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1. The Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs
Government of India

2. The Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs
Government of India

Subject: Regarding the denigration of the revered Goddess Kali by filmmaker Leena Manimekali and support to her by the Canadian Government

Sir,

On July 2, 2022, filmmaker and controversial poetess Leena Manimekhalai shared that her documentary Kaali was going to be launched at the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto, Canada. The event is funded by CERC (Canada Excellence Research Chairs), Canadian government funded agency. The movie poster shows Goddess Kali smoking what appears to be a cigarette, while carrying a LGBTQ 'pride' flag in her hand, along with her weapons. Leena tweeted that 'the film revolves around the events that take place one evening when Kali appears and strolls the streets of Toronto'. The poster has created consternation among Hindus worldwide for its crass portrayal of the Divine mother Goddess Kali. Social media is rife with tweets and posts demanding the arrest of Leena.

While many countries sermonised India over the comments of Ms Nupur Sharma (which she directly quoted from Islamic scriptures), it is appalling that India has not yet reacted to this gross denigration of Goddess Kaali.

As a Hindu, I place the following demands before you –

1. The Government of India must summon the Canadian ambassador and demand that the Canadian government stop funding anti-Hindu activities under the guise of art and culture.
2. The Government of India must demand that Canada pledge to safeguard the religious rights and sentiments of its Hindu minorities.

3. Leena Manimekalai's passport should be revoked, she should be arrested and made to answer for her insulting portrayal of Goddess Kali.
4. The movie Kaali must be banned immediately from being displayed in India.

It is unfortunate that Hindu sensibilities are taken for granted across the world, so I sincerely hope that you will take the necessary steps to safeguard Hindu interests.

Sincerely,