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Press Statement by BJP Mahila Morcha National President Smt Vanathi Srinivasan

The BJP Mahila Morcha strongly condemns the DMK government in Tamil Nadu for arresting and putting behind bar 33 students and leaders of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, who held a peaceful protest, in Chennai city on February 14, 2022 Monday.

The students and activists of ABVP were merely seeking justice for Lavanya, a school student who committed suicide after her school authorities forced her for religious conversion and harassed her after she had refused, in Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur district.

The protesting students, belonging to ABVP, were merely exercising their democratic right, sitting on a dharna and raising slogans seeking justice for Lavanya.

The protest was held in front of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Shri. M. K. Stalin's residence in Chennai.

The 33 students, including ABVP National General Secretary Nidhi Tripathi, were arrested while protesting and were remanded to custody after foisting false charges and criminal cases against them.

I strongly deplore this behaviour of the DMK government of Tamil Nadu.

I wish to remind Hon'ble CM Shri Stalin that he cannot suppress the voices that will fight till Lavanya gets justice. Our resolve will get only stronger.

I urge the Hon'ble CM and the DMK government to release the 33 students unconditionally and immediately.

I seek justice for Lavanya by initiating criminal proceedings against the school authorities, who harassed her to convert her religion, thereby forcing her to take the extreme step.

The DMK government should immediately enact an anti-conversion law in Tamil Nadu in the coming session of the State Assembly, which will be true justice rendered to Lavanya and her family members.

Thanking you.

Sincerely,

(VANATHI SRINIVASAN)