Dec. 01, 2016

Attn.: The Addl. Commissioner of Police, Cyber Cell,

New Delhi.

acp-cybercell-dl@nic.in

Sir,

- 1. This is to lodge a complaint regarding hacking of the verified twitter account of Indian National Congress i.e. @INCIndia (twitter.com/IncIndia) as also the website i.e. www.inc.in and consequent email account of Indian National Congress i.e. outreach@inc.in. We would like to bring to your attention that approximately between 9.30 AM and 10.00 AM in the morning of Dec. 01, 2016; twitter account, website and email account mentioned aforesaid were hacked, compromised, illegally accessed, interfered with and manipulated.
- 2. I attach herewith screenshots of the highly abusive, obscene, objectionable, derogatory and reprehensible comments, statements and opinions, illegally and mischievously posted on the aforesaid twitter account by hacking, compromising, altering and illegally accessing it. I also annexe herewith a screenshot, which reflects that if one enters the URL i.e. inc.in, it automatically opens the annexed screenshot. A bare perusal of these representative samples establishes the clear malafides, sinister conspiracy and premeditated malicious content as also destructive intent to misuse the twitter account, website and email of Indian National Congress with a view to defame, spread misinformation, to create confusion, to mislead and deceive the people of India against the Indian National Congress. The profanity, abuse and derogatory remarks were then retweeted within seconds and minutes by various individuals carrying the same malintent in concert with the said hackers as part of a ring of conspiracy to publish, propagate and spread the highly abusive, obscene, objectionable,

derogatory and reprehensive comments, statements and opinions as posted illegally.

Moreover, one of the tweets of the said hacker/hackers claims to have access to the 'full dump of inc.in congress emails' and threatens to make them public by Christmas. A copy of the said screenshot of the tweet is also annexed herewith.

- 3. It is clear that hacker/hackers, who posted the aforesaid content as also those, who were retweeting, publishing, propagating and spreading the said content, were acting in concert and collusion in pursuance of a larger conspiracy to achieve the aforesaid nefarious and unscrupulous objectives.
- 4. The aforesaid actions constitute interalia, diverse offences under the Indian Penal Code, The Information Technology Act as also under various criminal and civil laws and are liable for punishment, criminal and civil actions.
- 5. As this grossly illegal and malicious set of actions was discovered, necessary steps were taken immediately to intimate Twitter India, which has finally restored the account. Similarly, email account has also been restored. However, website is yet to be restored.
- 6. You are requested to register a criminal case forthwith and to take all steps in accordance with law to bring all the guilty persons to book at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

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Media Incharge, Indian National Congress,