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To,

The Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka Election Commission, Nirvachana Nilaya, Seshadri Road, Bengaluru



Sub: Criticizing our community as corrupt by congress leader Sri Siddaramaiah/Seeking stringent action.

Sir,

We are the advocates practicing in Bangalore city. We belong to Lingayat community.

It is the guidelines issued by Election Commission that during the Election, Political Leaders should not criticize any particular Community or Religion. In order to endeavor peace and harmony such guidelines have been formulated. Even during non election period also nobody should criticize any community.

However, to our utter dismay, Senior Congress Leader Sri Siddramaiah has given a statement at Mysore on 22/04/2023 that the Lingayat Chief Ministers are corrupt and they have spoiled the state. This is a hateful statement against Lingayat Community which specifies that Lingayat Chief Ministers are corrupt people.

This statement especially during Basava Jayanthi shows that Siddaramaiah has highest enmity with Lingayat.

This is a false statement. This has innumerably hurt the sentiments of each and every Ligayat. In fact our community chief ministers Basavaraj

Bommai and Yaddyurappa have done wonders to the state. During Bommai and Yaddyurappe state saw massive progress, even during Yaddyurappas period the state saw good development. Yaddyurappas period pasavaraj Bommai also we saw good development.

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The Congress leaders have the right to campaign, however they do not The Congress lead our community. Mr Siddaramaiah has degraded our community.

The said statement will certainly create law and order problem in the The said state which caused enmity, hatred and disharmony thereby disturbing public tranquility which attracts an offence under Section 153A of IPC.

Under these circumstances, we request you to take appropriate action against Congress leader, Sri Siddaramaiah and oblige.

Thanking you

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Regards, Encl:1. Video clip containing statement of Sri Sidaramaiah.