Honourable Members,

I hereby submit that Society has no right to inflict sustained and prolonged suffering on any living being. When life becomes a misery and a painful existence (mentally and physically) without any hope as the individual sees it, it is time to let that individual choose whether his/her life is worthwhile, and whether life itself is worthy of that individual. Let each individual decide if life is worthy of continued inhabitation of that individual’s body. Life in pain is not worth living. I know, my mother-in-law suffered greatly after a stroke.

It is far better that in this modern day and age, we let physicians assist sick people without hope to end their lives painlessly and peacefully. Where such medical assistance is not provided, people often bring their life to an end violently, painfully or in a crude inhumane manner. Or else, they suffer in agony. In the final stages of their lives, they often suffer great indignity as well. Indeed, a sad state of affairs for a civilised society such as ours.

Yours respectfully,

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