

MEMORANDUM

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To,
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SUBJECT: STRONG OBJECTION TO UNCONSTITUTIONAL SECTION 6(B) OF THE KARNATAKA MIS-INFORMATION AND FAKE NEWS (PROHIBITION) BILL, 2025

Respected Minister,

Men Welfare Trust (MWT) is a registered NGO dedicated to men's rights and receives approximately 6,000 calls on its all-India helpline (8882498498) from men and their families facing distress. We have documented numerous cases of men being falsely accused and subjected to legal battles. We advocate for gender-neutral laws and policies, contending that current laws often discriminate against men. We highlight that dowry, maintenance and other women centric laws have been misused against men, leading to their harassment and even suicides of Men.

MWT is part of the Men's Rights Movement of India, named, Save Indian Family Movement (SIF) which has supported over 10 crore families over past decade through it's 40+ NGOs across India. The movement is in existence in India since 2003.

With this Memorandum, we **wish to submit our strong objection to the backdoor entry of Unconstitutional Clause (Section 6(b))** in the recently introduced **"The Karnataka Mis-Information and Fake News (Prohibition) Bill, 2005"** (referred as 'The Bill').

Section 6(b) states (referred as "the section"):

*6 (b) ensure prohibition on the posting of contents which are abusive and obscene **including anti-feminism and insult to the dignity of the female** on the social media platforms;*

While the bill in it's clear spirit and also in it's STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASON, clearly focusses on the widespread Fake News issue that country is facing, it surprisingly in the above objected section covers content which can be termed anti-feminism and an insult to dignity of the female.

REASONS OF OUR OBJECTION:

1. There is no relation, whatsoever, between fake news and feminism. Terming "Anti-Feminism" = "Fake News" is absolutely illogical, incorrect and unrelated.
2. Article 19 of the Constitution of India provides right to freedom and expression to citizens, which the section clearly violates, if a feminist view is to be opposed respectfully.
3. The section also gives a free hand to feminism propagated fake news, which is in clear contradiction of the bill itself. Please refer the real examples shared subsequently.
4. The section takes away the right of the citizens to object or dissent to a feminist view, that too, behind the mask of "Fake News Bill".
5. Article 14, 15, 21 of the Constitution of India mandates the State (& Union) to not discriminate based on gender and provides for life with dignity to everyone irrespective of gender, which the section clearly violates.

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- India, has been facing immense issues related to distress amongst men, suicides amongst men and the recently highlighted but always happening Husband Murders etc., all because of the strong effects of Feminism on Laws, Society and Law-Making Process. Opposing this is being criminalized by the section.

India is infamously called the Suicide Capital of the World with over 1 lakh males committing suicides every year, majority of which are because of "family issues" as per NCRB. Male Suicides is double of Female Suicides, while Husband Suicides is almost three times of Wife Suicides. This Section takes away the right of distressed boys/men/husbands to even raise respectful awareness on specific issues faced, just because it may look "Anti-Feminism" to the Authority.

As a country, and Karnataka as a foremost state has witnessed and allowed feminism fuelled 'Misandry' in various forms and manners but bulldozing the right to dissent to feminism by the section is unconstitutional and takes away the fundamental rights of citizens.

The Section seems to be clouded by the assumption that ANTI-FEMINISM = FAKE NEWS.

While making this unrelated comparison between apples and oranges, it would be pertinent for respected law makers to ponder on how **Hon'ble Rahul Gandhi ji**, himself, **has been at the receiving end of feminist attacks** over past many years. The Section, if applied to any opposition to such attacking on Shri Rahul Gandhi, would result into punishment under the bill.

There are similar umpteen number of attacks on various other leaders of congress and leaders of Karnataka.

Feminism being used as a tool of political vendetta is a fact which is well known.

Common MAN also gets similar attacks and the section takes away his right to defend his social image.

BELOW ARE FEW EXAMPLES OF HOW FEMINISM ATTACKED SHRI RAHUL GANDHI, DEFENDING WHICH WOULD BE AN OFFENCE AS PER THE SECTION OF THE BILL (EVEN WHEN THESE ATTACKS WERE FAKE):





Please also refer this [LINK](https://feminisminindia.com/2019/01/14/rahul-gandhi-sexist-remarks-nirmala-sitharaman/) (<https://feminisminindia.com/2019/01/14/rahul-gandhi-sexist-remarks-nirmala-sitharaman/>), which is from the website "FEMINISM IN INDIA" and in this article mentions about Shri Rahul Gandhi as under:
"First, referring to a man's chest size, as Mr. Gandhi did in order to insult the PM, is a humiliating case of toxic masculinity."

The Section in The Bill has completely ignored these realities which the government, MPs, Law makers, Political Parties are themselves a victim of, while proposing this irrational Section 6(b), which has not relation in anyway with a law against Fake News.

In reference to the "Dignity of female", it is pertinent to add that Section 509 of IPC / Section 79 of BNS are already covering this offence and any further addition in a new Bill, would result into Unconstitutional Double Jeopardy.

We seek for your kind permission to represent our objections in person as well.

We also humbly request you to kindly make this memorandum as integral part of the submissions of objections **against the addition of Section 6(b)** in the current bill.

Hence, we respectfully place our strongest objection to the current language of Section 6(b) and hereby propose that following may be used instead.

Section 6(b) may be re-drafted as:

"6 (b) ensure prohibition on the posting of contents which are abusive and obscene and insult to the dignity of any person on the social media platforms;"

We thank you in advance for your kind consideration of our strong objection and this submission.

For
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