

## **SEDITION CASE: AMULYA LEONA NORONHA**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Amulya Leona Noronha, a 19-year-old girl who raised the slogan of Pakistan Zindabad in the protested against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) in Bengaluru. Amulya Leona is an activist and she had participated in almost all the Anti-Citizenship Amendment Act protests organized in Karnataka. She was pursuing the course of Journalism in the college of South Bengaluru. Amulya's parents live in Chikkamagaluru they were not supportive for her activism and Anti citizenship Amendment Act. She never missed the chance of spreading word about the citizenship Act even in the social media. She was active in the platform of Tinder to support the protests in the state. The speech she wants to deliver was also posted in the Facebook in the Zindabad, Srilanka Zindabad, China Zindabad, Nepal Zindabad, Bhutan Zindabad. Amulya Leona meant with the slogan was that whichever the country it is Zindabad to all the countries and we are taught by our teachers that our nation is our soil, Zindabad for her means that everyone who serve the people. Amulya was arrested in Karnataka for the Pro-Pakistan slogan.

### **FACTS**

Amulya Leona Noronha a young woman got on the stage filled with the men and shouted "Pakistan Zindabad" and this event was going on the nationwide agitation the citizenship Amendment Act. The Slogan she spoke in the stage was very disturbing for the people who were presented in the stage including All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) leader Asaduddin Owaisi, they snatched the microphone away and stopped her from speaking any another word. Amulya subsequently shouted "Hindustan Zindabad" but her intention of raising that slogan were misunderstood. Amulya Leona a 19-year-old girl was dragged by the Bengaluru police a student of undergraduate Journalism and she has been languishing in the central prison, which is located at the Parappana Agrahara, Bengaluru. The fact of the Amulya had written a Facebook post about her reasons for hailing not just Pakistan but all other the neighboring countries where suppressed and she was immediately being painted as an Anti-national. Amulya has been officially noted under sec 124-A, 153 (A), 153-B ,505(2) of the IPC Indian Penal Code for sedition it was showing for the disaffection towards the government of

India. It attacks upon the religion, race, place of birth, residence, language etc. The punishment under these sections could go up to the life sentence if it is proved guilty for just saying 'Pakistan Zindabad'. Amulya was such a student who was actively participating in the protests. She also wrote a post where urging with the people to love their own country and the neighbouring countries too. Due to the slogan Pakistan Zindabad the slogan was misunderstood and the slogan which was written by her and posted too in the Facebook due to the anger of the people it was shared 687 times with a lot of anger huge comments were written also with vile comments. Being arrested also her profile continuous to be accessible and various people have put vile comments on her post. A college student had faced several death threat comments. Amulya remains in Jail and her bail application were continuously to be heard in Bengaluru's local courts. Amulya parents who were living in the Koppa Tallika in Chikmagalur district and her father distanced her. The family too were facing death threats and their house was also attacked by the Local Right-Wing fringe group and also not supported her legally.

### **ISSUE**

The issue of the case was that A girl named Amulya who was a 19yr girls does protest against the Citizenships Amendment Act in that protest she spoken the slogan "Pakistan Zindabad" due this she was arrested by police of Bengaluru and she was the student of Journalism and she was actively participating in CAA ( Citizenship Amendment Act)

### **RULE**

The court grants bail to Amulya Leona in sedition case for after 3 months and she was expected to walk out of the Parappana Agrahara and arrested and jailed for the charges of sedition and for creating the communal disharmony. The bail was granted for the default provision under the Crpc 167 (2) on 10<sup>th</sup> June. She was granted bail under the standard conditions, the event in Bengaluru in which the Slogan was spoken Pakistan Zindabad was also attended by AIMIM chief Asadudddin Owaisi. Crpc 167(2) that defines the statutory time when the charge sheet is filed based on the charges and the time were between 60-90 days. 90 days has been passed after the expiry the Amulya the accused was entitled for the bail, so they moved to the different court for the default bail.

## **ANALYSIS**

In Karnataka for the anti-Citizenships Amendment act Protests had been taken resulted in several charges of sedition. Several person artists and even the poets too had been booked under the section for speaking up against the law. A mother of the young Muslim girl and her teacher too had to spend in Jail over a fortnight in the Bidar district because the child had participated in a school play expressing her concerns over the new law. There are so many persons who has been arrested and booked for the anti- Citizenships Amendment act views.

Nalini Balakumar and one more student name Maridevaiah recently arrested for the protests against the Citizenships Amendment act 2019 was charged for sedition under the IPC for holding of the placard which reads “Free Kashmir” in the protest of the anti-Citizenships Amendment act which was held by the Mysore university. Nalini Balakumar was considered as deshdrohi an anti – national or traitor by the local district bar association they refused to defend her. This was taken place in Hubli where three young Kashmir students were arrested while expressing their views on the law on the social media handle.

A PhD student of JNU Sharjeel Imam who was been – charged for the sedition for the speech delivered at Aligarh Muslim University which was the epicenter CAA – NRC protests in the national capital and it was been claimed that he drummed up support among the students for doing protests against the two laws.

## **CONCLUSION**

Amulya Leona after living for 110 days in the Jail for saying Pakistan Zindabad gets activist gets default bail and it took about four months and a string of petitions before the lower courts and the high court of Bengaluru to secure bail of an undergraduate student of 19yrs old. She has been granted bail against the surety of Rs one lakh and on the condition, she will not influence the witness in the case. The CAA was passed and the P.M. Narendra Modi led the government indicated that the two other impending the countrywide exercise for the National Register of citizens (NCR) and the National Population Register (NPR) will also be implemented nationwide , Karnataka civil liberties movement has been intensified its fight against these laws. The sedition law which is under section 124 A of IPC which is used for the stifle dissent and for the national movement for the freedom.