

CPI(M) opposes Vande Mataram legal protection Bill

CPI(M) MP John Brittas opposed the introduction of the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026, in Rajya Sabha.

This Bill aims to provide statutory status and penal protection to the National Song, Vande Mataram.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **CPI(M)** opposes the **Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026**.
- The party calls the Bill **unconstitutional** and a breach of **rights**.
- **Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas** gave notice under **Rule 67** objecting to the Bill's introduction.
- The Bill seeks to extend **statutory status** and **penal protection** to the **National Song, Vande Mataram**.
- Opponents argue it breaches the **constitutional settlement** on the **National Song's** status.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Vande Mataram is the **National Song of India**.

It was composed by **Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay**.

The song was first sung in the **1896** session of the **Indian National Congress**.

The **Constituent Assembly** adopted Vande Mataram as the National Song on **January 24, 1950**.

The **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971**, prohibits disrespect to the **National Flag** and the **Constitution**.

Rule 67 of the **Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business** in **Rajya Sabha** deals with objection to introduction of Bills.

The **National Anthem (Jana Gana Mana)** and **National Song (Vande Mataram)** have distinct constitutional statuses.

REVISION FLASHCARD

The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026, seeks to give legal protection to Vande Mataram.

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