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Sub: legislation on cruelty against women

Respected Amit Shah Ji,

"Man is born free, yet everywhere he is in chains", said Genevan Philosopher in 1762. After 262 years, alas, 31-year-old entirely innocent lady Doctor, Abhaya, left her chain in RG Kar Medical College, Kolkata, her soul vanished into eternity, even as the remnants of her flesh & body were allegedly being played around with barbarically!

Our respective Mothers, Sisters and Daughters have been facing such cruelties round the clock pan India, reported or unreported, concealed or suppressed! The beastly instincts in human beings, which has been manifesting in its worst form, is destroying our civilisation. It is time to enact a comprehensive stringent central legislation during the impending winter session of Parliament. I'm, therefore, beseeching your kind indulgence to suggest the following, not in derogation of, but in addition to existing legislations in our country:

1. Kindly initiate enacting a stringent comprehensive central act to prevent atrocities against women, to ensure their safety in every public and private place, including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, educational institutions, asylums, shopping malls, Public Transport, trains, Govt-Semi Govt-Private Workplaces and other establishments by providing women armed guards, officers, CCTV installations in every possible nook and corner of the country. Failure to comply with this basic preventing measure must entail a punishment for a minimum period of 5 years imprisonment.
2. Any complaint for incidents of sexual harassment, rape, rape with murder, shall be statutorily recorded immediately after the incident and must be immediately reported to the nearest Police Station, failing which the concerned police official/other authorities must be suspended and proceeded against criminally. Proceedings in every such case against the negligent/delinquent must commence forthwith for the removal from service and must entail a jail term for a minimum period of 5 years.

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3. A minimum of 3 Fast track courts shall be established in every district of India to try these offences, which shall conclude within a maximum period of 6 months without giving more than 2 adjournments for any genuine reason to the satisfaction of the court; if the investigating agency fails to arrest the culprits and/or fails to place every/all required information/evidences within a period of 1 month from the incident of crime, the personnel responsible for investigation must be summarily dismissed from service and face criminal prosecution entailing 5 years of imprisonment as punishment; Similarly, if any court fails to discharge duty to deliver the judgment within the definite time frame of six months, the concerned judicial officer will be summarily dismissed from service, subject to overriding satisfaction of the jurisdictional High Court of the State.

4. All judgments of such cases are required to be mandatorily publicised in local and regional press for public awareness and scrutiny.

5. Every victim, or next of her kin, shall be entitled to receive one-time financial assistance up to a maximum extent of ₹50 lakhs depending upon the severity of the crime and also shall be entitled to be employed with a permanent job in State/Central Govt organisation.

6. In every case where the crime committed has been proved beyond doubt, the offenders must be punished with from 5-10 years of rigorous imprisonment, or life term imprisonment, or death sentence, depending upon the nature and severity of the crime.

I sincerely hope and believe that my suggestions will receive your favourable consideration, paving the way for ray of hope for the victimised and exploited segment of our country - our respective Mothers, Sisters and Daughters.

With personal regards,

Yours sincerely

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