



GLOBAL PUNJABI ASSOCIATION

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The Chairman,
National Commission for Minorities,
1st Floor, Block-14, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road,
NEW DELHI - 110003.

Request for induction of the proposal to amend Section 298 and 299 BNS further and by way of adding/inserting section 299 A BNS, for the sake of offences relating to Guru Granth Sahib; and further amendment for inserting/ adding by way of amendment.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH: -

1. That Hon'ble Shri Guru Granth Sahib is a juristic person and as such is a living Guru for which amendment in the statute i.e. BNS is the need of the hour and necessitated due to prevailing situation.
2. That Sections 298 and 299 of BNS though relate to offences pertaining to religion but are not suffice with regard to the quantum of punishment /fine to be imposed in the event of offences/ sacrilege/ attempt to commit sacrilege/ offences as against Shri Guru Granath Sahib, as any insult, injury, denigration to Shri Guru Granth Sahib leads to outrageous impact on the feelings of all those who have firm belief in Shri Guru Granth Sahib.
3. That for any offence injury/ sacrilege or any attempts/conspiracy to do so against Shri Guru Granth Sahib punishment of life imprisonment/ death penalty with a fine of Rs. 1 lakh vide a Sessions Trial deserves/ ought to be assigned, besides the attachments of properties and assets of each of the accused. The BNS deserves to be amended by way of insertion of Section 299 A specifically and distinctively by way of amendment. The same ought to be read as under:
"299A:- Whoever, with any deliberate, malicious, illegal, mischievous intent/ acts outrages the religious feelings of any class of individuals, by words, either spoken or written, or by signs or by visible representations or otherwise insults or commits any offence against Shri Guru Granth Sahib or in any way attempts or even conspires to insult the religion or the religious beliefs of Sikhs, shall be punished (vide a Sessions Trial) with life imprisonment or death penalty and a fine of Rs. 1,00,000/- on each of the accused and consequent attachments of the properties (moveable and immovable) of each of the accused."
4. That the requirement and essentiality has been necessitated in view of umpteen cases of sacrileges as against Shri Guru Granth Sahib at various places/Gurudwara Sahib's. These have severely impacted the feelings of all those who hold / have held faith in Shri Guru Granth Sahib.
5. That it is essentially submitted that Shri Guru Granth Sahib is a living Guru and stands on a totally distinct and different pedestal being an embodiment as a living Guru and people from all across the globe hold faith, complete belief and owe allegiance towards Shri Guru Granth Sahib.
6. That feelings/ emotions /religious attachments towards Shri Guru Granth Sahib are unparalleled especially in view of its perpetual continuance as the 11th Guru of the Sikhs.
7. That Shri Guru Granth Sahib contains all due references/ reverence for Sikh Gurus, Hindu Gods, Bhagats, Bhats, Jesus, Allah and spiritual affirmation by the entire social spectrum is explicit.
8. That any hatred against Shri Guru Granth Sahib, its followers and one's holding faith in it ought to be taken as extremely/severely derogatory and a denigration for which:
 - A. Life imprisonment/ death penalty is required to be specifically provided with the Trial before the Court of Session with a penalty/fine of Rs.1 lakh.



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B. That further within the BNS collaterally Section 34 to Section 44 deserve to be amended especially by way of introduction of provision by inscribing a right to defence for causing death/ injury to the accused/conspirators in the event of cause of any harm, commission of offences/sacrilege to Shri Guru Granth Sahib or even attempting to conspire to commit offences/harms as against Shri Guru Granth Sahib or insulting/ attempting to insult religious feelings of the one's who hold faith of Shri Guru Granth Sahib.

The impact and essence of such provisions would act as deterrent with the one's/ for the one's who either chose to or commit any of the offences or even conspire to commit any such offences by barring any restriction thereto.

9. That the amendment for the stated purpose would / could read as under:-

“ When the right of private defence for protecting Shri Guru Granth Sahib extends to causing death, hurt, injury etc--- The right of private defence for protecting Shri Guru Granth Sahib extends to the ones who voluntary cause death/ any harm/ injury/ any form of curtailment of the one who either commits, conspires/abets or attempts to commit any offence/ sacrilege, insult or denigration of Shri Guru Granth Sahib in any form or even offences against the ones who hold faith in Shri Guru Granth Sahib, that to without the bearing of any exceptions.”

This request by the **Office Bearers and Members of GLOBAL PUNJABI ASSOCIATION** is being submitted for due processes to be invoked for amendment of the BNS for introduction/amendment of the aforesaid provision in the BNS

Your good-self is requested to use your good offices in convincing the concerned authorities for the requisite insertion/addition/amendment in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) by the competent authorities and oblige.

With an Anticipatory thanks for kind consideration and favourable decision.

Your's Sincerely

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