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The Indian **EXPRESS**

Maharashtra: Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi, Muslim groups demand 'Prophet Mohammed Act'

Mumbai: Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) led by Prakash Ambedkar and various Muslim organisations such as Raza Academy and Tahfuz Namus-e-Risalat Board (Protection of the Prophet's Honour Board) have joined hands demanding the Maharashtra government to bring a special law to punish those who insult Prophet Mohammed.

According to the Times of India, the groups have been trying to put pressure on the state government to introduce the "Prophet Muhammad Bill" to make an act to stop the vilification of the Prophet and religious heads and figures of all other religions.

The bill has already been drafted and will be submitted to the state government. Though it is being publicised as the 'Prophet Muhammad Bill,' it can be titled 'Blasphemy of Prophet Muhammad and other religious chiefs Act, 2021' or 'Abusive Languages (Prevention) Act, 2021.'

The Raza Academy has threatened that they will launch nationwide protests if the 'Tahfuz e Namoos e Risaalat Bill' is not passed in the assembly.

Questions for Writing and Discussion

1. In your opinion, is the demand for the proposed bill justified? Give reasoned argument.
2. Find out about any one country that has blasphemy laws. Also, explain how the law is misused in that country.
3. Identify the right(s) that will be violated (if any) in case such a bill becomes a law.