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ROLE OF SANE GURUJI IN QUIT INDIA MOVEMENT-1942

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Abstract:

Late freedom fighter and social worker Pandurang Sadashiv Sane was known as Sane Guruji for his contribution as a teacher since 1924 in Kandesh Education Society's school, Amalner, District Jalgaon (M. S.) He left his earning job as a teacher on 29th March 1930 for participating in the Non-cooperation Movement and arrived at Pimparala Ashram. Pimparala Ashram was meeting centre of freedom fighters and full-time freedom fighters's shelter. Sane Guruji collected funds and food materials to run the Pimparala Ashram from the villages of eastern Khandesh such as Khiroda, Fizpure and others as per order of Annasaheb Dastane. Annasaheb Dastane was the chief of Pimparala Ashram and one of the main leaders of Indian National Congress in Maharashtra state.

KEYWORDS:

Education , Society's , food materials .

INTRODUCTION

Sane Guruji Joined In In Quit Movement Indian Movement-1942 :

While Sane Guruji was serving in Indian Freedom Movement since 1929, he too joined in Quit Indian Movement-1942. The historic Quit Indian resolution was passed by the congress in its session at Bombay on 8th August, 1942. In his speech, M. K. Gandhi gave the call of ' Do or die ' to the people. He asked them to work for freedom and be ready for sacrifice. The day of satyagraha was not fixed. The British Government had not given time to take proper decision. After passing of the Quit India resolution, the government arrested prominent leader as M. K. Gandhi, Vallabhbhai Patel, Maulana Azad, Jawaharlal Nehru on 9th August 1942 early in the morning.

On the same day night, Sane Guruji was released from Dhule District Prison. The political condition was very critical. As per order of British Government, police were arresting main leaders and putting them in the prisons. Sane Guruji too had began under ground movement. He sent message at Amalner to Uttamrao Patil to begin movement at Amalner and wrote a note that Quit Movement spread all over the nation. But Why not in Amalner ? If it would not soon begin, Sane Guruji burn and suicide himself at Amalner. Dr. Uttamrao Patil, Leela Patil and Shivaji Patil called meeting at Amalner in Bahepura area and Dr. Uttamrao Patil read the message of Sane Guruji before the audiences. Very soon people gathered and burned telephone office, post office, court and railway station. British Government ordered his officers to collect fine Rs. 1,50,000 from the people of Amalner city as per collective fines ordinance. Sane Guruji arrived in eastern khandesh and numbers of common people and students joined in Quit Movement. Hence Jalgaon District Magistrate ordered as per police act 45 and prohibited Sane Guruji, not to live in khandesh for the next two years. So that Sane Guruji decided to work as living underground. He arrived at Nahavi village, which is situated in eastern khandesh. There was a centre of freedom fighters called Mahanubhav Ashram. In the same Ashram, the leader of centre committee of Quit, Achyutatrao Patvardhan, Sane Guruji, Mahhu Limaye, Anant Vasudeo Shashrabudhy had too arrived in the same Ashram. They guided local

people and freedom fighters how to face British Government, and participate directly or support indirectly the volunteers in Quit India Movement.

After this incident, Sane Guruji participated in Quit India Movement in Chalisgaon taluka, which is in Jalgaon district, Maharashtra State and encouraged local people to participate directly in Quit India Movement or support indirectly the volunteers. On this account. On 3rd October 1942 volunteers disconnected the rail – way. Peshaver Railway accident took place near the village Wagali, which is situated in Jalgaon District, near Chalisgaon city, Maharashtra state. In this matter. Police were searching Sane Guruji and Vyankatrao Randhire. While police following the , both hid themselves in the fields, which were full of crops near the village named Gadkham. Sane Guruji brought a sari of a local woman and wore it and escaped from the police. In this matter special Court was established but police had not found proof. That is way , all prisoners were released. But any one of them had not told the name of Sane Guruji.

Sane Guruji and many members of Socialist Party established Rashtra Seva Dal to serve the nation through Quit India Movement. Many branches of Rashtra Seva Dal were founded all over the Maharashtra. In Quit India Movement-1942, many volunteers contributed their deeds in Dhule district. Some of them were inspired by Sane Guruji. As per letter written by Sane Guruji to Moreshwar Narayan, Sane Guruji had sent 45 young boys to spread the Quit India Movement in the city Baroda, which is situated in Gujarat State. Then he personally went to Baroda to activate Quit India Movement.

The Under Ground Movement :

Leaders like S. M. Joshi, Jay Prakash Narayan, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Sucheta Kripalani, Achyutrao Patwardhan and Sane Guruji etc organized the underground movement against British Government. They raised youth battalions. They carried more and more activities like printing secret bulletins, running radio stations, cutting off telephone lines etc This movement was even reached in small villages like Anturli (Edlilabad). Amalner, Nanded, Gadkham, Dangari, Jalgaon, Savada, Faizpur, Raver, Parola, Chalisgaon, Waghali and other villages by Sane Guruji.

While Sane Guruji was participated undergroundly in Quit India Movement -1942, he came to Mumbai in Khetavali area. He used to prepare food for freedom fighters. He also used to cleaning their food plates too. He served them as remained works too. In this period, sometimes, Achyutrao Patwardhan, Nanasahab Gore were coming there. While working against British Government at Mumbai in Khetavadi area, in Mushak Mahal building, police arrested Sane Guruji, Shirubhau Limaye. N. G. Gore and others. Total fourteen freedom fighters were arrested on 18th April 1943 and sent them to Yervada Prison. Then Sane Guruji was shifted to Nasik Prison. At last, he was released on 15th January 1945 from Nasik Prison. During the same period , so many freedom fighters were released from prisons.

After releasing from prison , Sane Guruji went to live at village Bardi but very soon travelled Nandurbar as well as main cities and villages to give speech about the importance of Quit India Movement 1942. While Sane Guruji was travelling in Khandesh, he was again arrested and put into Jalgaon District Prison for inquiry since 17th October 1945 and released on 22nd October 1945.

CONCLUSION :

Sane Guruji's contribution in Quit India Movement -1942 were as following.

1. Sane Guruji began his underground movement since 9th August 1942 to October 1945.
 2. Sane Guruji' secret bulletins worked more effective during Quit Indian Movement-1942..
 3. Sane Guruji's followers spread violence through Quit Indian Movement in Khandesh by disconnecting Rail ways near Waghali as well Khanapur. And robbing the treasure of British Government near Chintane village in Dhule District, Maharashtra State. Sane Guruji's followers spread violence in Amalner city by burning court, post office, horse cart of Tehsildar and telephone office.
 4. Sane Guruji's followers and he himself went to Baroda in Gujarat State on the background of Quit Indian Movement-1942.
 5. He went all over the Maharashtra to tell common public the importance of Quit Indian Movement-1942.
 6. For actively participation in Quit India Movement -1942, Sane Guruji was arrested at Mumbai and serially put in the prisons at Yervada and Nasik since 18th April 1943 to 15th January 1945. For participation in Quit Indian Movement, Sane Guruji was twice arrested and put into Jalgaon jail for inquiry since 17th October 1945 and released on 22nd October 1945
- Thus, Role of Sane Guruji was significant in Quit Indian Movement-1942.

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