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NOTIFICATION

It has been alleged by an Organization called 'Salvation of Oppressed Eunuchs' (hereinafter referred to as SOOE) that in certain parts of the country amongst the Transgender community (SOOE refers to them as 'eunuchs'), there exists a practice of 'bonded labour'. Under the said existing practice, according to SOOE, a 'eunuch' Chela enters the house of her Guru; she learns to live like a 'eunuch' after she leaves her home.

2. The SOOE has further alleged that 'eunuchs' in those parts of the country are forced to lead a life of servitude and bonded labourers. In return for food and shelter offered by Gurus, they (Chelas) have to carry out demeaning and morally repulsive acts, to make earnings for the purpose of being able to pay to Gurus the mandatory sum that is demanded by Gurus for the upkeep of 'eunuch' Chelas. It is further alleged that if a Chela ever in future decides to leave the house of her Guru, she has to pay a substantial amount to her Guru, which may range anything from Rs.25, 000/- to Rs.5, 00,000/-.

3. It is hereby notified for general information that if any Chela is aggrieved by the actions of her Guru, she may report the matter to the undersigned giving full particulars like her name, address and other contact details like telephone number, email address etc., the name, address & other particulars of her Guru, along with details of the nature of the grievance (s).



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