**DELEGATE INFORMATION**

**NAME:** ASMI JHA

**COMMITTEE:** ALL INDIA POLITICAL PARTY MEET

**PARTY:** BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY

**AGENDA:** PROCESS OF OPENING THE LOCKDOWN AND STABILISING THE ECONOMY

GREETINGS!

I, Piyush Vedpraksh Goyal, am the current Minister of Railways and Commerce in the government of India, Member of Parliament and Deputy Leader of Rajya Sabha. I come into this All India Political Party Meet filled with optimism, determination and an intention to find safer means to open the lockdown and stabilize the economy of our country. I believe that through deep discussions and deliberations, all the political parties and their representatives would be able to find a unanimous solution to the given agenda.

The recent outbreak of COVID-19 is the gravest health crisis the world has ever seen; keeping the increasing risk on his mind our Hon’ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi imposed a nationwide lockdown from March 25, 2020. All non-essential activities and businesses were shut. No schools, colleges, malls, cinemas, restaurants, everything was shut; everyone’s lives just came to a halt. The government has been facing some of the most difficult challenges since then. This virus has shown us the importance of our welfare system, and more so the impact and repercussions that good or bad governance has on society is large. We strongly believe that discrepancies and lack of coordination in the measures adopted to curb the spread of virus means a longer path to get a corona-free nation. Many people’s lives are on risk and we’ve already lost so many lives. There have also been some incidents which were totally not necessary especially at a crucial time like this.

This situation has been the worst to all the low cast workers, migrant laborers, daily wage workers, house maids, repair men, etc. They can’t go to their homes and don’t have money, food or shelter! These incidents have triggered serious discussions and uproar among the citizens of India. We condemn all those incidents. We also concede that the drama and the aftermath were unfortunate.

With the shutting down of most businesses and only 30% workforce working in offices the economy of the country is on a hard road. Workers leaving towns has also been a problem. The stock exchange market is heavily witnessing downfall in capitalization as never before. The GDP of India is also not in a good shape. That is why it was advised to open all offices with all the safety measures possible.

The Bharatiya Janta Party firmly believes in protecting the people and the unity and integrity of the country over everything else. As a true patriot and a dedicated servant of the people of India, we have always believed in the words “nation first”. We are always open to all kinds of criticism, dissent and diverse views of our people which helps us make a better government. We have always done what was right for the country and its people and we will continue to do the same to save our people. I hope that through this meeting we all will get a solution to this crisis. I wish to see all other political parties keep their differences aside and make this discussion solution-centric. I am optimistic to that this meeting will do good to all of us participating.

Thanking You

Piyush Goyal