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that Congress is regained its strong position. That is the nature of powerful political play of Ponguleti Sudhakar Reddy. In these circumstances contesting in the Lok Sabha elections is nothing but suicidal act for opposition parties.

It is learnt that the leaders of BJP and BRS remain in worry about their political future. Especially the opposition candidates are left in full of confusion.

When we observe the overall situation in Khammam, now totally transformed which is quite opposite to previous politics in the district. Now Ponguleti brothers gained total control on district politics. When Ponguleti was in BRS, he totally consolidated the political situation in favour of his party. Looking at all these things, in Khammam district parties' strength is completely dependent on Ponguleti brothers. That means their presence in a party raises its strength and transforms the district into its favour. In other words we can say that, district politics are now totally in the hands of Ponguleti brothers. Srinivas Reddy monitors overall political situation and Prasad Reddy mainly concentrate on field level politics. Time to time solving the problems arouse in various levels Prasad Reddy facilitates his brother to concentrate on higher level politics. Like that Prasad Reddy now became very close to party cadre and people. This was the main reason when these two brothers left BRS and joined Congress, entire party cadre and people also changed along with these brothers. This is enough to understand how these brothers give preference to party cadre. In previous there remain confusion on the constituency in the district that can be allocated to Srinivasa Reddy to contest. This made Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy to maintain close

contacts with his followers in entire district. That attitude now turned in favour of Ponguleti family.

Really speaking Ponguleti family is not confined to Khammam

When contested for MP seat as YSRCP candidate in 2014, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy toured entire Telangana. As YSRCDP President he became well known to entire Telangana masses. He has number of followers in entire Telangana. At that time he not only won Khammam Lok Sabha seat but also two Assembly seats for the party. Then only he got recognition as state leader. From then onwards Ponguleti brothers gradually became much more strong leaders' even opponents tried to reduce their dominance. The efforts of opposition leaders left vain and Ponguleti brothers got recognition as iconic leaders in the district. One of these two Prasad Reddy now contesting from Khammam for Lok Sabha means you can easily understand the election results that they come in favour.

their candidates. They also assured to bear the election expenditure. Now Nama Nageswar Rao remains in dilemma, on how to face this paradox situation. One is it is highly impossible to win the election. Secondly how to sustain this defeat where once he easily emerged victorious. It is reliable to contest when there is tough fight or winning chances are more. When there are no such chances what is the reason behind remain in fray? This is the question that keeping Nama Nageswar Rao in utter confusion. Party might have assured to bear the election expenditure. But he knows well how that will become true. This was the reason for Nama Nageswar Rao reluctance to contest the elections. He is in the fear of facing the strong political opponent Ponguleti. Now entire Khammam district remain in full josh in favour of Congress. After Assembly Elections Prasad Reddy continue to remain with people and spening sufficient time for party cadre. So everyone expressing their favour towards Prasad Reddy and they are in strong opinion that he will get the party ticket. If he gets ticket, Ponguleti brothers may rewrite the history of Kammam with unprecedented majority.

War one side in Khammam

Now entire district politics turned towards Congress. Party senior leader Bhatti Vikramarka is representing the Madhira Constituency and other senior leaders Tummala Nageswar Rao and Pongulati Srinivasa Reddy all of them are ministers from the district. In this situation winning chances for Prasad Reddy remain strong. Now there are no discussions on who remain winner but estimations continue on how much majority that will gain by Prasad Reddy. When three powerful Cabinet Ministers from the district concentrating on elections, no one can expect even in their dream about opposition chances. Now opposition parties forcefully allocated tickets to



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