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## Hindu Mahasabha chief booked for 'beheading' remark

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The Jind police have registered a case against Dharmपाल Siwach, acting chief of the Hindu Mahasabha, Haryana, for criminal intimidation against Arya Samaj leader Agnivesh.

The mahasabha leader, during their press conference, here on April 23 at the local PWD guest house, had announced Rs5 lakh for the beheading of Agnivesh.

“Agnivesh had sent his complaint to Hisar, as he did not know the location of the announcement of the reward for his beheading. We have registered a case against Siwach,” said Abhishek Jorwal, SP.

During their press conference, mahasabha leaders had alleged Agnivesh was supporting terrorists by demanding the release of Masarat Alam, a separatist leader from Kashmir. Leaders had also announced a reward of Rs1 lakh for all those who would hit Agnivesh with shoes and Rs5 lakh to those who would behead him.

Siwach confirmed he had made such an announcement. “If criticising the support to terrorism is an offence, I will repeat the offence,” he added.

### **What led to furore**

- Dharmपाल Siwach, acting chief of the Hindu Mahasabha, Haryana, had announced Rs 5 lakh for beheading Arya Samaj leader Agnivesh
- Mahasabha leaders alleged that Agnivesh was supporting terrorists by demanding the release of Masarat Alam, a separatist leader from Kashmir