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To

The Honourable President of India
Rashtrapati Bhavan,

New Delhi

Subject: Request for intervention for saving of Indian cultural traditions, religious tenets and social values

Respected Rashtrapati Ji,

We, the conscientious elder citizens of India, are shocked over the continuous onslaught against our basic cultural traditions and religious tenets; and now in particular, the highly objectionable attempts towards legalization of same-sex union. The issue is being considered by the constitution bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and has become a rallying point of a some typical pseudo liberals who are already divorced from Indian values under the bogey of 'progressive' and 'liberated' thinking.

We strongly feel that if we let this kind of same-sex union be not legalised as marriage in the context of the Indian value system, the whole country will need to pay a price, the invisible and physical price will be too huge to estimate. We are extremely worried about the well-being of all citizens. It is imperative to let the Hon'ble Supreme Court know the accurate estimation and outcome of such a culturally disastrous step in the name of a 'path-breaking' approach.

If we revise the law to make same-sex sexual union rational, acceptable or moral, it will open the doors to same-sex sexual culture. Our society and culture do not accept same-sex behavioural institution because it is offensive to our values, besides being irrational and unnatural. It is widely appreciated that same sex relationship can't create long-term or stable institutions; and if they are allowed to adopt children, they can't maintain stable and long-lasting relationships with

their families, parents, relatives and partners. The health and future of such children will be severely compromised.

India cannot afford that its future generations live in such an atmosphere, which surely will produce more gays and lesbians, and tear apart and destroy the institutions of 'family' and 'society' irreparably. They won't know about their parents, ancestors, culture, religious tenets and age-old values.

We feel that the sacred institution of marriage under our cultural traditions can possibly be tinkered with only on the basis of comprehensive public opinions; in the Parliament, where the people's representatives will have their say. Since times immemorial, we have a tradition of *samvaad* and *shastrarth* - to inquire into and deliberate upon the greater good of our society. Instead of having wide-ranging discussions and deliberations amongst the various stakeholders, and without there being any vociferous demand from any section of the society, any hasty judicial intervention scares us of its consequences: disastrous shredding of our age old cultural traditions, values and religious tenets.

As per our values, "*Dharma must be practiced by man together with his wife and offspring*". "*He is only perfect who consists of his wife and offspring*." "*Those who have wives can fulfil their obligations in this world; those who have wives truly have a family life; those who have wives can be happy; those who have wives can have a full life*." Even those who see marriage as a civil contract see the institution of marriage as sacrosanct. The concept of *same-sex marriages* is catastrophic and will have a pernicious effect on the Indian culture and society.

We are particularly concerned about the negative impact that legalizing same-sex marriage would have on children, including their emotional and psychological development, as well as their nurturing in an environment that lacks balanced parenthood. The recognition of same-sex marriage would change the entire gamut of all personal laws, from marriage to adoption and succession.

Marriage is a socio-legal institution which can be created, recognized, conferred with legal sanctity and regulated only by the competent legislature in exercise of its power under Article 246 of the Constitution of India. The deliberation

regarding human institutional relations like that of a “marriage” is essentially a legislative function, and the courts should refrain either from creating or recognizing or demolishing the institution of “marriage” either by way of a judicial interpretation or striking down or reading down the existing legislative framework for marriages.

It is, therefore, humbly requested that the Indian social fabric, conventions, traditions, values and religious tenets should not be hastily shredded in the name of ‘elitist progressiveness’.

With highest regards

Yours Faithfully

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