

We stand in solidarity with the women and people in Poland who are fighting against a fascist and patriarchal government that has declared a war on women. We stand firmly with their demands of determining their own self-hood and their vision of a future that supports the access to abortion at any time and for any reason. In effect, we stand with their demand of a very basic right to their own bodies.

That the government in Poland justifies its anti-abortion law on the basis of some arbitrary 'eugenics abortions' is a façade to hide the religious fundamentalism that determines this decision and that which flows through the ruling party. This is not very dissimilar to the tactics of the current ruling fascist and Hindu fundamentalist government of India. In the recent gang rape of Dalit woman in Hathras Uttar Pradesh, the fascist Hindu fundamentalist party sent out an official statement, with the help of a PR firm, saying that the rape was indeed not a rape at all. And any continuities drawn between this gang rape to the brutal gang rape of a woman in 2012 would be seen as a farce entirely created by the opposition against the ruling party and India. This was after the fact that the victim herself said she was indeed raped. This is the situation in India which essentially diminishes the rights of women through a combination of partisan politics, neoliberal marketing and religious fundamentalism that is always already on the side of the oppressor.

Seeing this when one looks at the Polish anti-abortion law which allows abortion in the case of rape; one sees the similarities. Women are only allowed to have the right to their bodies when it has been harmed by the oppressor; in effect, the law supports the oppressor by affirming the rights of women to their bodies when it has been brought under threat by their oppressors. This is not only absurd but an absolute denial of women's and peoples' subjecthood and of their choice. The right to abortion and the right to one's own bodies must prevail unconditionally.

These similarities between the BJP Hindu fundamentalist government in India and the so called 'Law and Justice Party' in Poland shows how both governments are actively working towards a society of diminishing rights for oppressed groups. With the help of capital, right wing groups and patriarchal interest groups aided by their respective fundamentalist governments are networking internationally towards the same goal of subjugation.

Therefore, we stand together in solidarity with you, with the different queer-feminist, socialist, and LGBTQI alliances, to strengthen each other, in alliances, on the streets, and in the common struggle. The fervent and untiring efforts shown by the people of Argentina towards the legalisation of abortion has energised us. They have shown us what mobilisation and perseverance can do. Solidarity is our weapon. We will fight and we will win.

Lal Salaam!