

Why Anti-Dowry law is needed

Large number of Indian origins have migrated and settled in Australia obtaining Permanent Resident. Some of them get married in India and migrate to this country with their brides. Other who have already inhabiting go to India and get married with that country's girls and return with them. Indian origins have roots in their country. They have their roots in Indian culture, traditions and rituals. All the rituals are performed in their wedding ceremony in Indian tradition. It is known fact that despite of stringent law against dowry, people receive the dowry, so do the Indian Australians. When they go to India for wedding, their parents choose the brides for them. Since the father being the head of the family has command, authority and influence on all the activities, all the rituals are performed in his patronage. Marriage rates are fixed and decided by the fathers for their sons. Traditionally, these are fixed according to their status and position/post of their sons. Money incurred Rs. 20 lacs to 50 lacs to bestow upon groom and his parents according to their status. It's varying from the position like doctor, lawyer, engineer, professors, managers or teachers and executives. In wedding ceremonies, all luxury cars, A.C., T.V., fridge, utensils, costly watches, branded clothes, gold jewelery and diamond rings are given. Grooms and their parents enjoy with these dowry items and return to Australia. When they, in-laws commit domestic violence against brides/wives for dowry, there is no law to punish them for bullying. They escape from stringent anti-dowry law since they have not committed crime in India and vice-versa grooms/boys commit offense in Australia and their dowry seekers parents live in India and get Scot free.

In Indian law, two kinds of remedies are provided to the victims:-

- 1.All dowry assets are retracted or retrieved from the groom/boy and his parents
- 2.Criminal case is registered against the whole family including the parents of dowry seekers and prosecuted.

Due to non-existence of such a law, these two kinds of problems prevail consistently in Australia. Further, matter gets complicated when family is divided, son and his wife reside in Australia and his parents reside back in India.

They hide behind absence of laws. It's mockery of justice. In India, if the domestic violence is committed to satiate their greed and lust by dowry demands whole family is prosecuted, convicted and sent behind the bars. Therefore, in Australia, law should be enacted in a similar way to make liable every member of the family for dowry crimes so that lives of the innocent girls may be protected.

With Regards



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