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Shri Milind Bharambe IPS,
Commissionair of Police, Navi Mumbai.
Opp. RBI, Sector 10, CBD Belapur
Navi Mumbai 400614.

Sub: Preventive Action Against proposed Hate Rallies and Hate Speeches in Navi Mumbai, by Sakal Hindu Samaj Navi Mumbai and Stopping their Proposed Hindu Jan Akrosh Morcha on 26th February, 2023, in Navi Mumbai.

Dear Shri. Bharambe,

I write to you with concern. There have been increasing incidents of hate speeches and hate rallies in Mumbai and in many cities and towns across Maharashtra and it feels as if the police are not concerned. Due to this apathy on part of the law enforcement agencies concerned citizens are forced to appeal to the Higher Courts for redress and for enforcement of the laws of the land and for the implementation of the several orders passed by the highest courts of the land.

Speaking at a preliminary hearing of an appeal seeking the SC's order to stop the proposed rally of the Hindu Janakrosh Morcha in Mumbai on 5th February, the Justices lamented that "no one is taking action despite our passing orders." This refers to the SC's orders passed against instances of Hate Speech on October 21, 2022 asking Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand Governments to clamp down on hate speech and register criminal offences without waiting for complaints to be filed. The apathy and disregard displayed by law enforcement agencies to their order is what the justices were lamenting about. It is shameful that 75 years since independence the police prefer to serve political bosses rather than the Constitution and the law of the land. I know that this trend of unchecked hate speeches has caused a great deal of concern, anxiety and a sense of insecurity amongst all the minorities, yet despite previous instances of such rallies being used to amplify the hate campaign and add fuel to fire, the police prefer to turn a blind eye and for some strange reason allow such rallies a free reign.

The petition filed in the SC states that, 'In the hate rally held by Sakal Hindu Samaj in Mumbai on 29th January several provocative speeches inciting violence against minorities in general and Muslims in particular were made. A BJP Member of the Legislative Assembly, T. Raja Singh gave open calls to Kill Muslims, similar to those given in the various *Dharma Sansads*, now the hate campaign is targetting Mumbai and Maharashtra, unfortunately we do not see police action against such blatant cases of criminal nature. The Supreme Courts orders in the Gaurakshak Mob Lynching Case has given enough power and instructions to the police to act independently, accordingly, kindly perform your duty as per your oath to our Constitution. If timely action of prosecuting those indulging in inciting hate is not taken by the police Suo Moto as ordered by the SC, us law abiding citizens will be forced to appeal to the court to punish you for abdicating your duty and disregarding the court's orders. Please act. Do your duty honestly. Stop this reign of Hate.

With faith in the Navi Mumbai Police.

Yours Sincerely,

Tushar A. Gandhi. Mumbai.

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