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WB passes resolution against CAA

KOLKATA, DHN5: West Bengal Assembly on Monday passed a resolution against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The resolution tabled by the state government demanded that the Centre should scrap CAA along with NPR and NRC. West Bengal became the fourth state after Kerala, Rajasthan and Punjab to pass a resolution against the CAA.

Addressing the House, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee described CAA as "against the Indian Constitution and humanity" and demanded that the Centre must repeal it. "We want CAA to be repealed immediately. We also want the NPR to be scraped," she said. She described CAA as a "shame for humanity".

She urged the Left Front and Congress to set aside differences and unite to fight for the interest of the country. She urged them not to indulge in baseless criticism of her government. The Left Front and Congress supported the resolution.

However, the BJP legislative party opposed the resolution and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for enacting the CAA.

The resolution cited four reasons to repeal the CAA. First, by using religion as a criterion for applying for citizenship, the CAA has created severe unrest almost in every state including West Bengal. Second, despite issuing notification for NPR, the Centre has not issued any guidelines about NPR and NRC which has created severe panic in the country with regard to citizenship.

Third, the House on September 6, 2019, passed a resolution against NRC in West Bengal. Fourth, the House from media reports came to know that the prime minister has said that the CAA will not take away anyone's citizenship. It said that since this has not been mentioned in CAA, creating confusion. The Left Front and Congress submitted several amendments to the resolution but has were all mineral.