



THE ROOFTOP VOTE

A Pure Comedy 3-Character Screenplay in Hinglish

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LOGLINE: Two male society office-bearers try to impress the new resident by turning a routine rooftop meeting into a power struggle over paint color, water timing, and parking slots. She calmly takes notes while they compete to sound more responsible than the other. The twist: she is an election auditor sent to expose the fake accounts they have been using for years, and their own arguments become evidence against them.

CAST / CHARACTERS: FORMAT: 3-Character Short Film (Trio Cast) | Character 1: Rakesh (52)

LOCATION: A rooftop society meeting area at evening, with plastic chairs, water tanks, and a skyline of nearby apartments under warm sunset light.

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EXT. SOCIETY ROOFTOP - EVENING

Warm sunset light. Plastic chairs scattered. WATER TANKS in the background. Nearby apartments glow in the skyline.

RAKESH (52), white shirt, reading glasses, stands with a MEGAPHONE like a commander.

MOHAN (49), folded sleeves, calculator in hand, sits stubbornly.

POOJA (35), jeans, dupatta, clipboard, stands calmly.

RAKESH

(to megaphone, overconfident)

Meeting start. Aur please, koi beech mein interrupt nahi karega.

MOHAN

Without looking up Main interrupt nahi karta, main correct karta hoon.

POOJA

(smiling, writing)

Interesting. Continue.

RAKESH

Aaj ka pehla point: building ka paint color. Cream.

MOHAN

Off-white.

RAKESH

Cream zyada classy lagta hai.

MOHAN

Off-white zyada practical. Cream mein stains dikhenge.

RAKESH

Stains society ke character batate hain.

MOHAN

Aur budget ka character bhi.

Pooja writes calmly.

POOJA

Paint. Classy. Practical. Budget.

Rakesh straightens, impressed by her attention.

RAKESH

Aap bilkul sahi note le rahi hain, madam.

MOHAN

(competitive)

Note? Main to exact figures bhi bata sakta hoon.

He taps calculator dramatically.

MOHAN (CONT'D)

Water timing. Subah 6 se 8.

RAKESH

6 se 7. Discipline chahiye.

MOHAN

Log office jaate hain.

RAKESH

Log discipline se office jaate hain.

POOJA

(writing)

Water. 6 to 7. 6 to 8. Discipline.

Rakesh nods hard, thinking she is impressed.

RAKESH

Hamari society mein management strong hai.

MOHAN

Aur accounts aur bhi strong.

RAKESH

Accounts toh main bhi dekh leta hoon.

MOHAN

Tabhi toh main calculator laaya hoon.

Pooja looks up.

POOJA

Parking slots?

Suddenly both lean in.

RAKESH

Secretary ka slot entrance ke paas. Emergency mein pehle dikhna chahiye.

MOHAN

Treasurer ka bhi paas hona chahiye. Late-night accounts hote hain.

RAKESH

Secretary important hota hai.

MOHAN

Treasurer ke bina paisa nahi chalta.

RAKESH

Main society ka face hoon.

MOHAN

Main society ka backbone hoon.

POOJA

(deadpan, writing)

Face. Backbone. Very inspiring.

Rakesh beams. Mohan adjusts his sleeves.

RAKESH

Aapko dekh ke lagta hai aap practical insaan hain.

MOHAN

Haan, aur smart bhi.

POOJA

Thank you.

A beat. Pooja closes the clipboard.

POOJA (CONT'D)

Actually, main new resident bhi hoon.

Rakesh and Mohan relax slightly.

POOJA (CONT'D)

Aur election auditor bhi.

Silence.

MEGAPHONE slips a little in Rakesh's hand.

MOHAN

(confused)

Election... auditor?

POOJA

Yes. Society accounts verify karne aayi hoon.

She opens the SOCIETY LEDGER.

POOJA (CONT'D)

Aur aap dono ne abhi jo bola, woh kaafi useful evidence hai.

Rakesh and Mohan freeze.

RAKESH

Evidence?

POOJA

Haan.

(reading)

"Secretary pehle dikhta hai." "Treasurer ka slot paas hona chahiye." "Water 6 se 8." "Discipline."
"Maintenance."

She looks up, calm.

POOJA (CONT'D)

Itne saal se fake accounts chal rahe the, aur aap dono ki competition ne aapko hi expose kar diya.

MOHAN

(defensive)

Numbers kabhi kabhi adjust karne padte hain.

RAKESH

Society ke interest mein.

POOJA

Smiling Interesting. Har fake account ka same excuse.

She flips pages.

POOJA (CONT'D)

Same handwriting. Same round figures. Same missing vouchers.

Rakesh and Mohan exchange a look. Their rivalry evaporates.

RAKESH

(lower)

Madam, baat kar sakte hain?

MOHAN

Haan... calmly.

POOJA

(closing clipboard)

Ab? Ab aap dono sirf minutes mein bol sakte ho.

Beat.

The rooftop is silent except for distant city sounds.

CUT TO:

Rakesh and Mohan, stunned, standing under the sunset.

FADE OUT.