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# Not equipped to prevent violence: Supreme Court

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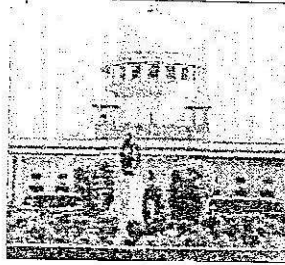
The Supreme Court on Monday said it wishes peace but is not equipped to prevent incidents of violence.

"We would wish peace but there are certain limitations to our power. The court can never prevent such things. Everyone should understand this. We act and pass appropriate orders only after things have happened," a three-judge bench presided over by Chief Justice SA Bobde orally told senior advocate Colin Gonsalves,

"Why can't the court hear the matter when people are dying every day. Five to 10 people were killed last night as well," Gonsalves said, asking the bench to direct listing of a plea on Tuesday.

The bench said it would not like to comment on deaths.

"There is a thought as if we are responsible in a certain



Supreme Court.

way. There are media reports suggesting that but we know our limitations," the CJI said, putting the matter for consideration on Wednesday, March 4.

The counsel sought an urgent hearing on petitions filed by Shaikh Mujtaba Farooq and nine others, who were seriously injured and admitted to hospitals following the recent riots and violence in the north-east Delhi, which has claimed lives of over 42 people and led to injuries to the hundreds others. The petitioners claimed direct

nexus between "hate speech slogan" by four BJP leaders and the incidents of "killings".

Gonsalves also pointed out that the Delhi High Court has put a petition filed by activist Harsh Mander for consideration after four weeks.

The bench emphasised that controlling riots is the job of the executive.

The petitioners, for their part, sought as many as 12 directions from the top court, including lodging of FIR against Union Minister Anurag Thakur, former Delhi MLA Kapil Mishra, BJP MP Parvesh Verma and MLA Abhay Verma for their provocative statements and SIT probe into the riots and deployment of Army personnel if the situation deteriorated further. They also sought a direction to a retired judge to probe into the communal attacks, grant exemplary compensation to the victims, disclose the names of people detained and preserve CCTV footages.