

Resolution Passed by over 64 CSOs to stop Violence Against Women – in the Context of Recent Rape Cases with Minor Children

Submitted with various Indian Government ministries.

All India Women's Conference, a premier organization working for women and children since 1927, invited members of other CSOs to discuss about the rampant increase in the barbaric rape cases. Everybody present expressed their pain and concern at the loss of lives of these innocent young girls, after being raped brutally.

All the participants in one voice supported zero tolerance. It is unfortunate and ironical that a country which gives out a slogan of '**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**' cannot protect or provide a safe environment to its 'BETIS'

Over 64 CSOs, individuals and the members of AIWC-Delhi who actively participated in the meeting on 19th April, 2018 look up to the Government for immediate implementation of the following-

- 1) FIR should be lodged instantly, it should be thoroughly investigated by trained senior police officer and the case should be dealt with in fast track courts for speedy justice since '**Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied**'.
- 2) The Government needs to ensure that the laws are in line with CEDAW and must be implemented strictly and stringently.
- 3) Juveniles rapist should be treated as an adult. Rape is a **heinous crime** and a rapist is a **RAPIST** irrespective of age. The accused who indulges in such criminal action cannot be considered Minor or Juvenile. Hence, stringent & deterrent punishment should be given to them.
- 4) A rape victim is a **WOMAN**, should be treated as a **HUMAN BEING** and not categorized under any religion, caste or community.
- 5) Videos regarding the rapes which are viral on the 'You Tube', easily accessible by the youth, should be immediately banned. Stern action should be taken against those uploading such videos since **women's dignity is under attack**.
- 6) "**Naming and Shaming**" should be widely publicized. It was strongly felt that the faces of the Rapists must be flashed on the T.V. channels repeatedly to make the people alert about such criminals
- 7) We strongly recommend castration of the rapist to remind him throughout his life the severity of the crime he has committed, and the suffering he has caused to another human being.

- 8) Protection must be given to the victim and the witnesses. All pending cases should be compiled and listed on line.
- 9) No bail should be given to the rapist. It has been seen that the accused on Bail threatens the victim and repeats the crime.
- 10) The candidates with rape charges pending against them should not be permitted to contest election either in state or central level. Their names should be publicized.
- 11) The Nirbhaya fund should be utilized to increase the forensic science labs to avoid delay in dealing with such cases, to sensitize the judiciary and the police and to train the investigating officers for investigating such cases.
- 12) POCSO Act should be introduced and strictly implemented in all the states of India.
- 13) Ministry of Women & Child Development should pro actively take lead to ensure justice to the victims and should have regular consultations with civil society organization.

Precautionary steps to be taken

Isolated roads and streets state should be well lit and Installation of CCTV cameras at crucial junctions should be implemented immediately.

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