‘Dravidians are Invaders’

Who are Dravidians ? Part- 2

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The British tried all the tricks in the world to divide Indians and rule India. Only the Justice Party and Dravida Kazagam fell a prey to their propaganda and supported the British. But the freedom struggle that started by the leaders and fighters such as Veera Pandya Kattabomman, Bhagat Singh, Vanchinathan, Bharathyar, V.O.C., Netaji, Gandhiji and Tilak swept away those parties with vested interests. This is what the foreigners said about Tamils:

L.D.Barnett says (The Cambridge History of India):

“ At some very early date several millennia before the Christian era, the greater part of India was inhabited by a dark Negroid race of low culture characterised more or less by the physical features now known as Dravidian. This early people, however, should more properly termed pre Dravidian. In course of time another race , higher in culture and speaking a language of ‘Scythian affinities’, from which are derived the tongues now known as Dravidian, gradually made its way from north or north west --probably through Baluchistan – into the plain of Indus, and ultimately passed down into the regions south of the Vindhya. This race may be called the proto Dravidian. Wherever it came, it mixed its blood of a greater or less degree with that of the earlier inhabitants”.

Caldwell theory rejected

Scythian and Dravidian: The Scythian affinities referred to are the affinities asserted to exist in the Dravidian languages by bishop Caldwell, who following the Danish philologist Rask, uses the term Scythian in the sense of what have later been generally called Turanian -- non- Aryan and non- Semitic languages. The existence of these affinities is denied by the editors of Linguistic Survey of India and by generality of scholars.

There are other theories about the original home of the Dravidians. We have sir w. hunter’s central Asian theory which is rejected by sir Herbert Risley. Mr Kanakasabhai Pillay postulated a central Asian Mongolian origin to the higher strata of Dravidian society.

The editors of Linguistic Survey of India think that “we have no information to show that the Dravidians are not the original inhabitants of the south of India.

Huxley treated them as Australoid; Pischel classed them with Singhalese and Veddahs as people of uncertain origin. Then we have the theory of submerged Lemurian continent and others.

Pancha Dravida

Many foreigners misunderstood the words Pancha Dravida and Pancha Gauda. These words mentioned only Brahmins, which they did not know.

The Skanda Purana refers to the people living north of the Vindhya mountains as the Panch Gaudas, i.e Sarasvata, Kanyakubja, Gauda, Mathilika, Autkala

And to the people living south of the Vindhya as the Pancha Dravidas i.e. Karnata, Tailanga, Gujjara, Andhra and Dravida.
Tailinga is the corrupt form of Tri Linga Desam (country within the Three Linga (Shiva) Kshetras. Andhra is extended up to modern Maharashtra. So some people substituted one of the two words with Maharashtra. Strictly speaking they are not Dravidians. They are the Brahmin sects migrated from these five areas to the North. Just to identify them they used these terms. (I have explained in the first part Kanchi Paramacharya’s explanation for the surnames Dhillon (Trilingas), Dravid etc.)

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Professor Rapson (Vol.1, Cambridge History of India, pages 41,42,49)

“It would seem probable that the original speakers of the Dravidian languages were invaders and that the ethnographical Dravidians are a mixed race. In the more habitable regions the two elements have fused while representatives of the aborigines are still to be found in the fastness to which they retired before the encroachments of the new comers.

“According to the evidence now available it would seem that the Austric element is the eldest and that it has been overlaid in different regions by successive waves of Dravidian and Indo European on the one hand and by the Tibeteo-Chinese on the other.

In short what the foreigners said is that none of you belonged to this land. First came the Munda speakers, then came the Dravidian and Indo European speakers. Now we, British have to rule you. So what is the problem? Accept us or face our guns!!

Dravidian features according to foreigners:

Dark skin, Broad nose, Long head, Dark eyes, Abundant and sometimes curly hair
(From the book Dravidian Theories by R. Swaminatha Aiyar, 1975 with my comments)

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