

Expulsion Conspiracy

To

The Registrar Cooperative Societies (RCS) / Addl. Registrar
Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Court Building, Parliament Street
New Delhi 110 001

November 6, 2017

Dear Sir,

This has reference to your letter F. No. DPS Expul./107450276/2017/422 dated 16.10.2017 informing me that the President / Secretary of the DPS CGHS Ltd. has moved proposal for approval of my expulsion.

In this regard, I have already met the Special Registrar (in RCS Office) on 28.8.2017 and subsequently on September 7, 2017, I had submitted my written response (along with the printed Exhibits) in your office. The text of my **letter is reproduced below** for your ready reference. This is for your information and record, please.

I also want to inform you that the managing committee (MC) members of **DPS CGHS Ltd. - in connivance with the RCS officials - are trying to harass me** and I am facing repeated threats because **as a journalist and social activist I am raising my voice against corruption, lawlessness, and human rights violations** at DPS CGHS Ltd. as well as other **cooperative group housing societies** of Delhi.

You are requested to **immediately drop the expulsion case** against me because it is part of a conspiracy with which the the DPS CGHS MC members have been trying to target me. You should, instead, **dissolve the DPS CGHS MC** as a number of members have been demanding.

You should also **fully investigate the following cases** of financial misappropriation and lawlessness at the DPS CGHS so that all **guilty MC members** could be caught and punished:

1. [Corruption Inquiry](#) ordered by the Directorate of Vigilance of Delhi Government – under CVC's (Central Vigilance Commission) direction.
2. [Labour Exploitation Case](#) ordered by the Labour Commissioner's office.
3. [Fraudulent Appointment](#) of architect firm for a massive construction project.

4. [Illegal Car Parking](#) which is obstructing the movement of fire brigade and ambulance in the case of any emergency.

You can **study the complete DPS CGHS case** at the following weblink and **upload all this information on RCS website** so that other housing societies could learn from it:

[[Humanitarian Crisis Persists at DPS Housing Society in Delhi](#)]

Link:

<http://www.ramanmedianetwork.com/humanitarian-crisis-persists-at-dps-housing-society-in-delhi/>

Important Note: As you know the Government of India is trying to introduce a technology-based digital culture in the country in order to eliminate the need for physical interactions with government officials because such **face-to-face meetings increase the chances of bribery and corruption**. So, you are requested to interact with me **over the email** or through other **digital communication** platforms.

Regards

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To

The Special Registrar

Office of the Special Registrar Cooperative Societies (RCS)

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New Delhi 110 001. Phone: 011-23361005

September 8, 2017

Dear Sir,

This has reference to your letter F. No. DPS Expul./107450276/2017/733-734 dated 16.8.2017 informing me that the President / Secretary of the DPS CGHS Ltd. has moved proposal for approval of my expulsion.

As you had advised me in the said letter, I had come to meet you in your office on 28.8.2017 at 3:00 p.m. Although your letter had stated that I can “**file written / oral submission on 28/08/17**”, I was not allowed to submit my written response and I was also not allowed to speak during the meeting on 28/08/17.

Therefore, yesterday (September 7, 2017), I submitted my written response (along with the printed Exhibits) to your said letter in your office. The text of my **letter is reproduced below** for your ready reference. This is for your information and record, please.

Regards
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To

August 28, 2017

The Special Registrar
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Subject: Notice u/s 86 (1) of DCS Act, 2003

Dear Sir,

This has reference to your letter F. No. DPS Expul./107450276/2017/733-734 dated 16.8.2017 informing me that the President / Secretary of the DPS CGHS Ltd. has moved proposal for approval of my expulsion under section 86 of the DCS Act, 2003 read with Rule 99 of DCS Rules, 2007. In the said letter, you also have asked me to appear before the Special Registrar to file my submission on 28.8.2017 at 3:00 p.m.

I have to say the following about the above-stated letter and this case:

In its letter dated June 23, 2017 [**Subject:** Proceedings for cancellation of my membership], signed by DPS CGHS Secretary M.N. Sampathkumar, at Point 4 (a), it is mentioned that I “**have used the means of communication and so-called your media network for pressurizing MC in surrendering to your will.**”

It is further stated in this letter that “***This is not going to be the case in future. Just because you cut paste articles in a hardly subscribed portal ‘Raman Media Network’***” ...

While this is supposed to be the letter that led to the proceedings for cancellation of my membership, in the said letter the MC through M.N. Sampathkumar is referring to my articles related to the corruption in the DPS Housing Society that I have published on my global news site “Raman Media Network” which is among the most popular Indian news sites covering Indian and international news and views.

Also, in its letter dated April 13, 2017 [**Subject:** Stop Plans to Carry Out Illegal Extended Construction Activity in the Society Building] addressed to me and others, Sampathkumar has stated under Point No. 15 about corruption charges against the past / present MC members which **appeared on [Raman Media Network](#)** - the **news site** that I run.

Attack on Freedom of the Press

It is important to mention here that I am a government’s **National award-winning journalist**. Besides working for India’s top media organizations such as The Tribune, The Indian Express, India Today Group, Cyber Media, I was an edit-page **columnist** (which is among the top and the most respected positions in a newspaper organization) for The Financial Express newspaper.

These days, for the past about 7 years, I have been running my own global news services including “Raman Media Network” that the DPS Housing Society MC has repeatedly quoted in its letters including the letter about my expulsion. I have created an exclusive webpage on my news site to explain the corruption and other illegal activities of DPS Housing Society. The webpage is titled: **Humanitarian Crisis Persists at DPS Housing Society in Delhi** at the following **[weblink](#)**:

<http://www.ramanmedianetwork.com/humanitarian-crisis-persists-at-dps-housing-society-in-delhi/>

Obviously, Sampathkumar and the MC members have been repeatedly complaining about my truthful editorial articles about their corruption. But if they do not like my articles, who gave them the right to expel me from the Society? Will they expel a journalist who writes about their misdeeds and lives in some other housing society? They can’t because they have no authority to punish a journalist. Sampathkumar and the **MC members are misusing their authority** to punish me for my editorial work. It is a blatant **attack on the freedom of press** and the freedom of expression and speech.

If the MC members have some objections with my or any other journalist's articles, they can first send a specific rejoinder to the media property where the article is published. And if they are still not satisfied, they can follow the legal route to get the articles removed or correction published. This is how the media ecosystem works all over the world.

But Sampathkumar and other MC members – in connivance with a group of more residents who want to silence me because I am opposing their harmful FAR-based extended construction project and exposing their corruption – have become criminals and have arbitrarily decided to expel me from the Society where I have been living for the past about 15 years.

In their desperation to suppress my voice against their corruption and unlawful activities, they have also filed false police complaints against me so that they could carry out the illegal construction / repairs project worth crores of rupees for which they are forcing each flat owner to pay lakhs of rupees. The planned construction / repairs project will not only damage the environment with lethal dust and noise pollution, but it will also give the MC members another opportunity to swindle public money.

With their multiple threats, false police complaints, and frequent slanderous remarks against my professional and socio-economic status, the MC members are hell-bent to harm and harass me because I am demanding honesty and transparency in their operations.

An example of the cruelty of the MC members against me is visible in MC's letter dated May 21, 2017 signed by Secretary Sampathkumar [Subject: **Show Cause Notice**] about my expulsion when he asked me in a very offensive language to **appear before the MC without the assistance** of any friend, member / resident of the Society, or a person having the proficiency in law.

This is a blatant **attack on my fundamental human rights**. People are not deprived of such rights even in the most dictatorial regimes. But Sampathkumar - who failed to understand that accused are not supposed to hold courts against the complainants - behaved in a totally despotic manner with a criminal intent to harm me.

What Is the Role of Special Registrar Cooperative Societies?

I also fail to understand how the Office of the Special Registrar Cooperative Societies admitted the complaint from MC members about my expulsion which is about attacking my journalistic duties. **Who has given a Registrar of Housing**

Societies the authority to send an expulsion notice to a journalist for his editorial work?

As a journalist, I am regularly writing dozens of articles about corruption in **India and abroad**. And my work against corruption has been extensively covered by the leading newspapers of the country. Now should the affected parties approach this Registrar's office to complain about my articles? Can this Registrar's office send a punishment / expulsion notice to a journalist like me as it has done under the undue influence of DPS Housing Society MC?

What exactly is going on? All is going topsy-turvy as the Registrar's office has arbitrarily decided to **attack my editorial freedom and my freedom of expression and speech** guaranteed to me by the Constitution of India through Article 19.

Moreover, with my articles, I am exposing corruption to **support Indian government's efforts to weed out corruption** from the country. Instead of appreciating and rewarding me for my anti-corruption work, the Registrar's office has decided to cross the boundaries of its authority to punish me. Its letter to call me to its office like an accused is a **gross insult to my editorial and anti-corruption work**.

Corruption at DPS Housing Society

Here is the truth about corruption at DPS Housing Society. I had approached India's top anti-corruption organization **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)** with details of corruption by the DPS Housing Society MC members and on the basis of these details, an inquiry has been initiated. This is one of the many corruption cases about which I have reported as a journalist and I also run [campaigns against corruption](#).

The Directorate of Vigilance of Delhi Government – under CVC's direction – ordered the inquiry through the Registrar Cooperative Societies (RCS) against the managing committee (MC) of DPS Cooperative Group Housing Society. [**See Exhibit 1 and 1A**]

The **inquiry has been ordered by the RCS office** itself because the CVC, Directorate of Vigilance, and the RCS office were convinced with the initial data and details that I had given about the corruption at DPS Housing Society.

Covering **seven probe areas**, the inquiry seeks explanation from the MC members about the money spent in building repairs, excess money spent on procuring water for residents, underhand dealings in allowing illegal car parking, and the financial processes followed in spending the public money.

The **RCS office should explain the reasons** for which the inquiry is being delayed, while the people whose money has been swindled by MC members are still asking for the **accounting records** and the manner in which their money was spent.

Since Sampathkumar and the current / past MC members have failed to produce financial information being sought by the residents, it appears that either the required **financial documents are missing from the Society office** or they have been **criminally destroyed** by the present and / or past MC members.

The fact is that till today I have not received any reply from DPS Housing Society MC members about the CVC-directed inquiry letter sent to the MC through RCS office.

Moreover, if the MC has a reply to the inquiry letter, it is supposed to send it to RCS office and RCS office should send it to me. **The MC's reply must also include statutory financial documents, names / addresses of vendors, vendor selection procedures, payment terms, all related vouchers, expenditure processes, etc. that are required to be produced as per the inquiry.** Only the income-expenditure statements and balance sheets will not satisfy the inquiry, as these bland statements / sheets conceal more than what they reveal.

In order to maintain transparency, the MC must also put the inquiry letter along with my complaint to CVC running into multiple pages along with its response and supporting documents, procedures, etc. as mentioned above on the **Society's website** and proactively inform all the members about it. The MC must also paste the inquiry letter along with its response on the Society notice boards. Then after studying MC's response, documents, vouchers, expenditure procedures, etc., I will send my rejoinder.

Although there are many discrepancies in DPS Housing Society's financial records, here is an example of the corruption proof. The **MC members must explain why it is not corruption** if the MC is spending over Rs. 23 lakh (the cost finally went over Rs. 30 lakh) for a work that a vendor offered to do for just Rs. 4 lakh. In such cases, all the justifications given by the MC members for cost difference are totally meaningless. [**See Exhibit 1B**]

The **RCS office must order a special audit** as part of the thorough inquiry to know the extent of misappropriation of funds at DPS Housing Society.

Here it is important to state that I am not the only person who is talking about corruption at DPS Housing Society. A previous President of the Society **M.M. Shukla** (who resigned under mysterious circumstances without completing his term) has been openly **circulating documents about corruption at the Society**. In fact, in his

letter dated June 23, 2017 (under Point No. 5) about my expulsion proceedings, the current Secretary Sampathkumar has reiterated **Shukla's claims about misappropriation of Society funds** worth Rs. 54 lakh.

While my assertions about **Society's corruption** are endorsed by the CVC, Directorate of Vigilance, and even the RCS office by initiating an inquiry against the accused at DPS Housing Society, **Sampathkumar and Shukla** are circulating baseless allegations without any formal government endorsement.

As **Sampathkumar and Shukla** have "**brought disrepute to the Society and have done other acts detrimental to the interest and proper working of the co-operative society**" by baselessly accusing other members of corruption, they must be expelled under section 86 of the DCS Act. Both Sampathkumar and Shukla are tarnishing the image of the Society.

Dissolve the MC, Appoint an Administrator

As the estimated total amount of money lost in corruption runs into crores of rupees, a thorough investigation at DPS Housing Society becomes inevitable. But it **cannot happen properly if the MC is allowed to stay** in office.

Currently, there is a growing list of DPS Housing Society members who demand that the RCS must **complete the CVC-directed inquiry** against the MC members. They also demand that the RCS should **dissolve the current MC** and **appoint an administrator** to streamline the future working of the Society. [**See Exhibit 2**]

But instead of taking action against the visible misdeeds of the present and past MC members, the RCS office has surprisingly joined hands with the accused MC members to punish those (like me) who want to bring honesty and transparency to the Society.

It should not be difficult for the RCS office to dissolve the MC and carry out a thorough investigation because the DPS Housing Society **MC is not a truly elected body**. Proper elections are not being held for the past many years and mostly old members become office bearers unopposed. This has been happening for the past about a decade. New people do not want to become MC members because of the **persisting administrative and financial irregularities** in the Society.

Most old MC members who are responsible for myriad unlawful activities at the Society are trying to block any kind of investigation into the Society's corrupt practices. In order to achieve their illegitimate goals, they are exploiting the General Body Meetings (GBMs) which are being held in a fraudulent way. This fact has been

brought to the notice of the RCS multiple times by the Society members, but the RCS has failed to correct the procedure for holding GBMs. [**See Exhibit 3 and 3A**]

The MC is not holding GBMs honestly and it creates Minutes of the Meeting in a fraudulent way to write only those points that suit its nefarious designs. There is no audio / video recordings of the meetings and even raw content collected during the GBMs is not shown to the attendees.

Now the MC also has usurped the newly created website of the Society and uploads only biased information to propagate its own interests. There are various other illegal acts that the current and past MC members have been committing with the help of other law-breaking residents of the Society.

All this information about the MCs' misdeeds have been sent to the RCS office through dozens of representations by the aggrieved members of the Society. However, the RCS office failed to take any action against the growing criminality of the MC members.

But surprisingly the RCS office has become active suddenly to act on a frivolous complaint filed by the accused MC members to hold a court against me and to expel me from the Society. The RCS office did not even bother to see that the MC has not even given the names of the persons who had supported my expulsion in the GBM. The deceptive manner in which my expulsion was initiated by the MC was also challenged, but surprisingly the RCS office preferred to ignore it. [**See Exhibit 3A**]

Moreover, there is a total deception in the way my expulsion is being conspired. According to the letters dated May 2, 2017 and May 21, 2017 (the show cause notices) about my expulsion signed my MC Secretary Sampathkumar, it is stated that my expulsion exercise is being carried out as per **Rule:40 of RCS Rules-2007**.

However, the RCS office has sent me the letter about my expulsion **under section 86 of the DCS Act, 2003 read with Rule 99 of DCS Rules, 2007**. I fail to understand why RCS office ignored this discrepancy and has instead shown an unprecedented haste to start my expulsion proceedings.

In view of the facts stated above, I request the RCS office:

1. To dismiss the DPS Housing Society MC's plea about my expulsion because it is not based on facts and is totally vindictive in nature. The MC is trying to suppress my voice and harass me because I am raising my voice and spearheading a campaign against MC's corruption and other unlawful activities.

2. To send a team of honest officers to DPS Apartments to inspect the illegal activities such as the previous construction work that some of the current MC members executed to **damage the building** and waste public money worth lakhs of rupees, **unauthorized alterations** in individual flats, **illegal car parking** which is posing **enormous risks to the lives of people** because it obstructs the movement of fire-fighting apparatus and ambulances.

3. To dissolve the present MC, hold a thorough investigation in the past and ongoing financial and other irregularities in the Society, and **appoint a government administrator** to streamline the working of the Society. This is also being demanded by an increasing number of members. [**See Exhibit 2**]

With these facts, I request the Office of the Special Registrar Cooperative Societies to thoroughly study all the facts of the DPS Housing Society case and deliver justice in an unbiased manner without getting influenced by the so-called elected body - the MC of the DPS Housing Society.

About Me

I am a government's National award-winning journalist and writer of children's books. Besides working at senior editorial positions with India's leading media companies, I had been writing an edit-page column for The Financial Express newspaper. Nowadays, I'm running my own global news services on different subjects.

Among other top assignments, I had been associated with the United Nations (UN) through United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) as a digital media expert to help businesses use technology for brand marketing and business development.

These days, along with my editorial work, I also run a **free school for poor children** in the J.J. Colony of Sector 3, Dwarka, Delhi. And I have also formed a [Green Group of Dwarka](#) for environment protection and to save the environment from air pollution, dust pollution, noise pollution, water pollution, etc. in order to minimize the effect of pollution on Climate Change. The Group's activities cover the entire city of Delhi.

Regards

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