

Dear all,

We have provided some sample scripts to help you call and talk to Rajya Sabha MPs, please find a MP from this link and call the numbers listed against their name:

<http://164.100.47.5/Newmembers/membersearch.aspx>

When calling be courteous, respectful and try to engage with them rather than shouting or being angry. Be level headed in your arguments. This bill be defeated just on the legal basis without bringing any points about religion. Please drop a line at kaaashif@gmail.com if you were successful in talking to a MP or left a message with the office.

SCRIPT 1:

Dear [Member of Parliament],

My name is [caller's name] and calling from [district and state] regarding the Talaq Bill to be presented in Rajya Sabha.

As a citizen of India/Muslim man/Muslim woman I am concerned about this bill that was drafted in a faulty manner and may end up doing more harm than good. This bill was drafted without consulting Muslim women and passed in Lok Sabha without much discussions.

I encourage you to use your influence to pause this bill in Rajya Sabha so community can be consulted and more people have a chance to offer suggestions to make this bill more effective.

SCRIPT 2:

Dear [Member of Parliament],

My name is [caller's name] and calling from [district and state] regarding the Talaq Bill to be presented in Rajya Sabha.

The triple talaq has been made illegal by the Supreme Court order of August 2017 so there is no need for this bill that seek to further demonize Muslim men and arrest them to rot in jail for years trying to prove their innocence while families get split and lives destroyed. We have seen this game played again and again.

This is a historic moment to say no to this bill to stop further marginalization of Muslims in India. I encourage you to vote no on this bill.

SCRIPT3:

Dear [Member of Parliament],

My name is [caller's name] and calling from [district and state] regarding the Talaq Bill to be presented in Rajya Sabha.

This bill proposed to provide “gender justice and gender equality of married Muslim women” but this fails to provide adequate protection and in fact short changes her by reducing the compensation to “subsistence allowance” there by taking the “fair and reasonable and consistent with the standard of living” provision contained in the Domestic Violence Bill of 2005 from Muslim women.

Through your good offices I am seeking to ask the Rajya Sabha to constitute a Committee that will study the social, economic, and educational problems and concerns of Muslim women so that this bill which comes at a historic moment can adequately provide for one of the most marginalized group of India.