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Chief Secretary to the Govt.
of Madras
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Mr. J. B. Price,
Chief Secretary to the Govt.
of Madras,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Honorable Sir,
With reference to the Age of
Consent Bill, which is now under the consi-
deration of the Imperial Legislative Council
and regarding which the Local Government
seems to have called for the opinion of several
local institutions and gentlemen, we, the members
of the Chandra Sekhara Sabha, Vizianagaram,
venture to express our views in the matter:-

The Sanskrit injunction in regard to
the time when the consummation of marriage
of Hindu girls should take place is permissive
rather than imperative, the Sastras themselves

Women if it be true, that the best
texts on the subject are theory, they
are honored more in their reach than in
their observance.

III. The evil of too early a consummation of marriage does not exist in-
to the same extent as it rec-
where. We are, however, of opi-
sight to be a legislative pro-
dying the evil when and where
provided that the new law
greater evils than what it
part of India
to prevail else-
in, that there
vision for reme-
it may arise
does not create
it to remedy.

IV. We beg therefore to suggest

- (1) That the minimum of consent should, and that in others, 14.
- (2) That a husband's sexual intercourse with his own wife under 12 without her consent, sh^d be regarded not as rape.

(3) That the offence is a new offence
the imprisonment
of which is a term which
extends to 2 years or with fine
which may extend to Rs 1000 or with
both, and that it be made triable
concurrently by a 1st class magis-
trate, as well as by the Sessions Court.

(4) That a prosecution be instituted
only at the instance of the injured
girl, or her natural guardian or by
any one else, who proves to the satis-
faction of the Court that he is in-
terested in her welfare; and that the
offence be made compoundable with
the permission of the Court except in
cases where death ensues as the result
of the ravishment.

(5) That the offence should, as proposed
in the bill, be made non-cognizable
and bailable, summons alone being
issued in the first instance.

to such a course.

VIII. In conclusion we respectfully beg
to submit that our suggestions will be fully
met (1) by altering 10 into 11 in clause 5 section
375 D.P.C. and 10 into 12 in the exception
thereof and (2) by the new offence being
dealt with by section 376 A headed "un-
lawful or improper sexual intercourse by
a husband with his own wife", with correspond-
ing alterations in the schedule.

We assure the honour to be

Humble Sir

Your most obedient Servant

P. Jagannadharan

President, Anandavardhani Sabha

in charge of the committee and the members
of the Sabha.

P. P. The Anandavardhani Sabha of Kalyanapuram
consists of many learned orthodox Pandits
and English & educated persons.

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From

The President of the
Mandavaram Pabha

Dywanagar



The Honble J. B. Price,
Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Fort St George, Madras.

Dated 2nd March 1891.

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