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TOPIC- MY SPEECH, MY RIGHT

Let's begin by understanding the words speech and the right. The word speech means expressing thoughts and the word right means the ability of doing anything. When we use these two words together it means a person has the ability and can speak and express himself in the way they want. The very first time the Declaration of the Right of Man and of its Citizen adopted during the French Revolution in 1789 specifically affirmed freedom of speech as an inalienable right. Adopted in 1791, Freedom of Speech is a feature of first amendment to the United State Constitution. In our country the first time when the right to speech and expression was adopted in the year 1971. But if we look back in our history the real essence of expressing dissent started during the Civil Disobedience Act where people realized the importance of expressing their opinion even if it was against the government and to speak their will out. According to Mahatma Gandhi freedom of speech is one of the major roots of swaraj without it swaraj would remain weak. Our constitution guarantees its citizens The right to speech and expression under Article 29(1)(a) which ensures informing about anything or expression one's own ideas, thoughts, and opinions freely through writing, printing, pictures, gestures, spoken words or any other mode of communication through visible representation but it shouldn't be against the interests of people or to considered illegal.

There have been many cases like **Rama Shanker Tiwari vs State**, **Romesh Thappar vs State of Madras**, **Union of India vs Naveen Jindal** which based on infringement of this right but because of such cases the meaning of the right to free speech has gained more importance and public attention. A commoner needs to raise his voice to settle down the disputes regardless of who it is against for. It was very well said by Cicero, a roman politician as well as a lawyer that “**The people's good is the highest law.**” The way this can be achieved can be inferred from our constitutional provisions, which demonstrate that if a person raises his voice against any evil then everybody will listen to the voice and stand against it to scrap it out. To be the part of democratic country and to strengthen its democracy every citizen must necessarily be given the right to free speech so that he could articulate political beliefs and participate in every discussion made.

The right to freeflow of opinions is very necessary to take part in various activities happening in day to day life because when there is no exchange of opinions be it in schools, colleges or even offices then the results become monotonous just based on one person's opinion and this is a very setback for both institution as well for a person because institute will never be able to make progress and move to a higher level than before and also a person will never be able to learn new things and experiment with the environment he is in, this will also make him dull and under confident. Even a person can question the government or even any higher authority of the institution he is in about its functioning. As per law, we can clearly see this in the form of PIL (Public Interest Litigation) where one person can raise his voice on behalf of the people at large and can address the issue before the court and can seek the Justice.

The idea of right of free speech made people more repartee in present day. In this new generation coming up there are so many web-based platform where individuals can freely share their perspective on diverse topics whether it is political or social. People can voice out their interests or even their dissent without anyone controlling them. When people criticize Government based on their certain decision, they are free to express their disagreement through various means which can be by writing posts or my rallies or public demonstration this forces the Government to rethink of their decision keeping in mind the needs of its people.

In every single society right to speak freely is essential common liberty; it is the imperative function in everyone's life. Each nation has many alternate cultures that shapes public and when any such decision is taken that shakes them, they battle to secure their privileges which even prompts social distress that even impacts the economy.

The free speech of a person is a basic perspective that concerns each resident of the society and the government. It ties down the option to talk and compose straightforwardly alongside the capacity to reprimand any unfairness. In a manner, some contend with the way that choices cannot be made based on how individuals feel. We live in a public where the economy should be emphatically dynamic yet not stale as we cannot satisfy everybody simultaneously. Along these lines, the arrangement creators (pastors) ought to instruct the populace and devise certain laws to fit the cultural and prudent setting of the nation.

We should also keep in mind the limitations of speech because it should never hurt or disrespect others. Our constitution gives full right to confer our thoughts and ideas without impedance. When we are getting an option to voice out on issues accompany our duties as citizens. We ought to pick

our words cautiously and guarantee that no one is harmed. We should be held responsible for anything we state or express. But it is very astonishing that people misuse that right because of several online platform they write and post anything that sometimes it hurt sentiments of many people and furthermore it also gives rise conflict between the groups, and which eventually leads to the splitting of nation. The right to speech is extremely abstract it depends upon the nation, the way of living life, the strict resilience and on the straightforwardness which individuals can take it.

To conclude I would say that my right of speech is one of the most significant and valued right as it gives power to me as well as many voices out there to speak and represent themselves because according to me **it is better not to be the voice for someone but to make them their own voice.**