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SUBJECT: YOUR EXPULSION FROM THE FCC WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

The Governing Committee has considered your reply, and finds that:

1. Of the eight people you claim to be with you, two have disassociated themselves with your dubious methods to destabilise the FCC, and attended the GC meeting at the FCC on October 7, 2024. They say they were forced to sign your so-called Resolution whose contents they were not even shown, and did not know.
2. One of the eight did not renew his membership, which had expired in March 2024. So, he is not eligible to vote or sign any Resolution.
3. This brings down your so-called majority down to five and, therefore, a minority.
4. In any case, your so-called meeting is not valid as per the FCC Constitution and Byelaws, which mandate that only the President has the authority to call a GC meeting. You have appointed yourselves as Interim President. This positions does not exist!
5. Besides, your claim that you were not told that it is the FCC's turn to host the IAPC Assembly this year. This was clearly stated by FCC Secretary Mr Prakash Nanda in the AGM of July 20, 2024, whose proceedings were duly videographed, and shared with you and circulated. The Secretary had clearly stated that the FCC may incur a maximum expenditure of Rs three lakhs. The AGM had approved it.
6. Your claim that money is being spent in the name of the FCC hosting the IAPC Assembly is blatantly false. Not a paisa has been spent on it so far.
7. Your letter to the IAPC General Secretary and some member clubs of the IAPC claiming that the President and Vice-President had misused the funds allocated for hosting the IAPC Assembly in New Delhi is also false, and has caused a lot of damage to the FCC and to the President and Vice-President, who are veteran journalists highly regarded by the journalistic community at home and abroad.
8. It is preposterous that you are calling an AGM on October 19, 2024. You have no authority to do so. Only the President has the power to call an AGM after giving a two-week due notice.
9. We already had an AGM on July 20, 2024. If you want an AGM, a required number pf FC Members, as stipulated in the FCC Constitution, should submit a written request to the President with valid reasons for calling such an AGM. He will then call an AGM after due consideration.
10. In view of the above, the GC hereby expels you with immediate effect.

S Venkat Narayan

President