

- 7) Policy and administrative decisions together form a socio-economic environment and the process is therefore influenced by politics. The question that arises is how does one ensure transparency, efficiency and accountability when it is so?
- 8) Today, an organization of citizens called Lonavla-Khandala Citizens forum is functional. The researcher Mrs.Geeta soon after the agitation (2002) left Lonavla and settled in Pune for better education to her children. Residents of Lonavla feel that she could not create a successor to her ideology of apolitical struggle, cleverly played the religious card (by adhering to Jain tradition of fast) and even her fellow activists on the historic fast contested elections later.

IV. CONCLUSION

Mrs. Geeta feels content to have been a key figure in the apolitical struggle against a local government although she never had any political inclination and has been practicing idealist tendencies typical of an academic person. Perhaps it was her massive socialization and consistent approach that guided her to success, albeit with strong disputes over certain actions during the agitation rooted in a personally faced water shortage issue.

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