

ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ತುಣುಕುಗಳು  
PAPER CLIPPINGS

ಇಲಾಖೆ / ವಿಷಯ : DEPARTMENT / SUBJECT: Court Matter

ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಹೆಸರು : NAME OF THE NEWS PAPER: Times of India ದಿನಾಂಕ : DATE : 10/11/2020

## We're going through difficult times, says CJI on anti-CAA stir

Dhananjay.Mahapatra  
@timesgroup.com

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Thursday said the country was going through a difficult period due to violent protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and requested all concerned to desist from aggravating the situation.

When advocate Vineet Dhanda requested a bench of CJI S A Bobde and Justices B R Gavai and Surya Kant to list a PIL by Puneet K Dhanda seeking to declare CAA constitutional and make it mandatory for all states to implement it, the CJI said, "As it is, there is a lot of violence. You (Dhanda) may create more trouble (with your plea). We are going through a difficult period. These are difficult times. Suggest methods to create peace."

“As it is, there is a lot of violence. You may create more trouble (with your plea). We are going through a difficult period... This is the first time we are hearing of a petition which tells the Supreme Court to declare a law constitutional

—CJI  
S A Bobde



The CJI said, "Your petition is different. This is the first time we are hearing of a petition which tells the SC to declare a law constitutional." Ordinarily, the SC scrutinises the validity of a law and declares it either constitutional or unconstitutional.

► Continued on P 8

## Supreme Court to hear petitions challenging CAA on January 22

► Continued from P 1

**H**owever, the bench posted the petition for hearing on Friday though it has scheduled hearing on 60 other petitions challenging the validity of the Citizenship Amendment Act on January 22.

On December 18, the SC had entertained a large number of petitions seeking quashing of changes in the Citizenship Act designed to fast-track citizenship for Hindus, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and



Jains from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. The petitioners said the non-inclusion of Muslims in the CAA provisions rendered it anti-secular and also violated the right to equality.

On December 16, the SC had refused to be "bullied" by activist lawyers into taking up petitions alleging police excesses against students at Jamia Millia Islamia and AMU.

CJI S A Bobde-led bench had said, "We are not saying who is responsible, police or students.

We are saying rioting must stop. We have enough experience as judges to know how rioting starts and what are protesters' rights. We cannot decide in this kind of atmosphere. All the rioting must stop. What is this vandalising of public property? We will take cognisance in a cool frame of mind. We are not going to be bullied like this to hear the matter. We want all violence to stop if you want the court to intervene." On December 17, the court had asked the petitioners to take their grievances to the their respective high courts.