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The complainant had alleged that Roy and Hussain made provocative speeches at a conference organised under the banner of "Azadi - The Only Way" in October 2010 at LTG Auditorium, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi.

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Arundhati Roy. (Express photo by Partha Paul)

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has sanctioned the prosecution of author-activist Arundhati Roy and Dr Sheikh Showkat Hussain, former professor at the Central University of Kashmir, under Section 45 (1) of the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in connection with a 2010 FIR over “provocative speeches in public” at a New Delhi auditorium.

The [FIR](#), registered on a complaint by social activist Sushil Pandit in 2010, accused Roy and Hussain of delivering provocative speeches at a conference organized under the banner of ‘Azadi-The Only Way’ on October 21 that year at the Little Theatre Group (LTG) Auditorium on Copernicus Marg in New Delhi.

In October 2023, the Lt Governor granted sanction under Section 196 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) to prosecute the accused for the offences of promoting enmity between different groups and making statements to cause public mischief.

It was alleged that the accused had strongly propagated that Kashmir was never part of India and was forcibly occupied by the Indian Armed Forces and every possible effort should be made for the independence of the State of J&K from the State of India. While the Delhi Police had earlier sought prosecution sanction under

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Section 13 of the UAPA deals with punishment for unlawful activities for advocating, abetting or inciting any unlawful activity and is punishable with imprisonment up to seven years.



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IPC Section 153A IPC deals with “promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony” while IPC Section 153B with “imputations, assertions prejudicial to national-integration”. IPC Section 505 deals with intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace.

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