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SCENARIO OF COMMUNAL CONFLICTS IN SHASHI THAROOR'S *ROIT*

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ABSTRACT

Lexically speaking, 'Riot' is a communal conflict, whether harsh or worse. A Novel evaluates and examines the central theme of the novel, that is, communal tensions with reference to the situations and the characters portrayed to suggest an Indo-nostalgia against the love for the land of India. The fanaticism gives rise to communal pressure, which results in the form of riots. However, it is a love story of Lakshman, an Indian and Priscilla, an American doctorate and social volunteer; who is too much Indo-nostalgic. Her love for Lakshman and India makes her consciously mad. Creating a podium of love between a married Lakshman and Priscilla, Tharoor stresses' the Indian marital system. Through Gurinder Singh, Tharoor satirises the policies of Indian politics. The author calls Indian elections as a popular tamasha to attract voters. In his opinion, officials in India are mere puppets at the hands of the Indian politicians. He reveals how power is made corrupted by means of the institution of Indian bureaucracy. On the other hand, through Ram Charan Gupta, a multi-verse dharma-centeredness of Indian people is satirized. He is a Hindu chauvinist; who always embarks upon the superiority of the Hindus over the Muslims. His comments in the novel against the Muslims hold a mirror to his intense and religious blind-belief. Moreover, Katherine is an influential non-Indian character, who condemns Indian traditions and a foul marriage system which makes a woman an angel in the house without giving her enough liberty on financial and emotional grounds. She condemns the Indian predicament of women tolerating patriarchal pressures and blind surrender to their husbands with their bodies and souls. However, through Professor Sarwar, a Muslim believer in India's diversity, Tharoor paints the picture of Muslims' patriotic ideology which portrays the Indian spirit. Thus, the chapter thematic analyses the multi-versed aspects of India dealt with by the author. The chapter establishes the author as a conscious writer who is intensely interested in Indian experimentation and condition.

KEY WORDS: Communal Conflicts, Satire, Religion

A rioting mob attacked and killed an American woman in Zailgarh east of New Delhi, her name Priscilla Hart a 24 year of age from Manhattan US.

Usually the communal conflict occurred between Hindu and Muslim all over India. The worst outcome of communal riot is affecting innocent people like Priscilla, she loved people and came there for research. It was her dream to do some good for the people, but succumbed to communal riot, She had worked for HELP US health, education, literacy and population.

Shashi Tharoor nicely interpreted the effects of this type of riot on the family of deprived after receiving the news of killing of Priscilla her parents, her two brothers gathered and told reporters of their great loss at Priscilla's tragic death. Her father in mourning the loss he cannot come to terms with every horrific western cliché about India turns out to be true here.

The main reason for the communal riot at Zailgarh was the construction of a temple the Ramjanmabhoomi on a disputed site occupied by a sixteenth century Mosque. The Babri Masjid. 12% of India's population are Muslim against 82% who are Hindus how British promoted divisions between Hindus and Muslims as a policy of "divide and rule". Pitting one group against the other usually over some religious processions or festivals intruding on the other religious groups. What causes these communal clashes?

The partition of our country was a sin now Pakistan was conceived in sin and dying in violence. These are the feelings that play upon by the Hindu chauvinists, but for every Indian Muslim who's vulnerable to such feelings of guilt that we are no less Indian than the most chauvinist Hindu. Once in college a fellow got into an argument you Muslim partitioned the country! I interrupted him if I do partition the country, I would not be here I would be in Pakistan I said if you mean I am a Muslim, Muslim did not partition the country the British did the Muslim league did, the congress party did there are more Muslims in India today than in Pakistan. But this whole Ram janmabhoomi agitation is all about partition in the Indian soul would be as bad as a partition the Indian soil an India neither Hindu nor Muslim but both that is the only India that will allow them to continue to call themselves Indians.

A British court even pronounced judgment in 1886 it is most unfortunate that a masjid should have been built on land specially held sacred by the Hindus.... But as the event occurred 356 years ago, it is too late now to remedy the grievance all that can be done is to maintain the status quo...

But in today's free India is it not time to restore the pride of the local people their own traditions their own gods. Their own worth by rebuilding the Ram temple at disputed place.

Ram temple may be built no matter how many lives have to be sacrificed to ensure it which leads to communal riots in India. Hindu fundamentalists are a religion without fundamentals which many Hindus simply call Sanatan dharma the eternal faith, if the Muslims of the 1520s acted out of ignorance and fanaticism should Hindus act the same way in the 1980s you will provoke violence an rage against your own kind.

A Muslim says they are proud to be Muslim Sikhs say they are proud to be Sikh Christians say they are proud to be Christians Hindus say they are proud to be secular..... It provokes them say with pride that we are Hindus.They want revenge against history but they do not realize that history is its own revenge.

The scenario of communal conflict opens a small communal sensitive beast is the Muslim quarters curfew was fully imposed seven lives were lost and scores of people injured about a hundred Muslim houses and their mosques commercial establishments set ablaze. Out of 7 died 6 are Muslim and 1 Hindu. I pressed all my executives into duty and spent the whole night with the police. Over two hundred Muslim women and children in a Muslim Mohalla had poured into the streets " there is not a grain of food or a drop of milk in our homes, our men have either been rounded up by the police or have run away and are in hiding. We earn and eat from day to day it is all very well for you to impose curfew, but how long can we let our children starve? I did not have a good answer to the woman. Of course I there was an eighth one neither Hindu nor Muslim that is Priscilla died in the riot. In riots all sorts of things happen, people strike first and ask questions later it is tough to be a cop in a riot.

We cannot bring back your son back, but tell us who was responsible for your loss and we will ensure that justice is done. The mother replied in angry there is no point in telling you the truth of the killers every time in zalilgarh when there are riots the same men lead the mobs looting and burning and killing but nothing ever happens to them this time i am here giving me the names. And they did finally the most powerful and prestigious men out the bloody district. All were arrested, but in the morning the local MLA had arrived injustice she was crying out we will not allow the arrest of innocent people tell me are you the representation of just one community and not of this whole town? The last few days when hundreds of Muslims were arrested i never heard even a whimper of protest from you. But last night because ten men have been arrested after complaints in which they were directly named your march here within two hours and shout of injustice? How dare you! That was at the end of the story the MLAs demonstration was only the beginning political foreplay the whole day witnessed more pressure the ten men arrested had been released the friggng courts. The court released the accused Hindus on bail, but the Muslims are still refused bail. but here the same riot the same sections of the penal code how can there be two such different standards for people leftward communities? It is a question of the faith of a whole community in the system of justice in our country. These bloody riots ours and across northern India they are like a raging flood all you will see left behind are corpses and ruins.

Intolerance is the real enemy how many western lies and distortions about India a christian is killed in a property dispute and you write that he has been killed because he is a christian a politician speaks of rebuilding of the most sacred temple of his faith and you call him an intolerant fanatic. The killers of Precilla probably thought she do report them to the police that they had to kill her to ensure her silence. No one confessed to the murder of Precilla the bomb makers all claims they never even saw her. A confused clamor of hatred, violence weapons assaults in the end.

No one is responsible or perhaps a whole community is responsible people pull out bombs or knives, then meet away into the darkness, we are left with the bodies the burned and destroyed homes the legacy of hate and mistrust and it goes on.

Here we can analyze that how the communal riots bring the misery to the family as well to the whole of society, affects the innocent people who suffer a lot and lost the precious lives.

Shashi Tharoor brings out the sufferings very well in the story riots sufferings of innocents, and killing of an unconcerned person like porcelain and loss of property and bad political system and the hard to control everything by the police even though they are very much efficient to control but the system itself is worsening the scenario of communal conflict.

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