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To,

Date :

Chief Election Commissioner,
Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi- 110001.

16th April, 2024

Dear Sir,

Sub: Complaint with regard topromotion of enmity and hate speeches given by KPCC President Mr. D.K. Shivakumar and intentional security lapse by the Police Officials at Kunchitiga Samudaya Bhavana, Tumkur in a meeting presided by the former Prime Minister H.D.Devegowda.

With respect to above subject, I regret to inform you that in Tumkur Lok Sabha Constituency (19), Tumkur District, Karnataka, on 15.04.2024 at **Kunchitiga Samudaya Bhavana, Kothithop Road, Tumkur** aleaders meeting (due permission was taken from your office) was organized by BJP and the JD(S) party under the leadership of former **Prime Minister Sri. H.D.Devegowda**in support of the NDA candidate Sri.V.Somanna.

In the said meeting the police personnel present at the spot have not taken any security measures and let numerous women who were ostensibly congress supporters into thepremises of the building where the meeting was being held. These women proceeded towards the stage and the police personnel did not make any attempt to stop them from entering. This is a serious and unconscionable security lapse on part of the police force. It is only a matter of luck that a grave incident has not occurred. The Karyakartas present in the premises helped secure Sri. H.D. Devegowda from the women, their incessant abuse

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and attempts to attack our beloved leader and Former Prime Minister of India. And the congress supporting women have reached stage where the Hon'ble former Prime Minister Sri.H.D.Devegowdawas presiding the meeting without any interruption as the police have failed to provide security at the stage and not a single police official was deployed in the meeting hall.

This entire incident has happened at the instance and instigation made by Deputy Chief Minister Sri. D.K.Shivakumar and one of the Ministers in the Karnataka cabinet, Sri. Rajanna.The speeches made by these persons have stirred violence across the state and created unimaginable furor and unrest. This has been done with the sole intent of maligning the legitimate campaign of the NDA Coalition. Their intent is to ensure that Sri.H.D.Devegowdadoes not campaign for any of the NDA candidates, come what may. Further, if a Former Prime Minister himself has to fear for his safety and security, then the morale of the party workers is broken and it creates a fear in the party workers and voters as well.

Sri. D.K. Shivakumar has followers and henchmen across the state who do not hesitate to act in accordance with his directions, albeit unlawful. He has made an attempt to promote enmity among the public at large and his actions are also threatening the peaceful conduct of elections in Karnataka. Consequently, an atmosphere of fear persists, where the NDA candidates and supporters of our coalition fear for their life and limb.

As stated above, in Tumkur, the police officers who were present at the spot when the incident took place have failed to discharge their

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duty. Security lapse to a Hon'ble former Prime Minister shall be taken
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seriously and proper action shall be taken against the culprits who are
behind this conspiracy with proper investigation.

The events that transpired in Tumkur is only a symptom of an elaborate plan devised by Sri. D.K. Shivakumar to ensure that the people are divided with violence and fear is instilled in the supporters of the NDA. Sri. D.K. Shivakumar has himself made his intentions very clear by way of several fiery and provocative speeches over the last few days. Further, since the State machinery is under his control, the concerned officers have not initiated any action / enquiry into the matter. Therefore, I request you to initiate criminal proceedings against Sri. D.K. Shivakumar and direct the concerned to conduct suitable enquiry against erring officials who are displaying a lackadaisical attitude in extending protection of the NDA coalition.

Further, I also request your kind self to direct the Returning Officer, Tumkur to take action against the officials who were involved in these criminal activities and to conduct a proper investigation in order to identify the root of these violent incidents across the state and to suspend the police personnel officials who are present at the incident with immediate effect.

As a general rule, elections must be fought fairly and without feat of threats to life and limb. Therefore, an exercise must be done across the state to identify sensitive areas and elaborate security arrangements must be made in upcoming days whenever the permission to conduct any meeting is sought.

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I hope and trust that you will treat this letter with the greatest
urgency and utmost seriousness. The faith of the people in the
Election Commission rests on its response and swift action against the
misuse of political power and the malafide use of muscle, money and
fearmongering during the election process.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

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