

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

• 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.

• 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 talags, 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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 \bullet To be critical on the women or the democratic organisations which have approached the courts for a remedy is unfair. $\ensuremath{\backslash} n$ $n\n$

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