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The Editor,

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Respected Sir/Madam,

Sub: Regarding the statement by the legal counsel of KUSMA on Darwin's theory

It is shocking to read that Sri K. V. Dhananjay, legal counsel, Karnataka Unaided Schools Management Association (KUSMA) has stated that Darwin's theory of evolution is unscientific and that the association will move the Union and State Governments to remove it from school text books.

The scientific validity of Darwin's theory of evolution is an established fact that has withstood the critical scrutiny of biologists and scientists across the world for over a century. The world has moved ahead since the time of Darwin and evolutionary biologists are providing further evidence for evolution enriching the theory.

Sri KV Dhananjaya has not offered any contrary evidence to demonstrate that Darwin's theory of evolution is unscientific. Breakthrough Science Society (BSS) strongly condemns this statement and the alleged efforts by KUSMA which are detrimental to the cause of science and a healthy society. We would earnestly urge the parents – who send their children to unaided schools overwhelmingly – that their children's conceptual capabilities would be at risk if such reckless utterances by a person of the stature of the legal counsel of KUSMA are not met with the resistance that it truly deserves. It is also not clear how the teaching of the theory of evolution violates the constitutional rights of students as unlike many other disciplines, science thrives on criticism and argument and therefore any theory can be challenged if one can substantiate the criticism with facts. On the contrary to the contention of Mr. Dhananjay, the teaching of evolution therefore is very much within the framework of the constitution.

We would strive to evolve a strong public opinion in defense of Darwin's theory of evolution involving the scientific community, teachers, professionals, students and science-loving people. At the same time, we demand KUSMA to offer an explanation over this imbroglio that has been needlessly created and clarify whether or not KUSMA distances itself from and condemns this statement.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
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