

## How Long?

*Sex, a word that activates almost all our senses and yet we are still incapable of getting done once and for all with issues related to the same. Are we actually paying appropriate attention to it? Or I should rather ask whether or not are we paying attention in the right direction? If yes, then why am I still required to talk about it, create awareness about it, express my heartfelt insecurities about it that I carry daily while I decide to walk out of my door. If No, then are we not well versed enough to be done with it? The country that fought against what not, the Indians who struggled through what not, can we all not unite and fight against this one issue and let our women experience peace and freedom? Off and on we hear of cases related to Sexual Harassment experienced by our women. For how long are we going to just listen, write, talk and HIDE. Yes hide, we can't even begin to imagine about the many untold stories a woman carries with her daily related to Sexual Harassment experienced by her in her work place, or while commuting or even at her home. I am not here to talk about experiences because that is something that doesn't have any meaning anymore. Neither am I here to demand help from any male member of the society because we women are not weak. Staying quiet is not easy but certainly better than speaking up in front of people who listen for the sake of it and move on while we are still stuck in that dilemma. The need of the hour is not to just listen, this issue demands ACTION.*

*And so I ask you my reader, how long am I required to see people noticing me experience something I can't handle and yet stay quiet, how long am I required to continue fighting for it alone on a regular basis, how long shall my eyes shout to others that I'm not comfortable, how long shall I still continue to hide things that happen to me just to ensure that my loved ones don't end up stopping me from going out anymore, how long is it going to take for you to stop instead? How long am I required to still continue writing about Sexual Harassment and then sound like a helpless woman to all the other brave males out there who are the reason for this.*

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