

IMPAR

Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms

Minutes of the Zoom meeting of IMPAR LEGAL GROUP held on June 14, 2020



1. The targeted arrest of Anti CAA activists was discussed. It was brought to notice that during the Covid -19 Pandemic a witch-hunt on activists and students was carried and arrests were made on false allegations that the students were funding the protests. Advocate Changez mentioned about the legal status of such cases. The cases of Safoora Zargar, Ishrat Jahan, Rizwana, Danish and other activists were also discussed.
2. The status of chargesheets filed in the North East Delhi and anti-CAA movement was discussed. It was informed that the charge sheets were filed on perception and not on facts. The speeches of the entire movement hardly have any evidence of provocation and communalisation. IMPAR may moot for rights of arrested student activists and demand for a transparent process.
3. There is need for a dedicated team of lawyers at state and district level who can pursue the cases for many years.
4. IMPAR should establish a legal Secretariat wherein a legal team could be made available across the states. The modalities and structure could be discussed further.
5. Law students from various colleges could be availed for documentation of cases like FIR's , charge sheets, collection of evidence like videos, audios etc.
6. There is need to connect with the accused and seek their approval to contest cases on their behalf.
7. Modalities of getting an order for no-coercive action under Section 482 were discussed, filing habeas corpus, PIL's were discussed.
8. It was also suggested that jumping to the High court and the Supreme Court is premature, Any adverse judgement could affect the case.
9. Seeking help from bodies like National Human Rights Commission and National Women's Commission is advisable.

10. IMPAR should engage in knowledge building through collecting, reproducing cases from the past. This knowledge bank could be utilised for understanding the legal nuances attached in cases where the arrestees were found innocent.
11. To make a booklet of all previous cases wherein the accused were found innocent later on, but still served long periods of time in prison.
12. That the cases should be recorded with all particularities attached, as Justice Commissions would be established sooner or later.
13. Litigation is a mixed bag-wherein public opinion is created through articles, participation in making public opinion etc. Media can be effectively utilised for the same.
14. IMPAR should also encourage that situations should not get confrontative. Engagement should be for quick relief to the accused.
15. A delegation of IMPAR could also meet the Home Minister on the issues of false implication of student activists and anti-CAA protestors and their arrest.