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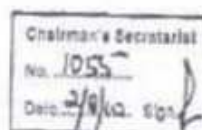
Dear *Shri Kalmadi,*

Please refer to my D.O. letter No. 19/Secy(SP)/2010 dated 11th February, 2010 in which I had brought to your notice a disturbing report in the Indian Express (Delhi Edition) dated 10th February, 2010 regarding the alleged involvement of Shri T.S. Darbari, Joint Director General in the Organizing Committee (OC) in a case under the Customs Act. The Commonwealth Games being a prestigious national event and the alleged involvement of a Senior Officer of the Organizing Committee in a matter such as this, would be highly detrimental to the reputation of the Games and therefore, I had advised you that Shri Darbari who was reported to be in-charge of Revenue Marketing and Chairman Secretariat be relieved immediately of all his charges.

2. Subsequently, by D.O. letter No. 1/4/JS (ISD)/2010 dated 20th April, 2010, Joint Secretary in my Department had also written to Chief Executive Officer, Organizing Committee, in the context of my earlier letter and advised that Shri Darbari who had been deputed for a visit to Australia with the Queen's Baton Relay may be withdrawn from the team touring Australia while the case regarding the alleged irregularities under the Customs Act was still pending. Further by DO letter No. 70 - 22/2010 CWG dated 23rd April, 2010, Joint Secretary, Department of Sports had again advised that Shri Darbari, in the light of his alleged involvement, in the Customs case, should not have been sent to Australia on official work without prior approval of this Ministry. A further letter from Joint Secretary, Department of Sports, dated 28th April, 2010 had reiterated the same concern.

3. However, by letter dated 29th April, 2010, you had informed us that since there is no case or charge against Shri Darbari by the Customs Authority the question of divesting him of his charges in OC does not arise. Revenue Department has now informed us that on the basis of the details furnished by the passenger, summons were issued to Shri T.S. Darbari in the given address but Shri Darbari expressed his inability to appear at Cochin on medical grounds. His request for recording his statement at Delhi was acceded to and his statement was recorded by Suptd. Customs, New Delhi on 05.04.2010. Further investigation is in progress to check the veracity of the statement of Shri Darbari.

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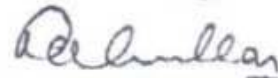
4. The print and electronic media have recently highlighted inter-alia the alleged involvement of Shri T.S. Darbari and Dr. Sanjay Mohindroo, DDO (Marketing & Technology) OC in some alleged irregularities in payments to a UK Company for services provided for the launch of Queen's Baton Relay in London in October, 2009. This matter has been referred to the Government by the HM Revenue and Customs Department of the UK, through the Indian High Commission in London.

5. You will appreciate that with the Commonwealth Games just two months away, matters such as the above, raise questions about the standards of probity and integrity of officers in the OC. They tarnish the image of the Games and adversely affect its credibility.

6. I would, therefore, again strongly advise you that the above two officers should be immediately relieved of all their duties in the Organizing Committee and the Government informed accordingly.

with regards

Yours sincerely,



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