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Iqbal Singh Lalpura
Chairperson



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National Commission For Minorities

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Dear Sh. Thakur,

I am writing to you about a very serious matter which has wounded the sentiments of the Buddhist community in particular and also hurt the sentiments of a large section of the society. This is in reference to the wrongful portrayal on media about an incident which took place in Dharamshala on 28th February, 2023 at an event involving His Holiness Dalai Lama and a young child.

2. Particularly, the manner in which the matter has been represented by the TV channels/Social media has caused much pain to the Minority community who have held protest on 14th April and a mass rally on 17th April, 2023 in Ladakh and the Autonomous Hill Council have even passed a resolution against allowing access to some media to their locality. Widespread protests have also been held in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, North Bengal, Karnataka, Chandigarh, Jammu, Goa and parts of Delhi. It is clear that some vested interests have acted with malafide intention to defame His Holiness Dalai Lama. This apprehension is strengthened by the fact that the negative campaign on media has appeared nearly one and half month (mid April) after the alleged incident (28th February, 2023).

3. India has a long tradition of maintaining utmost respect for all the Dharma Gurus and the Commission has strongly condemn the disrespectful and derogatory content on the media regarding the above mentioned incident. In light of the above, it is requested that suitable guidelines may be issued to regulate content put out by the media without proper knowledge and verification, particularly involving the religious leaders.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(Iqbal Singh Lalpura)

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