



A PHILOSOPHICAL COMMENT ON THE MODIFICATIONS IN RAJASTHAN RIGHT TO HEALTH BILL 2022

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ABSTRACT

The Government of Rajasthan introduced the Rajasthan Right to Health Bill, 2022, which was passed in March 2023 after being referred to the Select Committee. Doctors in Rajasthan expressed apprehensions about the Bill, which led to the government modifying some clauses in the Act. As per the "Memorandum of Understanding between IMA and PHNHS and UPCHAR and State Government," certain private hospitals will be excluded from the Act. Hospitals run by trusts and those established on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode will be covered under the Act, and there will be a single-window system for licenses and approvals for hospitals. The paper then draws parallels between the recent situation in Rajasthan and how the unified voice of people has the power to achieve a common goal. It highlights the stories of the fall of the Jericho wall, the destruction of the demon king Hiranyakashipu, and the siege of the city of Ta'if, which demonstrate the power of sound and the importance of a unified voice.

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1. Introduction about Right to Health

The Government of Rajasthan introduced The Rajasthan Right to Health Bill, 2022 राजस्थान स्वास्थ्य का अधिकार विधेयक, 2022 on 22nd September 2022. The Bill was then referred to the Select Committee (प्रवर समिति को निर्दिष्ट) and later discussed and passed on 21st March 2023. Following this, doctors in general, and from Rajasthan in particular, voiced their apprehensions in various forums. After multiple rounds of talks between the stakeholders, the Government of Rajasthan agreed to modify few clauses in the said Act.

2. Modifications in the Act

As per the "MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN IMA AND PHNHS AND UPCHAR AND STATE GOVERNMENT"

- HM has already excluded less than 50 bedded private multi speciality hospitals from RTH.
- All Private hospitals established without taking any facilities from the government in form of land and building at subsidised rate shall also be excluded from RTH act.
- Thereafter, the following category of hospitals will be covered by RTH act :
 - Private medical college hospitals.
 - Hospitals established on PPP mode.
 - Hospitals established after taking land from government free of cost or on subsidised rates (as per their contract terms).
 - Hospitals run by trusts. (those funded by government in form of land and building)
 - Regularisation of hospitals constructed at various places in Rajasthan will be considered on kota model
 - Police cases and other cases registered during agitation shall be withdrawn
 - Single window system for licences and other approvals for hospitals.
 - Fire NOC renewal will be every 5 years considered
 - Any further change in rules, if any will be done after consultation with two representatives of IMA

Authorised signatory

On Behalf of IMA

On Behalf of PHNS

On Behalf of UPCHAR

On Behalf of Government of Rajasthan

3. A Philosophical Comment

Sound has been a powerful force throughout history, and there are many stories of how it has been used to bring down defenses and defeat even the most powerful foes. From the biblical tale of the fall of the Jericho wall to the Hindu legend of the destruction of the demon king Hiranyakashipu, and the Islamic story of the siege of the city of Ta'if, sound has played a critical role in shaping human history.

In the story of the fall of the Jericho wall, the Israelites were facing an impenetrable city with fortified walls and gates. However, they were determined to claim victory and laid siege to the city for seven days. On the seventh day, they marched around the city seven times, and then the priests blew their trumpets, causing the walls to crumble and fall, allowing the Israelites to enter the city and claim victory.

Similarly, in the Hindu legend of the destruction of the demon king Hiranyakashipu, the demon king was virtually invincible, having received a boon from Lord Brahma that made him immune to being killed by any man or animal, indoors or outdoors, during the day or night, on the ground or in the sky.

To defeat him, Lord Vishnu took the form of Narasimha and attacked Hiranyakashipu at dusk, on the threshold of his palace, which was neither indoors nor outdoors. Lord Narasimha's roar was so loud that it shook the entire universe and terrified even the gods, ultimately destroying Hiranya kashipu's defenses.

In Islam, the story of the siege of the city of Ta'if tells how the Prophet Muhammad and his followers were under siege by the Meccans. To break the siege, the Prophet recited verses from the Quran, calling upon Allah and using the power of his voice to echo through the mountains surrounding the city. The Meccans were frightened by the intensity of his prayers and the power of his voice and began to retreat, ultimately allowing the Prophet and his followers to escape to safety.

These stories demonstrate the power of sound and its ability to overcome even the strongest defenses. The Israelites, Lord Vishnu, and the Prophet Muhammad all had a single voice, and it was their unity and determination that allowed them to achieve their goals. It is a reminder that when people come together and speak with one voice, they can create a powerful

force for change.

Similarly, the recent situation in Rajasthan saw doctors coming together with a single voice to demand better working conditions, pay, and facilities. They went on strike to protest against the government's failure to meet their demands. The government initially resisted, but as the strike continued and the pressure mounted, they eventually bowed before the doctors and agreed to their demands.

This incident highlights the importance of a unified voice when it comes to achieving a common goal. When people come together and speak with one voice, they can create a powerful force for change. In the case of the doctors in Rajasthan, it was their collective action that forced the government to listen to their demands and take action.

In conclusion, the stories of the fall of the Jericho wall, the destruction of the demon king Hiranyakashipu, and the siege of the city of Ta'if are just a few examples of how sound has played a critical role in shaping human history. They show that sound has the power to break down defenses, defeat the most powerful foes, and inspire people to unite and speak with a single voice.

It shows that when people come together and speak with one voice, they can achieve great things and create a force for change. Whether it is in ancient times or the present day, the power of a unified voice cannot be underestimated.

4. CONCLUSION

This underscores the need of Unity.

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