

## ALL INDIA MUSLIM PERSONAL LAW BOARD

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### **Press Statement**

## New Delhi 31st July 2018

On the initiative of Chairman Law Commission of India, Hon'ble Justice B.S. Chauhan (Retd), a delegation of all India Muslim Personal Law Board headed by Ml. Syed Jalaluddin Umari, Vice President of the Board had met him today. This was the second meeting. Earlier a meeting took place on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018. In that meeting certain issues related to Muslim Personal Law were orally discussed and deliberated upon. The Chairman of Law Commission indicated in the meeting that he wanted to meet the delegation again on the pin pointed issues, which were later indicated by him with a request that a written note be submitted by the board.

Today the board has submitted a detailed note on the questions raised by the law Commission. In the previous meeting the chairman of the commission has indicated that working on Uniform Civil Code is not appropriate at this point of time. However he indicated that, soon, there would be a step forward for making proposal to reform civil laws in the background of religious principles taken from different religion to which law Commission considers good and appropriate. He has also indicated certain examples from different personal laws and traditions.

The board has categorically mentioned to the commission that it does not agree with this proposition. The board considers that, the citizen of this country follows different religious, cultures, traditions and lives accordingly. It has also indicated to the commission that following the personal laws in their personal life, be it religion or customary, has not created any difficulty among their followers. It has made clear to the commission that the determination of religious principles, traditions and cultures do not fall within the scope of functioning of the government and accordingly the said issues should not be made part of the law making process.

Therefore the government should neither interfere nor be advised to interference in such areas.

The delegation also stated that the way of life of other religious groups in India, their cultures and custom, are not based upon their religious text. On the other hand, Muslim have the basis of their personal relationship, traditions and cultures, in Quranic injunctions (rules) and further the way shown by Prophet (PBUH). Quranic rules, as well as other rules flowing from Quran, have their own authority and have been followed for more than 1400 years. Muslims believes & follows that there rules/ values are part of the religion which they cannot deviate in their personal relationships or social life.



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The delegation further said that it shall not be proper to advise appropriate government to drop the religious set of rules or legislate to do away with religious laws for governing personal life.

The delegation has also submitted the written reply to the questions conveyed to the board by law commission. These were based upon the religious tact of Islam and followed by Muslim community.

### The delegation was comprised of following persons.

MI. Syed Jalaluddin Umri, Vice President, AIMPLB, MI. Mohd. Fazlur Raheem Mujaddidi, Secretary AIMPLB, MI. Asghar Ali Imam Mehdi Salafi, (Member working Committee, AIMPLB) & Ameer Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadith, MI. Niaz Ahmed Farooqui, Secretary, Jamiat Ulema Hind, Dr. SQR Ilyas, (Member, Working Committee AIMPLB), Mr. Kamal Farooqui (Member Working Committee, AIMPLB), MI Mufti Mohd. Mukarram Ahmed, Shahi Imam Masjid Fatahpur, Delhi, MI. Mohd. Yaqoob Khan Qadri (Member, AIMPLB), MI. Mohd. Mohsin Ali Taqvi (Imam, Shia Jama Masjid, Kashmiri Gate, Fatahpuri), Advocate Shakil Ahmed syed (Member AIMPLB), Advocate Mr. M.R Shamshad (Member AIMPLB), Dr. Vaquar Uddin Latifi (Office Secretary AMPLB).

#### Press Conference addressed by

- 1. Maulana Syed Jalaluddin Umri, Vice President, AIMPLB, Ameer, Jamaat e Islami Hind
- 2. Maulana Mohd. Fazlur Rahmeen Mujaddidi , Secretary AIMPLB
- 3. Ml. Asghar Ali Imam Mehdi Salafi member Working Committee, AIMPLB & Ameer Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadith,
- 4. Ml. Niaz Ahmed Farooqui, Secretary Jamiat Ulema Hind
- 5. Dr. SQR Ilyas, Member Working Committee AIMPLB
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- 7. Ml. Mufti Mohd. Mukarram Ahmed, Member AIMPLB & Shahi Imam Masjid Fatahpur, Delhi.

