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Without prejudice

REPLY TO THE LEGAL NOTICE

(On behalf of Mr. Prashant Kishor)

To,

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September 27, 2025

Subject: reply to your legal notice dated 23.09.2025 received on

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Dear Sir,

This is a reply to your legal notice dated 23.09.2025, received on 23.09.2025, on behalf of my client, Mr. Prashant Kishor, which is categorically rejected as entirely misconceived and without merit. It appears that your client

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has not disclosed the true facts, which has led to the wrongful issuance of the legal notice.

The legal notice sent on behalf your client is a classic example of how politicians with chequered reputations attempt to misuse the law to cover their misdeeds. This notice is nothing but a desperate attempt of your client to misuse the legal machinery to silence legitimate political questions raised in good faith for public interest by my client.

In para 01 to 04 of your legal notice, statements in praise of your client have been made to glorify his image as if your client is self-congratulating himself and patting his own back. However, the reality is otherwise which is well-known to the people of Bihar.

It has been stated in praise of your client that due to his exceptional leadership abilities, your client was elected as an MLA and minister at a young age of 31 years in the year 2000. However, it is well-known that your client is the son of late Shri Mahavir Choudhary who was a member of the INC throughout his political life and was multiple times elected as an MLA which makes it amply clear that your client got the ticket from the INC for the Bihar State Legislative Assembly Election in the year 2000 not due to any leadership ability but solely because of his father was a seasoned congressman. It is relevant to mention that the INC and as its candidate your client had contested the Bihar Legislative Assembly Election in the year 2000 by raising various issues against the Rashtriya Janta Dal (RJD) (the then ruling party in Bihar). However, when the occasion came for becoming a minister in exchange of giving support to the same Rashtriya Janta Dal (RJD) for forming government, your client along with the other MLAs of the INC grabbed the opportunity with both hands and became a minister in the Government led by the Rashtriya Janta Dal (RJD). The same speaks volume about the political integrity and character of your client yet your client in the notice proudly states that he became a minister at a young age of 31

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in the year 2000 but forgets to mention about the somersault which he along with his party INC and other MLAs of the INC made in order to become a minister and become a part of the Government even after the fractured mandate given by the people of Bihar in the year 2000 Bihar State Legislative Assembly Election clearly indicating their wish to oust the then ruling party from power.

Thereafter, in 2013 your client became the chief of the Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee but unlike his father (late Shri Mahavir Choudhary), who was committed to the INC and was elected multiple times as MLA, your client was suspended in 2018 by the INC after which he switched to the Janta Dal (United) [JD(U)] along with three other Members of Legislative Council (MLCs) of the INC. The aforesaid facts are well-documented media reports (readily accessible across fora) which speaks volume about the political character and integrity of your client.

From the aforementioned, it becomes clear that the so-called political character and integrity of your client is already in tatters amongst the general public due to his own actions. The lesser said about his political character and integrity, the better it is for him. The public standing of your client, as tainted and chequered by his party-hopping, opportunism, questionable dealings and actions, cannot by any stretch of imagination be equated with a reputation worth ₹100 crores; such a claim is nothing but an exercise in self-glorification and a worthless attempt to stifle public discourse on corruption, which is a matter of legitimate concern.

While four full paragraphs (para no.-01 to 04) of your notice are dedicated to effusive praise of your client, a mere three paragraphs, replete with vague and evasive statements, are offered in response to the serious issues raised by my client Mr. Prashant Kishor which highlights the imbalance that underscores the hollowness of the explanation provided by your client.

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Since your client is shying away from giving any detailed explanation which he as a Member of Legislative Council & Minister of the State Government owes at least to the People of Bihar if not to my client, the relevant details/information received to my client (Mr. Prashant Kishor) from various people/sources are set out herein below for your client's benefit though it appears your client prefers to hide behind vague assertions rather than facing the facts:-

1. Yogendra Kumar Dutt, erstwhile personal secretary of Mr. Ashok Choudhary, bought three pieces of land, admeasuring total 39 decimals, falling under different plots corresponding to different Khatas situated at Mauza-Arap, Thana- Bikram, District-Patna, Tauji- Saamilat, Thana no.- 96 for consideration of Rs. - 17,48,000/- vide deed no.- 8054 dated 02.08.2019 from Subodh Kumar, Alok Kumar and Rajiv Ranjan. Details are hereinbelow: -

Sl. No.	Vendor	Vendee	Anchal	Khata	Plot	Rakba	
1.	1. Subodh Kumar	Yogendra Kumar Dutt	Bikram	525	4211	5 Dec.	
	2. Alok Kumar			273	4212	16 Dec.	
	3. Rajiv Ranjan			510	4213	18 Dec.	
	Deed No.		8054		Date of Reg.	02.08.2019	Consideration

2. Yogendra Kumar Dutt, erstwhile personal secretary of Mr. Ashok Choudhary, bought three pieces of land, admeasuring total 37.2 decimals, falling under different plots corresponding to different Khatas situated at Mauza -Arap, Thana- Bikram, District-Patna, Tauji- Saamilat, Thana no.- 96 for consideration of Rs. - 16,68,000/- vide deed no.- 8427 dated 14.08.2019 from Subodh Kumar, Alok Kumar and Rajiv Ranjan. Details are hereinbelow: -

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Sl. No.	Vendor	Vendee	Anchal	Khata	Plot	Rakba	
1.	1. Subodh Kumar	Yogendra Kumar Dutt	Bikram	525	4211	3.2 Dec.	
	2. Alok Kumar			273	4212	16 Dec.	
	3. Rajiv Ranjan			510	4213	18 Dec.	
	Deed No.	8427		Date of Reg.	14.08.2019	Consideration	16.68 Lacs

3. Shambhavi (Smt. Shambhavi Choudhary), who is daughter of Ashok Choudhary, bought the aforesaid lands, total 76.2 decimal approx., from Yogendra Kumar Dutt for so-called consideration of Rs. 34,14,000/- vide Deed No.- 2705 dated 21.02.2021. Details are hereinbelow: -

Sl. No.	Vendor	Vendee	Anchal	Khata	Plot	Rakba	
1.	Yogendra Kumar Dutt	Shambhavi	Bikram	525	4211	8.2 Dec.	
				273	4212	32 Dec.	
				510	4213	36 Dec.	
	Deed No.	2705		Date of Reg.	21.02.2021	Consideration	34.14 Lacs

4. It is relevant to mention that in Deed No.- 2705 dated 21.02.2021, it is written that the Vendee (Shambhavi) has paid full consideration money (Rs. 34,14,000/-) to the vendor (Yogendra Kumar Dutt) before the execution of the deed through different Cheque/D.D./&Cash without giving the details of the Cheque and D.D. and relevant dates of money transaction.
5. However, as per the statement of the SBI Account bearing no.- 11436902887 of Yogendra Kumar Dutt, Rs. 10,00,000/- was transferred from the bank account of Shambhavi on 20.02.2021 but as per the information received by my client from local

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persons/sources, the rest amount was not paid either through Cheque/D.D./Cash. It is only when the Income Tax Department sent a notice to Shambhavi seeking explanation about the payment of only Rs. 10,00,000/- for the properties worth Rs. 34,14,000/- as per the deed whereafter on 27.04.2025, Rs. 25,00,000/- was transferred to the same SBI account of Yogendra Kumar Dutt which clearly shows that it was falsely stated in Deed No.- 2705 dated 21.02.2021 that Shambhavi (Vendee) has paid full consideration money to Yogendra Kumar Dutt (vendor) and the same also stands admitted by your client in para 07 of your legal notice that part payment which was due also found a mention under the list of liabilities in the same election affidavit.

6. It is worth mentioning that as per the Deed No.- 2705 dated 21.02.2021, the age of Shambhavi is 23 years and as per the information available in the public domain, she was a student at the relevant time and was not in any job/profession before assuming the office of Member of Parliament in June, 2024. Thus, at the time of buying the properties, she had no legitimate source of income despite which as per the deed full consideration money of Rs. 34,14,000/- was paid to Yogendra Kumar Dutt before the execution of the deed for acquiring the said properties. Even the so-called part payment Rs. 25,00,000/- paid on 27.04.2025 cannot be reconciled with the income of the check period of Shambhavi as a Member of Parliament from June, 2024 onwards.
7. Moreover, the said properties were bought by Yogendra Kumar Dutt in 2019 for total consideration of Rs. 34,16,000/- but despite inflation in market rate of properties, the said properties were sold at a lesser amount for Rs. 34,14,000/- to Shambhavi after a gap of two years in 2021.

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8. The same clearly reflects that Yogendra Kumar Dutt and Shambhavi are merely a name lender and the said properties are benami properties acquired from the ill-gotten money of your client Ashok Choudhary acquired from unknown/illegitimate source of income abusing his position as public servant in the capacity of MLA/MLC/Minister in the State Government.

9. Now coming to your client's wife, namely, Smt. Neeta Keshkar Choudhary. Smt. Neeta Keshkar Choudhary through Deed no.-2939 dated 15.02.2021 registered on 24.02.2021 bought the entire First Floor of Ambition Ojha Plaza building, having super-built-up area of 2834.81 Sq.ft, pertaining to cadastral survey Plot No.-243, Khata no.-292 situated in Mauza Moharrampur (Dariyapur), situated at Rajendra Path, mohalla Kadamkuan, Pargana Azimabad, P.S.-Kadamkuan, Town & District- Patna for a consideration of Rs. 1,55,91,455/-. Details are hereinbelow: -

Sl. No.	Vendor	Vendee	Anchal	Khata	Plot	Rakba	
1.	1. Dilip Kumar Mittal 2. Rakesh Kumar Agrawal (Directors of M/s Ambition Homes Pvt. Ltd.)	Mrs. Neeta Keshkar Choudhary	Patna Sadar	292	243	Super-built-up area of 2834.81 Sq.ft,	
	Deed No.	2939		Date of Reg.	24.02.2021	Consideration	Rs. 1,55,91,455/-

10. Smt. Neeta Keshkar Choudhary through Deed no.- 10846 registered on 20.07.2022 for a huge consideration of Rs. 3,44,41,000/- bought Shop no.- G-01 (Western Part of Shop No.- G-01A) at the ground floor of "ABC Tower" having carpet area 1713 sq.ft. corresponding

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to around 2352 Sq.ft. super built up area (equivalent to 2.09 Decimal proportionate area/share of land) pertaining to Cadastral Survey Plot No.- 134, Khata no.-478 situated at Mauza Dhakanpura, Boring Road, P.S.-Buddha Colony, Town & District-Patna. Details are hereinbelow: -

Sl. No.	Vendor	Vendee	Anchal	Khata	Plot	Rakba	
1.	1. Dilip Kumar Mittal 2. Rakesh Kumar Agrawal (Directors of M/s Ambition Homes Pvt. Ltd.)	Mrs. Neeta Keshkar Choudhary	Patna Sadar	478	134	1713 sq.ft. corresponding to around 2352 Sq.ft. super built up area (equivalent to 2.09 Decimal proportionate area/share of land)	
	Deed No.	10846		Date of Reg.	20.07.2022	Consideration	Rs. 3,44,41,000/-

11. That it is relevant to mention that though in Deed No.-2939 dated 15.02.2021 registered on 24.02.2021, Smt. Neeta Keshkar Choudhary has mentioned the name of her husband (Mr. Ashok Choudhary) but in Deed no.- 10846 registered on 20.07.2022, Smt. Neeta Keshkar Choudhary has mentioned the name of her father Mr. Gopal Rao Keskar and not given the name of her husband Mr. Ashok Choudhary. Moreover, her address in the both the aforesaid deeds are also different due to which the transactions appears to be suspicious.

12. That my client has received information from local people/sources that Smt. Neeta Keshkar Choudhary does not have any legitimate source of income proportional to the huge amount of money spent to buy the aforesaid properties from which it appears that the ill-gotten money of your client Ashok Choudhary has been used by him to acquire the aforesaid properties on the name of his wife Smt.

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Neeta Keshkar Choudhary who is merely a name lender and the said properties are benami properties of your client Ashok Choudhary. Moreover, Smt. Neeta Keshkar Choudhary is an accused in Case No. RC 16(A) of 2012/Special Case No.-9 of 2012 instituted by the C.B.I. in which cognizance of the offences was taken by the Special Judge, CBI-I, Patna against Smt. Neeta Keshkar Choudhary which was set aside by the Hon'ble Patna High Court vide judgment dated 19.04.2016 in Cr. Misc. No.-38522 of 2014. However, the State of Bihar through CBI challenged the said judgment before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Diary No.- 17683/2017 in which vide order dated 31.02.2017 the Hon'ble Supreme Court directed for interim suspension of the impugned judgment dated 19.04.2016 until further orders.

13. Smt. Shambhavi Choudhary who is the daughter of your client Mr. Ashok Choudhary is married to Saayan Kunal (Son of late Kishore Kunal & Smt. Anita Kunal). As per the information available in public domain, the engagement ceremony took place in February, 2022 and marriage took place in November, 2022.
14. Interestingly, around the same time period, properties worth of crores have been bought in the name of Anita Kunal (mother of Saayan Kunal), Saayan Kunal and in the name of Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nyas) of which Smt. Anita Kunal is the treasurer and Saayan Kunal is a member. Though my client Mr. Prashant Kishor has not made any allegation directly against Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nyas). However, the circumstances and time period when the transactions under question have taken place itself casts shadow of doubt over the said transactions prima facie indicating that ill gotten money acquired by your client as a public servant by misusing his position as an MLA/ MLC/ Minister has

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been invested to buy benami properties on behalf of Anita Kunal, Saayan Kunal and Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nyas).

15. Smt. Anita Kunal & Shri. Saayan Kunal vide Deed No.- 7380 registered on 20.05.2022 bought Shop No.- G-01A, (Eastern Part of Shop No.-G-01) at the ground floor of the building "ABC Tower" having carpet area 1705 sq.ft. corresponding to around 2340 sq.ft. super built-up area (equivalent to 2.07 Decimal) for a huge consideration money of Rs. 3,44,41,000/-. Details are hereinbelow:

Sl. No.	Vendor	Vendee	Anchal	Khata	Plot	Rakba	
1.	Rakesh Kumar Agrawal (Director of M/s Ambition Homes Pvt. Ltd.)	Mrs. Anita Kunal & Mr. Saayan Kunal	Patna Sadar	478	134	1705 sq.ft. corresponding to around 2340 sq.ft. super built-up area (equivalent to 2.07 Decimal)	
	Deed No.	7380		Date of Reg.	20.05.2022	Consideration	Rs. 3,44,41,000/-

16. It is relevant to mention here that as mentioned in para 10 of this reply, Smt. Neeta Keshkar Choudhary has bought the Shop no.- G-01 (Western Part of Shop No.- G-01A) at the ground floor of "ABC Tower" vide Deed no.- 10846 registered on 20.07.2022 for identical amount of Rs. 3,44,41,000/- and both the transactions took place between the dates of engagement and marriage of your client's daughter Shambhavi Chaoudhary and Saayan Kunal.

17. Various properties worth of crores have been acquired in the name of Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nyas) of which Smt. Anita Kunal is the treasurer and Saayan Kunal is a member around the time period to the engagement and marriage of your client's daughter Shambhavi Choudhary with Saayan Kunal. Details of such properties are as follows: -

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- (i) Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nayas) through its administrator, Smt. Anita Kunal bought piece and parcel of land with double storied old pucca house measuring an area of 771.11 sq.yard, i.e., around 5.1 kathas equivalent to 15.78125 decimals in which constructed thereon 2000 sq.ft. on ground floor and 2000 sq.ft. on the first floor i.e., total constructed area – 4000 sq.ft. for Rs. 5,50,00,000/- situated at prime location Sri Krishnapuri south, P.S.-Sri Krishnapuri, Town & District- Patna. Details are hereinbelow: -

Sl. No.	Vendor	Vendee	Anchal	Khata	Plot	Rakba	
1.	Smt. Malini Prasad	Maanviya Vibhav Vikash Nyas through its administrators Smt. Anita Kunal	Patna Sadar		139(D)	5.1 kathas	
	Deed No.	5547		Date of Reg.	28.03.2021	Consideration	Rs. 5,50,00,000/-

- (ii) Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nayas) through its administrator, Smt. Anita Kunal bought piece and parcel of land measuring an area of 4 kathas 3 Dhur 17 Dhurki situated at Mauza – Rupaspur, Anchal – Danapur, District- Patna. Details are hereinbelow: -

Sl. No.	Vendor	Vendee	Anchal	Khata	Plot	Rakba	
1.	1. Smt. Rita Lall 2. Amber Lall	Maanviya Vibhav Vikash Nyas through its administrators Smt. Anita Kunal	Danapur	423	362	4 kathas 3 Dhur 17 Dhurki (equivalent to 13.10 decimals)	
	Deed No.	6940		Date of Reg.	12.05.2022	Consideration	Rs. 3,40,30,000/-

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- (iii) Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nayas) through its treasurer, Smt. Anita Kunal bought piece and parcel of land measuring an area of 7.02 kathas equivalent to 21.9375 decimals in which constructed thereon 2650 sq.ft. RCC on Ground Floor, 1570 sq.ft. RCC on 1st floor and 1890 sq.ft. Asbestos roof with boundary wall situated at Mauza – Patliputra Colony, Anchal – Patna Sadar, District- Patna. Details are hereinbelow: -

Sl. No.	Vendor	Vendee	Anchal	Khata	Plot	Rakba	
1.	Anil Lal	Maanviya Vibhav Vikash Nyas through its treasurer Smt. Anita Kunal	Patna Sadar		Part of sub plot no. 125	7.02 kathas (equivalent to 21.9375 Decimals)	
	Deed No.	10512		Date of Reg.	14.07.2022	Consideration	Rs. 7,20,00,000/-

- (iv) Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nayas) through its administrator/treasurer, Smt. Anita Kunal bought land measuring an area of 9 Kathas 13 Dhur 6 Dhurki equivalent to 13201 Sq.ft. or 30.31 decimals along with G+1 storied building construction thereupon consisting 2285 sq.ft. on ground floor and 2285 sq.ft. on first floor having total constructed area 4570 sq.ft. having society plot no. 196, situated at Mauza – Mainpura, at present Patliputra Colony, Anchal – Patna Sadar, District- Patna. At present also construction work is going on in the said building. Details are hereinbelow: -

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Sl. No.	Vendor	Vendee	Anchal	Khata	Plot	Rakba	
1.	Smt. Swati Bhattacharya Patial	Maanviya Vibhav Vikash Nyas through its administrator / treasurer Smt. Anita Kunal	Patna Sadar		196	9 Kathas 13 Dhur 6 Dhurki (equivalent to 13201 Sq.ft. or 30.31 decimals)	
	Deed No.	10651		Date of Reg.	18.07.2022	Consideration	Rs. 15,50,00,000/-

- (v) Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nayas) through its administrator, Smt. Anita Kunal bought piece and parcel of commercial land measuring an area of 10 Kathas 17 Dhur with construction G+1 residential house admeasuring an area 5600 sq.ft. situated at Mauza – Rupaspur, Anchal – Danapur, District- Patna. Details are hereinbelow: -

Sl. No.	Vendor	Vendee	Anchal	Khata	Plot	Rakba	
1.	1. Ratneshwar Prasad 2. Vireshwar Prasad 3. Rita Lal 4. Rina Prasad	Maanviya Vibhav Vikash Nyas through its administrator Smt. Anita Kunal	Danapur	423 444 444	362 363 364	11.458 Dec. 11.458 Dec. 11.458 Dec. Total – 34.3740 Dec.	
	Deed No.	6941		Date of Reg.	12.05.2022	Consideration	Rs. 8,89,70,000/-

18.As per the information received to my client from local people / sources, long prior to the engagement and marriage of your client's daughter Shambhavi Choudhary with Saayan Kunal, such expensive properties were not being bought in the name of Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nayas).

19. It is surprising that how Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nayas) started buying such expensive properties during and around

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the time period of the engagement and wedding of your client's daughter with Saayan Kunal who is a member of the Nyas as well as son of Anita Kunal who is treasurer of the said Nyas.

20. From the aforesaid facts and circumstances, it prima facie appears that ill-gotten money earned by your client from illicit sources as public servant while occupying the position of MLA/MLC/Minister in the State Government has been used to acquire the aforesaid properties in the name of Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nayas) which prima facie appears to be merely a name lender and the properties appears to be benami properties of your client Mr. Ashok Choudhary. However, your client as well as members of the Maanviya Vibhav Vikas Nyas (MVV Nayas) are at liberty to dispel the prima facie general perception of the public that the properties bought on the name of Nyas are benami properties of your client by placing on record in the public domain the information and source of funds used to acquire the aforesaid properties.

It is relevant to mention here that as per the information received to my client from local people/sources, the properties in question have been documented at an undervalued price much lower than the actual prevalent market price as per which the total valuation of the said properties goes beyond Rs. 200 crores.

My client Mr. Prashant Kishor is the sutradhaar of the Jan Suraj Party which has emerged as the main party in opposition in the State of Bihar raising various issues of public importance and misgovernance including blatant corruption rampant amongst the government officials and politicians.

The benami transactions and questionable dealings of your client were already being discussed and debated by the public in the society. When the information regarding the same was received to my client from various

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people/sources, my client being the founder of Jan Suraj Party, considered it as his obligation towards the People of Bihar to highlight large-scale acquisition of benami properties worth hundreds of crores by your Client Mr. Ashok Choudhary from the illegal proceeds acquired by him in the capacity of a public servant abusing the office of MLA/MLC/Minister in the State Government.

In a democracy, public leader like my client has the freedom of speech and expression guaranteed by Article 19(1) (a) of the Constitution of India to make comments in good faith and for public good on corruption and maladministration in public life by a public servant like your client which does not amount to defamation, as it is made in larger public interest. Recently, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has also made observations (orally) in the proceedings of a case [*Foundation For Independent Journalism v. Amita Singh*, Diary No.- 47139-2025 & *Ajoy Ashirvad Mahaprashashta v. Amita Singh*, Diary No.- 47135-2025 (information readily accessible across fora)] that the time has come to decriminalise defamation.

The claim made in the notice that my client held the press conference on 19.09.2025 making allegations against your client due to being issued notice a day before by the Competent Court in Complaint Case No.- 6989(C)/2025 filed by your client is completely baseless and rejected in entirety. My client is a law-abiding citizen and he will follow the legal procedures with regard Complaint Case No.- 6989 (C)/2025 filed alleging defamation by your client on frivolous and baseless ground.

It was expected from your client to provide an explanation with details rather your client chose to send this legal notice in which mere three paragraphs containing vague statement without referring to any specific date, amount and details of properties which itself shows that your client is running away from giving any explanation rather he intends to threaten my client by way

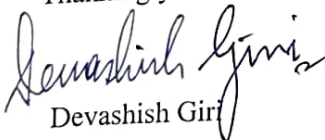
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of sending this legal notice which casts doubt on your client's intentions and raises further suspicion about the transactions under question.

My client firmly states that his statements were made in good faith and in public good without personal malice under the exercise of his freedom of speech and expression in a democracy criticising your client's questionable dealings while occupying the position of MLA/MLC/Minister of the State Government which invites heightened public scrutiny. The statements of my client do not fall under the category of defamatory statements rather the statements fall under purview of freedom of speech and expressions and the exceptions to the offence of defamation under S.356 of the BNS.

In light of the above, the notice is respectfully rejected in its entirety and it is unequivocally asserted that there has been no defamation or damage caused by the statements of my client. Your client is urged to reconsider this futile course of action in engineering and pursuing misconceived legal notices and if he takes proper legal advice then he will understand that there is no ground for initiating any civil or criminal action against my client and, if initiated the same is bound to fail in the Court of Law after which my client will be at liberty to initiate proceeding of malicious prosecution against your client.

Thanking you


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