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'Being Homosexual Is Not A Crime'

On Saturday night a private Gay party at Thane Yevor was raided by the cops. Should laws pertaining to homosexuality be revised? Shocked, Bollywood reacts.

Riya Sen: "Everyone in a democracy should enjoy the freedom to do what he or she likes. I think it's uncivilized to question anyone's sexuality and invasion of privacy is a bigger crime than any."

Not just homosexuality we need to open up our minds against all kinds of prejudice, if we want to really go global."

Randeep Hooda: "I've lots of gay friends, both male and female. And I'm very comfortable with them. As long as they respect my heterosexual space I've no problems with their sexuality."

As far as the gay party on Saturday night is concerned if the party goers were disrupting the neighbourhood's peace then they deserve to be pulled up.

Alternate sexuality must not be an excuse for extra rights and privileges. If you want to be equal then fight it out in life just like any of us.

Manoj Bajpai: Yes the law should be revised. All citizens have the right to decide how they live their lives."

Rohit Roy: "I'm not very clear about gay rights and laws in India. But I must say this sort of a raid gets us thinking about the priorities of the police. Shouldn't they crack down on elements dangerous to society rather than gays who just want to live in peace?"

Lillette Dubey: "Of course the laws pertaining to homosexuality should be revised. They are archaic and inhuman. An individual's sexual preference is a completely private matter."

It falls under the realm of the law when there's a public display of obscene behaviour. Any such conduct must be equally



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punishable for straight and gay persons.

If gay behaviour offends publicly the law has every right to react. otherwise we're the largest democracy and sexual freedom is our democratic right.

Nandana Sen: "Yes absolutely! The laws need a change. No one has the right to invade a peaceful private gathering. It's against our democratic principles to treat homosexuality as crime.

Celina Jaitley: "My closest friends are gay and I wouldn't let anyone hurt them. The laws need drastic change. Homosexuality has existed since the invention of civilization. Some of our greatest artists today are gay.

At this time of HIV and AIDS gay rights should be our primary concern. The Britishers who left behind our laws on homosexuality are gone.

In Britain they've got gay marriages. So why are we stuck with their obsolete laws? Also science proves homosexuality is genetic. How can gays be punished when even the Hindi language has the stree-ling and pu-ling genders?

Imtiaz Ali: "Of course the laws need to be revised! An act that is natural to some cannot be illegal in a free democracy."

Amrita Arora: "Gays have just the same rights as straight people. I party with them and I find them sensitive and dependable. Why single them out for ridicule? High time people stop being judgemental about how others live their lives."

Sammir Dattani: "I find it weird that the cops had the time to check out what was going on in a private party at a time when innocent people were being pulled out of cabs and beaten up for being another kind of minority in Mumbai.

We need to stop targeting specific communities just because they're vulnerable. A gay party is nobody's business. If sex crimes bother the cops how about doing something about date rape and domestic abuse?

Vipul Shah: "Yes laws need revision. Nobody has the right to decide for others. It's every individual's birthright to decide his or her sexual preference. And nobody has the right to interfere. Unless they were behaving obscenely the gay party goes shouldn't have been raided.

Tanushree Dutta: "Oh my gawd! This is ridiculous!! The laws need desperate change. Or maybe homosexuality is legal and the cops don't know about it?

Shefali Shah: "I don't see why there should be laws against individuals based on their sexual preferences. It's a free world. People are entitled to making their own choices, as long as their choices don't hurt anyone.

Shaad Randhawa: "My mantra in life is live and let live. To each his own in a democracy. And who are others to judge?"

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It's a strictly personal choice. Instead of harassing private guests at a party how about looking at more serious issues? Leave people's sexual preferences alone.

Neetu Chandra: "Yes I think the gay laws need change. Why should a private party be a problem for anyone? They didn't mean any harm. The gays have the right to live life to the fullest. The constitution should protect their rights. We should respect every one's protocol regardless of sexual orientation.

Aryan Vaid: " My closest friends are gay and I'm constantly socializing with them. Gays are integral part of our society. We need to accept that, and accommodate them.

Sexual bias is as bad as any other bias that plagues our society. What happened on Saturday night is draconian and ugly. What right did the cops have to stop a private party?

Nakul Vaid: "I don't know the real reasons for the arrest. But if the reason was homosexuality then the laws must seriously be amended. Anything that you're born with cannot be illegal."

Mahesh Bhatt: "The state has no business to step into people's bedrooms and question their sexual preferences. It's a matter between two consenting adults.

Minissha Lamba: "Yes the laws need to be revised. Our country is poised to be a major contender in the world forum. Yet we've laws against homosexuality that seem myopic and regressive.

We need to open our minds and hearts to all communities. Everyone has the right to live in a democracy without prejudice persecution or prosecution.

Ravi Kissan: "I don't know what the law says about homosexuality. Lekin itna kehna chahunga. Jiyo aur jeene do. Koi paap nahin hai gay hona. It's a personal choice. If the gays break any law then it's a different matter.

Prashant Raj : "The laws regarding homosexuality certainly need to be revised. Every individual has the right to a sexual preference. And what happens behind closed doors is nobody's business as long as it's not illegal."

Neil Mathur: "It's a sensitive subject that needs careful consideration"

Irrfan Khan: "I'm not sure about the laws regarding homosexuality. And how do we know it was a gay party?"

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