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In line with the spirit of the Constitution-The Waqf Amendment Law will ensure Inclusion, Justice and Transparency in Waqf management: ABVP

A step towards transparency- Waqf Amendment Bill passed in Lok Sabha: ABVP

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad wholeheartedly welcomes and appreciates the Waqf Amendment Bill passed in Lok Sabha. This bill will help resolve several disputes related to Waqf by including non-muslims and women in Waqf Council making it more transparent and impartial. The provisions mandating the audit and registration of Waqf properties along with ensuring the protection of government owned properties are commendable.

Under the Waqf Amendment Bill, the transparency of Waqf properties will be enhanced by making online registration compulsory within six months. This will grant the government to audit and monitor them, hence preventing the misuse of law. The inclusion of non-muslims and women in Waqf board will ensure diversity and fairness. According to the provisions, only properties donated explicitly to the Waqf will be recognized as Waqf properties and no claims shall be made on any property without proper documentation. ABVP believes that in line with the spirit of the Constitution of India, the Waqf Amendment Bill will ensure inclusivity, and transparency in waqf management. Moreover the claims on government properties by Waqf will be investigated by senior officials and if found invalid such properties will be registered as government property in revenue records which can serve as a legal proof incase of disputes. The bill allows decisions of the Waqf Tribunal to be challenged in high courts thereby ensuring better transparency in the judicial process and strong individual rights.

ABVP National General Secretary Dr. Virendra Singh Solanki stated, "The Waqf Amendment Bill is essential for Bharat's overall development. The pre-existing law has been surrounded by various disputes and hindrances which will now be addressed through this amendment. The decision to ensure the participation of women and non-muslims in the Waqf Council will make it more equal and fair. This effort to eliminate discrimination based on religion is a step towards ending the concept of parallel authority. It must not be viewed through the lens of religion. ABVP appreciates the government's significant step towards transparency and judicial reforms and considers it a historic initiative in promoting equality and inclusivity in Bharatiya society."

(This Press Release has been issued by Central Office Secretary Shri Saurabh Pandey.)