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The Chairman,
Rajya Sabha,
New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

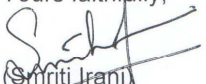
In a shocking case of sheer negligence and callousness the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde in a statement read on the Floor of the House, regarding the rape incident in Bhandara District, Maharashtra ; knowingly disclosed the identity of three minors sexually assaulted and killed. It is ironical that I reiterated before the House my continued plea to bring about a systemic change in the attitude and aptitude of those who are responsible to serve and protect the vulnerable in Society. Ironical, for my plea was directed at the Union Home Minister who himself is ignorant of law and procedure.

Sir, according to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 ,identity of the minor victim(s) is to be protected and not disclosed to Media at large. According to Section 228 (a) of the IPC disclosure of identity of the victim is punishable by two years imprisonment along with a liability to pay fine.

It will be appropriate to say that if the Hon'ble Union Home Minister of the country is callous and ignorant of law and procedure, can ordinary citizens of the Nation expect change in attitude and enhancement of aptitude in the Police and Administrative Branches serving under his leadership. I demand that the Hon'ble Home Minister be severely reprimanded for this deliberate oversight and in the event the Home Minister pleads ignorance of the Law one should be deeply concerned whether such an incompetent individual is fit to lead as the Union Home Minister of India.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


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