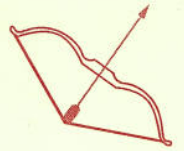


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Mr. Anil Bhanot
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Date: 07 Mar 2008

Dear Sir,

Sub: regarding the report "The Caste System" by Dr.Raj Pandit Sharma and the subsequent statement in page 6 reflected in the report of the Hindu Council UK.

We are shocked to see the Statement in page 6 of the above report. At no time did we authorise the Hindu Council UK to take or publish any statement on our behalf. In the interest of transparency we only had an informal discussion with Mr. Anil Bhanot who took it upon himself to produce a fabricated statement, then further manipulated it to his own cause. We are gravely disappointed by these actions.

The contents of the statement is unrepresentative of our views and angers our community. This manipulation is not surprising as the so called Hindu dominants for many centuries have abused our people to best serve their own needs. It is actually our view that the suppression of our people by the Hindu dominants (through the practicing of the caste system) drove them to Christianity during the British Raj. As more often than not, it was the British missionaries that offered the only real opportunities for Education and Progression which had been denied to them through the ages. We feel that your present actions are simply another attempt to hold us back.

For the avoidance of doubt:

- We object to your plans to stall our lobbying work with the UK Parliament for an amendment in legislation to include Caste Discrimination in the Single Equality Bill, so that the victims of Caste Discrimination may seek legal remedy and the perpetrators are brought to books.
- We did not produce in writing any such statement, nor did we pass it in our Executive meeting.
- We vehemently condemn the Hindu Council UK for refereeing to Bhagwan Valimik Ji as a Dalit in the foreword section of your report.

We now seek an immediate formal withdrawal of the above mentioned statement and references from your report and formal apology you.

We would appreciate your prompt reply,

Yours sincerely,

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