

Honourable Home Minister Mr P Chidambaram, president of the JUH Maulana Usman Mansoorpuri,.....

I, on behalf of the Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind, welcome our honourable Home Minister Mr P Chidambaram to this 30th general session of the Jamiat. I think it is very fitting that we invite our Home Minister to speak in this general session where we are making resolutions on several important issues that pertain to the security, unity and progress of our country.

The first and the foremost issue is that of terrorism. Somehow—and we don't know how—terrorism has come to be associated with Islam. It is really surprising because the essence of Islam is the welfare of humanity. It has no place for hatred or uncalled for violence. So, if we are condemning terrorism we are doing nothing extra-ordinary. We are only reasserting the teachings of Islam.

It's been many years now that Justice Rajinder Sachar made his findings about the pathetic condition of the Indian Muslims public. Sachar Commission has also given elaborate suggestions for the uplift of the minorities. We wonder what is stopping the UPA government from fully implementing those recommendations and giving Muslims their due. Ranganath Misra Commission's report too is still to be implemented. If reservation is considered to be the remedy to the problems of the backward, then why are Muslims being deprived from it though they are among the most backward people in India?

Muslims have often been the target of communal violence. But it is rarely seen that the perpetrators of communal violence are punished for their misdeeds. They get away taking advantage of the lax laws. The incident of Babri Masjid's demolition and the violence that followed is a glaring example of how people get away after making a mockery of the courts and the law. Although Liberhan Commission has submitted its report, but it seems that it would take another 16 years to reach on the Parliament's table. So, we need stringent laws to deal with the menace of communal violence.

Homosexual behaviour is not a healthy trend. It can cause irreparable damage to society, and the Indian Constitution holds it unlawful. But the Delhi High Court wants the article 377 scrapped. We are totally against it. We are also of the opinion that 33% reservation to women is unnecessary and would further diminish the chances of the minorities. Similarly, the proposed central madrasa board would undermine the autonomy of madrasas and we are not for it.

The JUH is against forcing the Muslim students to sing vande matram. It is against the basic tenets of Islam which is a monotheistic religion.

The government should review its foreign policy, especially towards Israel. The Indian government is not expected to take sides with oppressors. It is expected to play a role in establishing peace in the Middle East and help the Palestinians get their due. We are also against

the US invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan and condemn the attempts to snatch freedom away from a free people.

These are some of the important resolutions that we are making and I found it appropriate to apprise our Home Minister of them.