

10th March 2014

**To whomsoever it may concern; official statement from
Aleph/Rupa regarding *On Hinduism* by Wendy Doniger**

We received a legal letter (by email on 3 March 2014 and by registered post on 6 March 2014) from Shri Dinanath Batra, convener of Shiksha Bachao Andolan Samiti informing us that there were several objectionable passages in our book *On Hinduism* by Wendy Doniger that offended the sensitivities of the Hindu community. He informed us that unless we withdrew the book he would take legal action. We have replied Mr Batra to say that we have taken note of his concern. Further we have stated that the book is now out of stock with us and will only be reprinted after the objections are examined by our lawyers and four independent writers and scholars so we are able to properly assess them and determine how best to resolve the situation. Once we have received their reports we will discuss them with the author and the complainant in order to find a solution that satisfies all the concerned parties. The author concurs with our proposed course of action. We have no further comment to make on this matter.



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Chairman

Encl: our reply to Shiksha Bachao Andolan

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