

Triple Talaq

What is the issue?

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Triple Talaq continues to be an issue, which is practised in areas where fundamentalist organisations are strong and where women are not educated.

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What is the stand of Muslim Law Board?

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- Muslim Personal Law Board neither acknowledges the existence of triple talaq nor feels the compelling need to revisit its position on this injustice.

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- When the issue reached the courts, the Board magnanimously acknowledged its existence.

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- The community's refusal to accept its weaknesses also becomes the fundamental reason for its downfall.

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- The Muslim Personal Law Board was very critical of women and organisations fighting against triple talaq.

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What Islam says about Talaq?

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- Islam has given talaq to men and khula to women.

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- A man can either issue talaq over a period of time or issue triple talaq giving it a gap of three months.

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- A woman can issue khula and get divorced from her husband by approaching her family or a religious head.

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- Triple talaq is uttering the word talaq thrice and divorcing the wife.
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- With the advent of technology, triple talaq can be issued as a WhatsApp message or a phone call.
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What is the reality?

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- Though the Quran states that there needs to be a time gap between the three talaqs, in practice it is not so.
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- While responding to the courts in a related case, the Centre did not just stop with saying that triple talaq was not legal, it also talked about the Uniform Civil Code.
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- The issue came to court only because there was no three-month gap between two talaqs.
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- But the root cause for the problem is the organisations which justify this lack of interval and which see the interference of the government and courts as an intrusion.
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- These organisations are aware that women are oppressed by this system, they are aware that the triple talaq system does not exist in any other Islamic country.
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What is the way ahead?

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- Muslim organisations should stop fuelling sentiments over this sensitive issue.
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- To be critical on the women or the democratic organisations which have approached the courts for a remedy is unfair.
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