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## [Committee for Eradication of Superstition]

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### **Karnatka became the second state to approve anti black magic bill in its cabinet - Success for the continuous collective efforts and follow up by Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti**

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The continuous collective demand of the Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti and pressure of revolutionary activists for the approval of anti black magic bill was mounting on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to get the proposed Karnataka Prevention of Superstitious Practices Bill passed in the state cabinet said Mr. Avinash Patil, Executive President of Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti (MANS).

In the regard of passing of the bill, a meeting with like-minded rationalists and writers was held on Tuesday 15 Sep 2015 at Bangalore and also to probe into the murder cases of Dabholkar, Pansare and Kalburgi which was attended by writers Jnanpith awardee Girish Karnad, Chandrashekar Kambar, Chandrashekar Patil (Champa), Pundalik Halambi, Narendra Nayak, Vishwanath Swami of Karnatka state, Avinash Patil, Mukata Dabholkar, Dr. Sudesh Ghoderao of Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti and Megha Pansare, Srivijaya Kalburgi, and many more. In Maharashtra, the government passed the anti-superstition bill soon after the death of Dabholkar, but that doesn't mean someone should be killed for a legislation to come up was said by Kannada writer Chandrashekar Patil in the meeting.

The group of writers and family members of rationalist Narendra Dabholkar and CPI leader Govind Pansare, both of whom were killed in Maharashtra, urged the Chief Minister to get passed the anti black magic bill, which has been kept in cold storage following opposition in the State. Later Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "The government has not dropped the idea of adopting the Bill and it is under review." At an interaction earlier, writers and rationalists from many parts of the country discussed the threat to freedom of expression in the light of Kalburgi's murder. They said they hoped Mr. Siddaramaiah, given his socialist background, would push the anti-superstition Bill.


On 7 July 2016 again MANS team comprising of Avinash Patil, Madhav Bawge, Savita Shete and other likeminded from Karnataka state had a meeting with Mr. Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister and Dr. G. Parameshwara, Home Minister of Karnataka in the same regard. The law minister T. B. Jayachandra along with concerned secretaries of the Karnataka state and officials of law university and college also had a special meeting with MANS at Pune to discuss details of the anti black magic bill which was passed in the state of Maharashtra.

The bill is more or less a copy of the Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and other Inhuman, Evil and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act 2013. It deals with human sacrifice, witchcraft, sexual exploitation by invoking supernatural powers and also exploitation in the name of miracle. The important feature of the Karnatka bill has proposed ban on made snana (rolling over banana leaves with food left over by Brahmins) at Kukke Subrahmanya temple in Dakshina Kannada district.

MANS is happy to know that anti black magic and inhuman practices prevention bill has been approved by the cabinet of the Karnataka Govt. MANS has initiated the process of getting sanction to such a bill in almost all states of the India. In this regard the demand letters were given to the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state too.

We demand herewith a 'law against all kinds of superstitions' and also a law about 'prevention of social boycott' to be passed by the central government at national level. We also demand that the 'scientific temper' has to be included in the school curriculum so that future citizens of India will be with a scientific attitude.

Yours,



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