

Dated 27.12.2021

To,

Sh. Rakesh Asthana
Commissioner of Police,
Police Headquarters, MSO Building, J.P. Estate,
New Delhi - 110002

Copy to:

1. The Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi - 110023
2. Deputy Commissioner of Police, South East Delhi, Delhi - 110076
3. Assistant Commissioner of Police, South East Delhi, Delhi - 110020
4. Station House Officer (SHO), Govindpuri Police Station, Delhi - 110019

Subject : Complaint against hate speech and promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion by Suresh Chavhanke, CMD of Sudarshan News & others, at an event organized by Hindu Yuva Vahini at Banarsidas Chandiwalla Auditorium, Delhi - 110020

Sir/Madam,

We wish to bring to your attention that on 19.12.2021, Mr. Suresh Chavhanke, CMD & Editor-in-Chief of Sudarshan News [REDACTED] [REDACTED] presided at the event organized by Hindu Yuva Vahini, a Hindu religious group, at Banarsidas Chandiwalla Auditorium, Near Govindpuri Metro Station, Delhi - 110020, and delivered hate speech.

The event was also attended by the Hindu Yuva Vahini Divisional Incharge (Gorakhpur Division) - Rajeshwar Singh, HYV Delhi President - Rajiv Kumar, Delhi State Incharge - Uday Bhan Singh, Delhi State Incharge - Prempal Gupta and various other people.

The accused persons administered an oath to a large number of people inciting feelings of communal violence and hatred, creating enmity between different groups on the basis of religion. The accused speakers used inflammatory and provocative sentences while administering the oath, calling for killing of people in the name of religion if required.

Some of the sentences used by Mr. Suresh Chavhanke are listed below:

1. "We all take oath, give our word, make a resolution that until our last breath, we will make India a Hindu nation, keep it a Hindu only nation."

2. "We will fight and die and if required we will kill as well."
3. "We will not hesitate a bit to make any sacrifice at any cost."

Complete video of the oath administering event was shared by Mr. Suresh Chavhanke on his twitter handle - @SureshChavhanke and is also widely circulated by mainstream media, social media and his followers. The video of the abovesaid incident containing the hate speech can be accessed from the following link -

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1472508107905372161>

It is evident from all the statements mentioned above, that Mr. Suresh Chavhanke has given a violent communal speech, using inflammatory and provocative sentences, sufficient to create enmity between groups based on religion and to incite the feelings of communal violence amongst the participants and viewers.

Such actions of the accused persons amounts to cognizable offences under Sections 124A, 153A, 153B, 295A, 295A, 298, 505(1), 505(2) and 120 B of Indian Penal Code, 1860; Section 66A, 69, 59A Rule 3(2)(b), Rule 3(2)(i) of Information Technology Act, 2000; Section 2(f) , 10, 11, 12 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Section 5, 6, 11, 12, 16, 17, 19, 20 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and further also violates the Orders of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority.

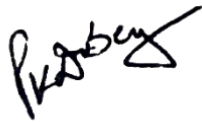
Also we are writing to you, after one week of the alleged incident, during which time no action has been taken in this regard.

Please take note that this is not the first time that Sudarshan TV's Chief Editor Suresh Chavhanke has made communal and irresponsible statements. He recently made remarks about minority community members "infiltrating" into the civil services and citing a conspiracy on increasing number of Muslims entering bureaucracy. Therefore, if stern action is not taken in this regard, it will set a precedent that he can get away with making hate speeches, which will be damaging to the very secular fabric and constitutional ethos of our nation.

It would also be pertinent to mention here that this event organized in Delhi on 19 December, 2021 is the second such communal event in one month, with the first one held at Haridwar from 17th - 19th December, 2021 by Yati Narasimhanand, a religious leader who has been accused in the past of inciting violence with his incendiary speeches. The said event was attended by several BJP leaders, religious leaders, and heads of Hindu organizations. The speakers at the Haridwar conclave "Dharma Sansad" organized at Ved Niketan Dham, made speeches openly advocating and encouraging violence against Muslims and Christians, invoking people to take up arms and even threatened to shoot a former Prime Minister of India. An FIR has been registered under Section 153A of the IPC (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion) against Jitendra Narayan Singh Tyagi, formerly known as Waseem Rizvi, and others, for the same.

It is therefore, most respectfully requested that, for upholding the principle of Rule of Law, kindly register an FIR against the speaker and organisers of the event and take appropriate legal action in the said case. We, the undersigned request to you to take strict legal action in this regard, at the earliest and thereby uphold the dignity of our Constitution.

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