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Shri KTS Tulsi,
Respected Member of Parliament,
Rajya Sabha,
Republic of India.

Date: 14th July 2019

SUBJECT: Extending our gratitude of your Bill to make IPC 375, IPC 354 Gender Neutral

Respected Sir,

At the outset, we wish to introduce ourselves as the NGO, working for the cause of Men Welfare since 2005 under the aegis of the Men's Rights Movement of India, namely, Save Indian Family (SIF) Movement. The movement is a conglomerate of over 40 NGOs across India & NRIs who are victims of the complete Ignorance of Men's Issues and their lives in the Indian Society and with Laws. Since the movement's inception in 2005, SIF has been demanding the governments to abide by Article 15 while making any law but unfortunately, Article 15(3) wrong interpretation has resulted in gross abuse of the Article 15 itself for giving equality to Men.

This letter is to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to you for presenting the bill which is in line with our most aggressive demands of making the laws gender neutral.

As a country, we have been ignoring the apathy of men on almost all fronts i.e. either laws or policies or budgets or health or livelihood. Laws play one of the most important role of bringing peace and creating havoc in the lives of a citizen.

It is indeed high time that Male Rape or Rape of third gender is recognized in the same law, as mandated by Article 15. The same applies to IPC 354 as well, which your kind selves have well covered in your Bill.

We do wish to bring to your kind notice some additional facts in support of your Bill. As a country, under unknown foreign / feminist pressures, we have ignored doing any study about reality of sexual assaults in the country, irrespective of gender. Missing out such a big, important and relevant point is just not an error but a larger lobby playing behind this. Though, fortunately, in 2007, the Ministry of Women and Child Development published a report, which carries data about Sexual Assault of Children (<https://resourcecentre.savethechildren.net/node/4978/pdf/4978.pdf>), covering both genders. We wish to bring some hard hitting, relevant points to your kind consideration & attention:

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1. Section 6.2, page 74 states, of all cases of Sexual abuse victims (<18 years age), 52.94% were boys and 47.06% were girls. This means that, **Boys as victims of Sexual Assault are almost 6% more than Girls as victims.** In states like Delhi, this differential was as high as 31.3%.
2. Section 6.3, page 97 states, that of every 100 young men (18 to 24 years old) surveyed, 60.58% were victims of Sexual abuse in their childhood, while of every 100 young women (18 to 24 years old), 41.12% were victims of sexual abuse in their childhood. This means that, **Young men living with sexual abuse in their childhood is almost 20% more than Young women.** In states like Assam, the percentage of Young Men being victims of Sexual Assault in their childhood was as high as 90%.

Owing to above facts, there is absolutely no probability of Male Rape being a non-serious issue in India. Sadly, Justice Verma Committee report, which was formed with motive to do further genderization of crime, conveniently ignored Male Rape to present a very biased picture of Sexual Assault in India.

We are very hopeful and positive that your bill will definitely bring in light to the lives of Male victims of Sexual Abuse and will not leave them just as a laughing stock in the Indian society and will save many lives, who are today being pushed to commit suicide.

As a small input, we hereby request you to kindly include "chest" also in your proposed bill language for proposed Section 375A of IPC.

We really appreciate of you presenting this bill to Rajya Sabha and we are more than eager to submit our deposition on the same, if the bill can be sent to a Rajya Sabha Committee of Petitions to work upon it.

Kindly also be pleased to provide us an opportunity to have a meeting with your kindnesses to share more and relevant inputs on this path breaking bill, presented by you.

Thanking you.

Yours Truly,

Amit Lakhani (President)

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