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To,
Shri Arvind Kejriwal Ji
Honorable Chief Minister, Delhi
(Address)

Subject: Concerns over certain issues leading to communal divide.

Respected Sir,

We, as concerned Muslims of the country, are writing this letter to bring your kind attention towards an increase in the instances of economic boycott and discrimination being faced by Muslim vendors, employees and service providers, which is leading to an economic marginalization of these people.

Several instances of posters being stuck and pamphlets being distributed, are prohibiting entry of Muslim vendors in particular localities across different states. There have also been stories of food contamination by Muslim vendors. All these incidents are starkly pointing towards a clear segregation, based on religion. False news and stories have been floating around all over. Social media is flooded with hateful posts based on such rumours. All of this is clearly in violation of our Constitution. Such occurrences, if allowed to continue, can be disruptive of communal harmony. We cannot demonize an entire community for the mistakes of a few.

On April 19, 2020, PMO India tweeted: “COVID-19 does not see race, religion, color, caste, creed, language or borders before striking. Our response and conduct thereafter should attach primacy to unity and brotherhood. We are in this together.”

However, we are still witnessing discrimination on the basis of religion. The pandemic is being communalized. It is suggested that the abovementioned statement made by our Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi must be followed in its letter and spirit so that hate mongering stops.

It is hereby requested that stringent action be taken against those responsible for discrimination and for spreading hate. Instructions should be issued to the respective authorities to be stricter in approach and not spare the hate mongers in any case. The times are tough and each one of us is dealing with it in the best way possible. Covid-19 is already a health crisis and is becoming a major economic crisis too. Let us try to stop this from accelerating into a fundamental rights crisis.

We, on behalf of IMPAR (Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms), would like to humbly suggest that the State should issue a set of well-thought guidelines as a set protocol, which could be immensely helpful towards containing this crisis.

Thanking you.

Warmest Regards,
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