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CPI Joins INDIA Bloc Parties in Demanding the Impeachment of Allahabad HC Judge Shekhar Kumar Yadav

The Communist Party of India joined other INDIA bloc parties in submitting a notice in the Rajya Sabha, demanding impeachment proceedings against Allahabad HC Judge Shekhar Kumar Yadav for his extremely objectionable, derogatory and unconstitutional remarks made at a function organised by the highly controversial organisation, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad. Justice Yadav's remarks at this VHP meeting have drawn the ire of constitutional and democratically minded people of the country on social media for their abject endorsement of majoritarian ideology and for being openly violative of the principles of secularism as enshrined in the very Preamble of our Constitution.

Targeting the Muslim minority community, Justice Yadav made outrageous comments which are not even worthy of reproduction here. He also said that the "The Law, in fact, works according to the majority", clearly undermining the egalitarian nature of our Constitution and the cardinal role of the principle of "equal protection of law" to all our citizens. Justice Yadav's remarks have clearly shown that he does not see all citizens equally and this clearly impairs his ability to deliver justice. He also made a claim that soon there will be Uniform Civil Code in the country which is a subject outside his competence as a high court judge, being in the domain of Parliament and the people. The remarks made by him have made it clear that Justice Yadav has no regard for our Constitution and law which he is under oath to uphold. It is in this background that the INDIA bloc parties are compelled to submit a notice seeking the impeachment of Justice Yadav from the high office he holds, as he is clearly an unfit person for the task at hand.

After signing the notice submitted by the INDIA bloc parties, CPI Rajya Sabha leader P. Sandosh Kumar said that "the CPI is committed to the cause of secularism and equality in the country. The statements made by Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav show that he is guided by a divisive, majoritarian ideology and not by our Constitution. As such, he has no right to continue in the position of a High Court judge. The Constitution has provided the provisions for impeachment of a judge of a high court for 'proven misbehaviour or incapacity'. It is clear from the evidence submitted by us in the Rajya Sabha that Justice Yadav has indeed misbehaved and has no capacity to continue serving as a judge since his allegiance is not with the Constitution of India. Myself and my CPI colleague in the Rajya Sabha PP Suneer have signed the notice with this understanding. This incidence also shows that the majoritarian ideology which stands contrary to our Constitution has penetrated even higher echelons of judiciary which is a dangerous trend for our country. The CPI along with other parties of the INDIA bloc will continue to resist such tendencies."