

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has set aside and quashed the practice of 'instant triple talaq' or 'talaq-e-bidat', which by itself was an aberration and adulteration of 'talaq', thereby recognizing the pristine form of religious practice in Islam that abhors any exploitation.

This verdict is an affirmation of the rights of women and gives relief to them against being subjected to discrimination by a practice that had been perverted over the years. We welcome the acceptance of this reality by Court.

Several interveners, including Amicus Curiae had pleaded before the Supreme Court against the established practice of 'instant triple talaq' or 'talaq-e-bidat' by speaking it instantly three times on the ground that it deviated from the practice prescribed by Islamic law and has no sanction either in the 'Quran' or 'Hadith', the two main sources of Islamic jurisprudence. Court itself by a majority of 3:2 upheld the fact that personal law of communities are protected under Article 25 of the Constitution and cannot always be tested under Chapter III of the Constitution.

Even the Muslim Personal Law Board had pleaded before the Supreme Court that the practice of 'instant triple talaq' is per se wrong. Supreme Court's verdict is a culmination and acceptance of this wider wisdom as also recognition of the rights of the Muslim women.