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Her Excellency Ms. Gaitri Issar Kumar
High Commissioner of India
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Regarding: The letter dated 10th December 2020, addressed to you by an anonymous individual, pretending to write on behalf of Indian Diaspora UK

Dear Your Excellency Ms Kumar,

I bring greetings to you via this letter from the Indian diaspora in the UK and welcome you to be our High commissioner.

Ma'am, I am Dr Manisha Maganji writing on behalf of the Indian diaspora that I will define further during the course of this letter.

It has come to our attention that an anonymous individual has written a letter to you, asking you to Suspend OCI and Visa of thirty-six named British Parliamentarians for anti-India activities.

First, let me acknowledge your wisdom in recognizing that this letter has no importance relating to its intended goal. At best it is a joke and underestimates the intellect of the HCI in knowing that it is a poor attempt to mislead you into believing that the writer represents Indians in the UK. The imposter writer has creatively designed a logo and letterhead with no registration number of any recognized organisation. More importantly there is no undersigned who is brave enough to take the responsibility of the huge allegations they tried making on enormously responsible British citizens. So, we can conclude that this is a letter written to fraudulently misrepresent UK Indians.

But then if the aforementioned letter is not important, why are the UK Indians writing this letter to you?

Here are our reasons:

1. UK is a democratic country. These 36 British citizens mentioned in the letter are chosen representatives of the British public. We as responsible British citizens ourselves, find it our responsibility to not allow an unknown individuals to slander our representatives 'in our name'!
2. Every individual in any democratic country has a right to express their opinion on various matters. We cannot not allow individuals to be penalised for expressing their voice or dissent of this government or any other world policies. Asking to suspend OCI and visas, is asking to take away their legitimate right to travel, because they expressed their opinion. Expressing opinion is neither interference in internal affairs of any country nor a crime.
3. Several Indians living in the UK have continuously expressed their anguish and dismay towards the exclusionary policies of the Indian government. These policies have not only perpetrated social divisions within India, but they have also come to sow seeds of animosity and hatred amongst the diasporas. The hate perpetrated by the Hindutva government towards its minorities has not gone unnoticed anywhere in the world. The Indian origin Parliamentarians in UK express the anguish of their Indian origin constituents. They also, as responsible political actors, stand strongly against the human rights violations occurring anywhere in the world including in India.
4. The letter has put very serious allegations on Mr. Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese who has been an advocate for human-rights and represents Slough, which is one of the largest settlements of people of Indian origin for several decades now. The allegations are poorly scripted, not evidence backed and hold no legal basis. The contents of the aforesaid letter are the very definition of rumour mongering and disturbing communal harmony among Indians and the larger British public, as we are all reflections of what we read, hear, and absorb. If prominent members of UK



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5. must face such toxic and baseless opposition for expressing their opinions, then it is not hard to imagine what an ordinary citizen is made to go through by the people who cannot tolerate a difference of opinion.

It is important for the HCI to recognise that the undersigned UK Indians are a large majority of Indians who wish to be identified for their endorsement of the constitution of India which promotes human rights, equality, and social justice, and has been upheld as a model constitution around the world.

It also important to discourage this kind of dishonest misrepresentation of UK Indians, maligning respectable British citizens and discredit goodwill of UK Indians by being the cause of discord among communities. Therefore, to ensure that people become aware that such misrepresentation will not be tolerated, we will release this letter for public circulation.

We hope that by this communication you will appreciate our eagerness to support the HCI. Our endeavours revolve around the wellbeing of India, UK, and the citizens of both our countries.

We look forward to an acknowledgement towards this communication from you.

Thank you and Best wishes of the season

Dr Janice Manisha Maganji

Signed on behalf of

The UK Indian Diaspora

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