

Press Statement of the Muslim Women strongly objecting to the interference in the Shariah Laws guaranteed under the constitution of India

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We, the Muslim women from various walks of life, school of thoughts and organizations want to make it clear that the Muslim women are safe and secured under the Muslim Personal Laws. People who have got only lip service for the gender justice and gender equality are intentionally or unintentionally falling into the trap of Uniform Civil Code which is the core agenda of the present day's Government as has been mentioned in their **manifesto**. We want to reiterate with full conscious that we the Muslim women are totally secured under the Shariah Laws and have got the rights which no other religion has provided to the women. Since, the Quran was revealed on Prophet Mohammad (ﷺ), the Muslims are following the Shariah as per Quran, Prophet's life and its interpretation by the Prophet's (ﷺ) companions who were the most trustworthy persons after Him (ﷺ). As the fact stands today, incidence of divorce among the Muslims is the least and same is the case of Polygamy but in spite of this it is projected that as if the Muslim men has no other job but to pronounce divorce. The people who have been talking about the gender equality and gender justice have to answer the following Questions:

- Why they have not been in a position to bring in legislation for 50% representation of the women?
- What is the representation of the women in judiciary?
- Why the women are not represented in IIT's, top National Universities & research centers.
- What is the representation of women in Military?
- How long does it take for the couple to get separated if they are not in a position to pull together properly

On the other side, we want to reiterate further that

- Marriage is a contract in Islam prescribing various conditions and the woman has all the rights to change the terms or in case the terms are not acceptable, not even to accept Nikah. If she does not say Qabool (accepted), no Nikah can be validated.
- That there cannot be any discrimination in the inheritance between the men and the women and the same has to be in accordance with the Quranic Laws.
- That the incidence of female feticide, female infanticide, dowry, ostentitius marriages is the least among the Muslims.
- That overwhelming majority of the Muslim women are totally satisfied with the Marriage Laws under Shariah and under no circumstances they would like any change in the same.

We also want to make it clear that the all such activists who are bent upon bringing in the Uniform Civil Code by misrepresenting the facts to the nation will never succeed in their nefarious designs. It is amazing to note that Sangh Parivar is speaking in different voices. Whereas RSS says that Triple Talaq is an internal affair of the Muslims in the country, the Prime Minister has given an absolutely divergent affidavit without caring of 18 Crores of the Muslims who are also the proud citizens of this country and have complete faith in the constitution of India. It is sad that the Prime Minister has lowered his office by making it an election agenda. We, the Muslim women of the

country, as stated above, have complete faith in the Shariah Laws and would never agree for any change in the same. We also request the media to be fair in presenting the countrywide, unanimity among the Muslim men and women regarding the issue. We hope that the good sense will prevail in the present day government and the Prime Minister would be magnanimous in withdrawing its affidavit filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court for the interference in the Shariah Laws.

It is gross injustice to women to ban the Talaq system as Women hold an honorable position in Islam and they cannot be forced to go back to the same husband who divorced her and wants separation. Talaq whether single, double or triple is the most disliked act allowed to relieve the couples from unsuccessful marriages. Muslim Personal Law is well balanced just for both men & women and it regards human values.

The instruction in Holy Qur'an "Do Justice and that is near to Righteousness".

Polygamy is allowed in Islam with the condition of justice and equality in all matters. As per governments records the incidence of second marriages in Muslims is 3.5% whereas incidence of second marriage in Hindu Community is 6.8%.

The Muslim Second Wife enjoys all legal rights & Social Protection in Family & Religion. The real issue is of the "Mistress" & "Keeps" who are also women but do not get recognition as member of family & society in the other communities.

We Salute the Muslim women who have come in large numbers for the Protection of Muslim Personal Law across India from Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, UP, Maharashtra, Telangana, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa and other places. There is huge tremendous response to signature campaign. We appeal to all Muslim Sisters of the Country to come forward and protect Muslim Personal Law from interference by courts or government.

We also appeal to Hindu Sisters not to be mislead by Media Campaign but try to understand the real issue.

We appeal to Muslims to stand united and utilize all democratic peaceful methods to show your support for ***Muslim Personal Law***.

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