

To

Mr. M. M. Shukla, President, and other members of the Managing Committee (MC)
DPS Co-operative Group Housing Society
Plot No. 16, Sector 4, Dwarka, New Delhi 110 078

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Subject: Misappropriation of Funds and Mismanagement at DPS Housing Society, Dwarka

Copy to:

1. Mr. Najeeb Jung, Lt. Governor of Delhi
2. Chief Minister, Government of Delhi
3. Registrar Co-operative Societies (RCS), Government of Delhi
4. Public Grievances Commission (PGC), Government of Delhi

Dear MC Members of DPS Housing Society,

This has reference to your letter dated 4th August, 2015 that I received on August 10 through the courier that you had sent. In the said letter, you have mentioned about some money that is due towards me along with various other irrelevant assertions that you have deliberately made to disturb me. My response to your letter is as follows:

Please examine your financial records that will tell you that I have been making all my payments regularly unless you have arbitrarily imposed some amount on me. In case of water charges, I have even made advance payment to the Society.

I had not paid a part of the payment (about Rs. 12,000) that you had tried to extort from me in the name of building repairs during 2010. I did not make this payment as a mark of protest because there was a gross misappropriation of Society funds by the then MC members, shabby repairs, and on top of that the expenses on such building repairs and cost escalations were never approved in the General Body Meeting (GBM).

When I brought these facts to the notice of the MC, the MC members had turned a deaf ear to all my logical appeals. Consequently, I had approached the government for getting this case resolved.

Now, you must be knowing through government communications that this case of misappropriation of funds and other wrongdoings by the previous MC is being dealt with appropriately in various government departments including the Registrar Co-operative Societies (RCS), the Directorate of Vigilance and Public Grievances Commission (PGC) of the Delhi government, and the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

As the present MC has taken the complete charge from the previous MC, now according to the law all the seven members of the present MC (M.M. Shukla, Neeraj Kumar Vaish, Geeta Gautam, Leela Swami, R.K. Saggi, H.L. Kaul, and K.L. Narayanan) are equally responsible for the acts of misappropriation resulting in serious offences committed by the previous MC members (R. Balasubramanian, K.V. Varghese, Neeraj Kumar Vaish, Sandeep Taneja, Leela Swami, Manjit Kaur, and Gaurav Kumar Sood).

While there may be a delay in punishing the guilty as is normal in the justice system, you must be aware that a proper investigation is currently in progress in various government departments and law-enforcement agencies to catch the culprits in the present as well as past MCs of the DPS Co-operative Group Housing Society. This is also to know the cases of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income of the present as well as past MC members.

Now my stand on the non-payment of dues for the poor quality of repairs in 2010 is further vindicated, as through your letter dated 12th July, 2015 you have admitted that “the outcrops and exteriors of plasters are falling down, which has damaging effect on humans and property.” Then why do you want me to pay for all those faulty repairs when as a consumer I am not satisfied with the product or service that I get in return?

As the bad quality of repairs has always been visible, it shows that the MC had misutilized Society funds. And that is why I have approached the government to investigate this case of misappropriation of funds along with many other lapses on the part of DPS Housing Society MCs.

While I did not pay just a small amount as an attempt to raise this genuine issue, you have been writing off lakhs of rupees spent by previous MCs and even non-MC members under some presumably secret deals.

For example, after the defective repairs of 2010, in 2014 you allowed two residents (Mr. Gautam and Mr. Saggi) of the Society – who were not even the MC members at that time – to spend Rs. 6-7 lakh on repairs again without following any financial norms. Where has that money gone and what procedures did you follow to spend that money?

All this shows that you have been misusing the Society funds and once again though your letter dated 12th July, 2015 you are making yet another case for building repairs to spend more money. Why? Are all of you joining MCs to do only repairs and more repairs so that you could have more access to residents' money? And what analytical methodology did you follow to demolish the parts of the Society building in July 2015 to make your case for more repairs?

In fact, the DPS Housing Society MCs have become mere money-collecting gangs that misuse residents' money while the living conditions in the Society continue to be chaotic. I suggest you once again to resist your temptation of pursuing high-value construction and other projects and spend every rupee of the Society by following transparent financial procedures. Hope you understand.

Next point: On the page 2, point 5 of your said letter dated 4th August, 2015, you have stated that I have a tenant in my flat, etc. This is a totally false and baseless accusation, as I never had and do not have any tenant in my flat. You are making such assertions to disturb my mental peace and scuttle my efforts that I am making to get the guilty punished in the present as well as past MCs so that the Society work could be managed smoothly and honestly in a transparent manner.

This is another attempt by the present MC members to intimidate me after your threat to get me (as well as other residents) thrown out by using your goons or musclemen if we tried to raise our voice against your objectionable deeds, as stated in your letter dated 15th April, 2015. As I am totally terrorized by your repeated threats, I will not participate in the upcoming AGM because I want to save myself from any possible physical attack on me by you or your musclemen.

With these points, I request you to stop harassing me, as your baseless accusations and threats are adversely affecting my professional journalistic work as well as the humanitarian community services that I do. I also suggest you to gain requisite skills to run the Society affairs honestly and transparently.

Wish you all the very best.

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