only control, but access means reaching those in need.

17. Ananth Kumar (Minister of Parliamentary Affairs)

Even in times of crisis, ministers and other officials cannot act without approval. With Kashmir, time is an essential deciding factor for what actions to take and how to take them. Ananth Kumar, Minister of Parliamentary affairs must work with other ministers and the two houses to agree on executing and deploying certain actions, aid, or troops.

18. Dharmendra Pradhan (Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas)

Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas must ensure that India attains valuable resources. However, the idea of such resources in the Kashmir region will only make matters worse, and such tensions could lead to war. Does India have a right over these resources granted through the Instrument of Accession ? And if so, how far is India willing to go to attain what is hers....

19. Anil Dhasam: (Head of RAW): While not a minister per say, being the head of RAW extends a great deal of power to Anil. He is the single point of communication between the cabinet and all intelligence activities that are being carried out by the Indian equivalent of CIA. This is an incredibly powerful position and the powers of this portfolio should be used with caution.

20. Mohammed Ahmed: Mohammed is an Islamic Scholar who has studied at the top universities across the world. He will play the role of an advisor to the cabinet of ministers and he wields tremendous influence across different religious authorities in India. Primarily muslims.

21. Mukesh Ambani- Many people have questioned the reasons for placing Mukesh Ambhani on board. As the richest person in India, he stands to contribute a lot of pressure to the negotiations. His wealth and influence can be used as a key influencing factor in this cabinet.

22. Arnab Goswami- Arnab is a key player in the Indian media landscape. He has been called the voice of the nation by many and can be considered a representation of the Nation's sentiments. Through the news his influential channel displays, he is a powerful figure.

23. Priyanshi Saboo- Ms. Saboo can best be described as the female version of Karan Johar, a prominent Bollywood producer. She is a socialite who rallies with the biggest celebrities of India. The reason that Ms. Saboo is an important figure in this committee is owing to the fact that Bollywood celebrities transcend borders of Kashmir, India and Pakistan and can hence be used to generate tremendous influence.

Pakistan

1. Abdullah Hussain Haroon- He is a Pakistani politician and businessman. Haroon was also the Pakistani Ambassador to the United Nations. He is a scion of the Haroon family and that implies that he is massively well connected across both the political and business worlds of Pakistan. (Minister of Foreign Affairs)

2. Khurram Dastgir Khan (Minister of Defense)- Khuram Dastigar Khan is best described as a man of action. Having power over the army, his role of military defense of the nation of Pakistan rests on the shoulders of Khurram. It is also to be noted that in the past the Pakistani army has been called out for having ties with terrorist organizations. Will this hold true?

3. Rana Tanveer Hussain (Minister of Defense Production)- The minister of Defense production, Rana has an important and crucial role to play in the structure of the Pakistani military. He is responsible for determining the facilities that the Pakistani military will be able to use in their defense and offense. As such the power of arms procurement also falls under the ambit of Rana.

4. Rana Afzaal Hussain (Minister of Finance)- Rana Hussain is a man of many talents. Across Pakistan he is revered for his exceptional grasp of international politics. Furthermore, he is also largely responsible for determining the funding that different aspects of the state will receive. He has also had a role to play with injecting funds into the Kashmir region and the purpose of these funds is yet to be determined.

5. Ahsan Iqbal (Minister of Interior)-The Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control is a Cabinet-level ministry of the Government of Pakistan, tasked and primarily responsible for implementing the internal policies, state security, administration of internal affairs involving the state. These roles are crucial especially during the time of domestic a crisis.

6. Muhammad Azam Khan (Minister of Capital Administration and Development)- As the name implies, the primary role of the minister of capital administration and development will be to regulate the distribution of allocated funding in the most efficient manner possible. This will prove to be a challenging task since the nuances of Pakistani administration are often riddled with corruption.

7. Syed Ali Zafar (Minister for Law and Justice)- The legal system in Pakistan is effective however often faces problems stemming from bribery and corruption. Syed Ali is a man who will not tolerate any of this, unless of course he himself stands to make a gain. The power to play a decisive role in determining the composition of right and wrong, his role will be crucial to the result of this conflict.

8. Sheikh Aftab Ahmed (Minister of Parliamentary Affairs)- The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs serves as a vital point of contact between both the houses of parliament. Sheikh Aftab is therefore responsible for communicating important decisions between the houses and then to the people. He may also choose not to disclose certain information if he stands to make some kind of gain.

9. Syed Ali Zafar Shah (Minister of Information, Broadcasting, and National History) (same person as another position) - The Minister of Information, Broadcasting, and National History is responsible for releasing government information to the Pakistani public and international

community. Syed Shah has jurisdiction and is in charge of administering the rules, regulations, and laws relating to information, broadcasting, and media in Pakistan.

10. Sardar Muhammad Yousaf (Minister of Religious Affairs) - The Minister of Religious affairs is responsible for overseeing pilgrimages to and from Pakistan; for example, Muslim pilgrimages to India for Ziarat. Sardar Yousaf main concerns is ensuring the welfare and safety of the pilgrims, as well as hosting research studies and scholars.

11. Muhammad Yusuf Shaikh (Minister of National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination) - The Minister of National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination plays a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of the Pakistani people. Thus, Muhammad Shaikh is responsible for providing a provision of medical services, framing health policies and enforcing health policies.

12. Rabiya Javeri Agha (Minister of Human Rights) - The Minister of Human Rights plays a critical role in directly impacting the lives of people, especially during times of conflict. Rabiya Agha is responsible overseeing the policy making and enforcement of human rights laws, as well as intervening to address any violations of such laws.

13. Mrs. Roshan Khursheed Bharucha (Minister of Kashmir Affairs) - The Minister of Kashmir Affairs is a critical component when it comes to the Pakistan and India conflict over Kashmir. The mere fact that there is a dedicated ministry showcases Pakistan's unwavering stance that Kashmir is hers. Roshan Bharucha must work with both the people of Pakistan and the people of Kashmir during times of conflict, though it seems his powers are limited to that of an advisor.

14. Abdul Qadir Baloch (Minister of States and Frontier Regions) - The Minister of States and Frontier Regions is responsible for dealing and addressing any issues regarding tribal areas, frontier regions, and federally administered tribal areas in Pakistan. Since there are numerous tribal areas in Kashmir, Abdul Baloch will have his hands full in addressing issues when further turmoil arises.

15. Khawaja Saad Rafique (Minister of Railways) - The Minister of Railways is responsible for overseeing, planning, and executing plan for any railway systems going into and out of Pakistan. Considering the recent rumours of a new railway project in Kashmir, Khawaja Rafique must somehow ensure the new project will benefit Pakistan no matter what.

16. Abdul Hakeem Baloch (Minister of Communications) - The Minister of Communications is responsible for analysing, formulating and implementing policies on communications and transportation, as well as jurisdiction over telegraph, telephone communications, public radio, and technical means television broadcasting. This mean Abdul Baloch has his hands full dealing with and addressing recent allegations that Pakistani backed forces are spreading false propaganda in Kashmir.

17. Naseer Khan- Naseer is a top diplomat for the country. He is massively well educated and travel the world on a daily basis. He hails from a family of immense wealth and hence he also has connections with different military factions that have approached him for money at some point. He has been called upon as an advisor however, his influence will extend far beyond that.

18. Zakhir Ahmed: Zakhir Ahmed is a youth activist in Pakistan. He has been specially active about the Kashmir matter as he gathers masses of students from across the country to protest Indian occupation in Kashmir. A few of his protests have been criticized for resting on fundamentalist principles. Zakhir is vital to the committee for his ability to mobilize the youth of the country.

19. Saif Ali Modammad- A true god's man. Saif Ali is what can best be described as the chief mulah (priest) for Pakistan. He provides a moral direction and interpretation of Islam that the whole country can abide by. Given the religious undertones of the issues in Kashmir he will have an important role to play in the religious side of events for this matter.

20. Mustafa Hossan- Mustafa is the leader of the ISI (Pakistan's RAW) and therefore will play an incredibly important role in information gathering, espionage and any covert operations that the committee decides to take in the region of Kashmir. It is in this respect that Mustafa will prove to be an invaluable asset to the country.

21. Atif Aslam: Atif Aslam is a popular Bollywood singer. He has an increasingly large following amidst the Pakistani as well as Indian population. It must be mentioned that owing to his line of work, Atif frequents trips to both India and Pakistan. There have been talks of using Atif as a spy to gather intel and this could prove to be beneficial.

22. Zakhir Hussain: Zakhir Hussain is a multi-millionaire that currently lives in Pakistan. He has companies which dominate industries such as media, oil, electricity and online retail. In this position he is incredibly powerful owing to his wealth and hence he is an asset to the government.

23. Jibrael Yosuf: Jibrael is what you may call an internet wizard. Frequenting the dark net and various domains of hacking and fraud, Jibrael has played a crucial role in Pakistan's cyber-attack efforts in the region of Jammu and Kashmir as well as on Indian defense infrastructure.

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