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To

The Chief Justice of India

Supreme Court of India

Tilak Marg, Mandi House

New Delhi, Delhi 110001

SUBJECT: INTENT OF SUPREME COURT SABOTAGED BY THREATS AGAINST SH. BHUPINDER SINGH MANN TO PREVENT HIM FROM TAKING UP HIS ROLE ON THE FARM LAWS COMMITTEE

Dear Hon'ble Chief Justice of India

On 12 January 2021, the Hon'ble Supreme Court appointed Bhupinder Singh Mann, Pramod Joshi, Ashok Gulati and I to the Court's Committee on Farm Laws – but Sh. Mann recused himself. Although the Committee's work was to prove infructuous, I would be remiss in my responsibility as a member if I fail to bring the following to your notice:

1. Threats against Sh. Bhupinder Singh Mann

On 23 March 2022, Sh. Bhupinder Singh Mann said¹ that senior government functionaries made credible threats against him but particularly against his family to not go against the 'Kisan Andolan' narrative, thus forcing him to recuse himself from the Supreme Court's Committee on Farm Laws.

Mr Mann added that the procurement mafia (mandis, the Food Corporation of India) is the most corrupt of India's mafias and operates at the senior-most levels of government. The 2020 Farm Laws were a direct threat to this mafia's corrupt income. By putting two and two together it can be deduced that this mafia (at senior levels in the government) must have made credible threats against Sh. Mann's family, thus sabotaging the intent of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to seek honest, good advice and causing the obstruction of justice on a matter of great national significance.

2. Farmers sacrificed their life based on false, politically motivated propaganda

Evidence is also now available about the underbelly of corruption and deception that underpinned the leadership of the 'Kisan Andolan' against Farm Laws – deception which contributed to the loss of life of farmers during the agitation.

Political speech – even if it is based on deception (as is almost always the case in India) – is protected free speech, but political speech which leads to the death of people is not. On 10 March 2022, Sh.

¹ In an interview on the Harsh Vardhan Tripathi YouTube channel (https://youtu.be/ZbLQVuUT5_8)

Yogendra Yadav admitted to deceptive and mischievous conduct²: *“The purpose of the Kisan Andolan was to prepare the pitch for Akhilesh Yadav’s victory in Uttar Pradesh. We applied a heavy roller for fast bowlers to get Yogi out”*.

Sh. Yadav’s actions and those of other Kisan Andolan leaders to deliberately misguide farmers for their political gain might potentially constitute a cognisable offence, since these actions resulted in the loss of life of innocent farmers.

We have overwhelming evidence that such leaders used severe falsehoods and Goebbels’-level propaganda during the anti-farm laws agitation. They said that farmers’ lands will be taken away and MSP and APMCs will be abolished. But MSP was not even mentioned in the laws, and APMCs were not being removed: only competition was being introduced. The Report of the Supreme Court Committee on Farm Laws – a dead letter now, which I released on 21 March 2022 – states that “only 27.5 percent of respondent farmer/farmer groups sell their produce at the MSP”. MSP is not a concern for the overwhelming majority of India’s farmers who have never sold anything at MSP in their entire life. As for the lie about farmers’ land being taken away, section 15 of the now-repealed *Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020* specifically ruled out such a possibility.

In light of these new pieces of information, the Hon’ble Supreme Court might wish to take *suo moto* cognisance of the corrupt and likely criminal actions of behind-the-scene operators (such as procurement mafia) and “farmer” leaders who might have collaborated to undermine the intent of the Supreme Court to seek honest advice about the nature of the Farm Laws.

Yours sincerely

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and Member of the Supreme Court Committee on Farm Laws**

Copy to:

1. Prime Minister of India, c/o The Prime Minister’s Office, E Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi, Delhi 110011, with request to ask the Enforcement Directorate to investigate the funding of the agitation.
2. Mr N.S. Tomar, Minister for Agriculture, Krishi Bhavan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi – 110001, with request to educate innocent farmers about how they were cheated by “farmer leaders” and how the procurement mafia sabotaged the intent of the Hon’ble Supreme Court.
3. Mr K.K Venugopal, Attorney General of India. A-144, A-Block, Neeti Bagh, New Delhi, Delhi-110049

² In an interview on Satya Hindi YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/ajQR1RW30kA>)