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to newsdesk

Dear Sir

This is with reference to your email dated 22 May 2018, by which you have sent us a questionnaire concerning excerpts of some conversations allegedly held between personnel of Dainik Jagran and Cobrapost.

Though you have levelled serious allegations and made serious insinuations against Dainik Jagran, a reputed newspaper, based on these alleged conversations, you have not provided us with any material to indicate the authenticity of these alleged conversations. Further, you have provided incomplete conversations because of which the statements being attributed to the personnel of Dainik Jagran have no context and are also disconnected with the questions.

Hence, we can take this matter further only if we are provided with the complete, unedited and unabridged transcripts/recordings of the alleged conversations referred to in the questionnaire and subject to our forensically verifying their authenticity.

Also, with reference to your timeline of 2 days for the response, please appreciate that a period of 2 days (as provided in your email dated 22 May) is not enough for us to respond, especially because the information that you have provided is unverified and incomplete. It seems that you are attempting to sensationalize this whole affair, while wanting to put on a pretence of being fair to us and of following journalistic ethics.

That assuming, though not admitting, the contents of the Questionnaire to be true, Dainik Jagran does not subscribe to the alleged views expressed by the employees, if at all. Dainik Jagran is an independent and impartial publication uninfluenced by any extraneous factors and follows the principles and ethos of free and fair journalism to the core.

We thus call upon you to refrain from selectively publishing the transcripts/recordings of the conversations (or any part thereof) referred to in the questionnaire without first providing to us the unedited and unabridged transcripts/ recordings of the of the alleged conversations and seeking our view. Any such publication will not only be against fair journalistic ethics but will also be defamatory of us.

This is without prejudice to our rights, and we reserve our right to seek an appropriate remedy against your actions.

Regards

for JAGRAN PRAKASHAN LTD

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