



## USE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO OUTLAW CASTE BASED DISCRIMINATION IN BRITAIN.

**G**overnment Equality Office has announced a 'Caste Consultation' ending on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Caste based discrimination (CBD) is alive and active in the UK amongst South Asians. Globally, in 132 countries, it is affecting 1.5 billion people, including 1 million in the UK of all faiths (Christians included) and causing the poverty of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Global poor. The World Council of Churches (WCC) and Vatican have jointly selected 'Caste Discrimination and Dalits' as the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) and throughout the year of 2013. 'Casteism like apartheid, racism and nationalism pose severe challenges for the unity of Christians'. WPCU exhorts Christians everywhere to fight CBD as they have done for Slavery and Apartheid.



CBD is diametrically opposed to the long cherished British values of democracy, fairness, justice, equality, integration and inclusion. In tune with the traditions of abolishing Slavery / trade, the UK Parliament has enacted the Equality Act in 2010/13, with Section 9 (5) making caste as an aspect of race, and illegal. The UK Government is under the undue influence of a powerful lobby who oppose the implementation of UK caste law.

The UK Gov. Caste Consultation questionnaire is on line: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/caste-in-great-britain-and-equality-law-a-public-consultation> . Several organisations, leading



academics and committed individuals involved in helping to secure legal protection against caste-based discrimination have come together and created a website [www.casteintheuk.org](http://www.casteintheuk.org). Please visit

this website for [Frequently Asked Questions](#) , [Guidelines](#) and sample answers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the Guidelines provides the Questionnaire, to fill up and send before 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Because the questions are asked in a very difficult way a model format filled up questionnaire is available to facilitate your participation in the campaign to outlaw caste-based discrimination. Please add your name, email. Please see the parish website for further details:

<http://stanselmchurchsouthall.com/cnacd/> .

Christians have a responsibility to fight caste discrimination within the Church and in the UK society. In a recently held Conference in London, Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Vatican, gave the key note address and expressed solidarity to out-law caste discrimination. We request you, your Church communities/organisations to provide wide publicity to this Consultation and encourage their participation by filling up the questionnaire in favour of implementing UK Caste legislation. Please support this campaign. This is the last chance to outlaw caste based discrimination in the United Kingdom.

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***(Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Vatican City addressing the May 2017 London Conference on Christian Responsibility to Dalits & Caste Discrimination)***

***(Photo on the Right - Panel Discussion : Left to Right: Cardinal Peter Turkson, Fr. Xavier Bosco, Bishops Anthony Poola, & Neethinnathan (CBCI) and Bishop Patrick Lynch (CBCEW)***



## **‘Stop caste discrimination in the Church’**

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