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The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB), has sent representation to All Political Parties requesting them to take appropriate action in the matter of speech delivered by Mr. Justice Shekhar Yadav, Judge Allahabad High Court on 08.12.2024, within the Allahabad High Court premises. Due to constant inaction for the longest period of time, the Board has thought appropriate to write to the Political Parties.

The speech by Justice Yadav was under the garb of constitutionalism. In relation to the speech of Justice Yadav, the letter addressed to the political parties by Ml Mohammed Fazlur Rahim Mujaddidi, General Secretary AIMPLB, inter alia states as under,

*“The Learned Judge appears to have not only forgotten the position that he commands but has also disregarded the fact that the concept of a secular State, in the sense that the Constitution preaches by treating every citizen equally as far as their practices—many of them derived from their religion and culture—has space within the constitutional setup, and that is the secularism in our country, and not the definition of secularism that the Learned Judge believes in, by giving a twisted and misdirected understanding of secularism coloured by the strong religious consciousness of his own religious belief. The freedom of faith and religion is an integral part of the social structure. Muslims at large also feel that many religious practices in interpersonal relationships are also necessary. The Learned Judge appears to have forgotten that his strong religious consciousness targeting a particular religion, under the garb of his understanding of constitutionalism, shall hamper the Rule of Law. Being a member of a Constitutional Court, the basic requirement of which is to remain neutral, the Judge has advocated his personal agenda to promote one kind of constitutionalism, which itself is unconstitutional and requires serious intervention from the mechanism set up within the Constitution itself.”*

The board feels that for the last 6 months, there has been no effective action in this matter. It appears that political class of our country has not taken this issue seriously. We need to remind all the political parties/class that constitutional culture as contemplated by the Constitution of India, 1950, does not permit a Judge of a Constitutional Court to show his/her partisan approach while holding the position of a Sitting Judge. Even otherwise, diversity and inclusivity in our country does not permit a Judge to take sides as Justice Yadav has taken and hence it is necessary that political parties/class takes up this issue within the permissible procedure as stated in the Constitution of India.

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