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To

Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force
Government of Madhya Pradesh
Van Bhawan, Bhopal

Subject:- Intimidation, Coercion, and Obstruction of Official Duties by Hon'ble MLA

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Respected Sir,

I wish to place on record, with due seriousness, an incident that transpired on 16.08.2025 (Public Holiday) at the Forest Rest House, Balaghat involving Hon'ble MLA (Balaghat) Smt. Anubha Munjare.

At approximately 4PM, I was summoned to meet her at the FRH. Upon my arrival, in the presence of her personal staff, security personnel, and another woman, she made a direct demand for an illicit monetary gratification of "2-3 peti." She further remarked that, as her repeated messages through her Personal Assistant had not been entertained, she had chosen to confront me personally.

When I declined, reiterating that such practices are impermissible, she reacted with hostility. She resorted to intemperate and derogatory language directed not only at me but also at my family, and explicitly threatened that she would "take care of me" and ensure my removal from the district. She further extended her threats to all the Divisional Forest Officers of Balaghat district, declaring that none of us would be allowed to continue in our postings. She even threatened to launch a hunger strike and protest at the Bhopal headquarters to pressurize the administration into acceding to her demands.

It may be noted that my Division does not fall within the constituency of the Hon'ble MLA. Nevertheless, I attended the meeting at her behest, as it was convened at the Forest Rest House and I had every reason to believe that the discussion would pertain to official matters. Declining such an invitation outright could easily be misconstrued as arrogance or non-cooperation with a public representative.

As a Divisional Forest Officer, I had every reason to believe that a meeting with an elected representative at the Forest Rest House would pertain to official matters. I therefore attended with due courtesy and professionalism, which unfortunately was misused for intimidation and coercion.

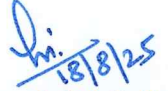
These threats and offensive remarks were subsequently reiterated outside in the verandah of the FRH, audibly in the presence of departmental staff, thereby compounding the humiliation. During this episode, she also hurled abusive and derogatory language at all IFS officers of Balaghat, making sweeping and defamatory statements against the service as a whole.

During the exchange, her Personal Assistant also engaged in abusive conduct. When I requested that he maintain decorum, he asserted that he was not merely her PA but also her nephew. I made it clear that my official interaction was with the elected representative in her constitutional capacity and not with members of her entourage.

It is pertinent to note that the Hon'ble MLA has established a reputation for exerting pressure on officers through aggressive posturing, orchestrated media campaigns, and unfounded allegations raised in public forums, including the Vidhan Sabha. Similar instances of harassment of officers from other departments in the district are well known.

This incident, therefore, constitutes a grave attempt at intimidation, coercion, and obstruction of lawful official functioning.

I am formally bringing this matter to your attention and request appropriate intervention to safeguard the dignity of service, ensure my personal security, and prevent further impediment to departmental responsibilities.


Yours faithfully,
Neha Srivastava
Divisional Forest Officer
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3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Balaghat
4. District Collector, Balaghat
5. Superintendent of Police, Balaghat


Yours faithfully,
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