



6/3/07

To,
The Hon. Rly. Minister
Rly Bhavan, N. Delhi.

Sub :- information regarding the discrimination among the Rly. victims under the Terrorist Activities.

Sir,

We are shocked and surprised to read the news in almost every reading New Paper that for the Mumbai Blast Victims Rs. Five Lacs was awarded as compensation while in Samjhota Express the compensation was awarded to Rs. Ten Lacs.

Please take note that both the incident falls under the same footing in terrorist activities and why such discrimination was made from one to another point.

Please take a serious note act being the alert citizen we have a right to know the govt. policy in the matter.

Hoping the urgent reply and information in the matter.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

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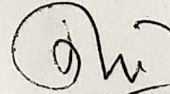
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Sub: Compensation/ex-gratia to next of kin of the victims of fire incident in Samjhauta Express.

With reference to your letter dated 6.3.2007 on the above mentioned subject addressed to the Hon'ble Railway Minister, it is stated that Railways grant compensation for deaths/injuries occurring to bona fide passengers who become victims of rail accidents or other untoward incidents. The amount of compensation in case of death is Rs 4 lakhs, which is payable after a decree in this regard is passed by the Railway Claims Tribunal.

Apart from compensation, Railways also disburse ex-gratia at the rate of Rs. 15,000/- in case of death. However, in certain major train accidents/untoward incidents the amount of ex-gratia may be enhanced by the Railway Minister. Thus in case of Mumbai blasts, the amount of ex-gratia was enhanced to Rs 5 lakhs and in the instant case it has been enhanced to Rs 10 lakhs.

Yours faithfully


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Date : 20.06.1015

To
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Subject : Justice to Mumbai Railway blast victims July 2006.

Respected Sir,

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We being a NGO having deep concern for the victims who caught in the terrorists blast in Mumbai at Western Railway in July 2006. The innocent victims were travelling through First Class compartment. The Railway Department which was headed by the then Railway Minister Mr. Laloo Prasad Yadav had granted Rs.5 lakhs to the family members of Mumbai blast victims. The same Ministry granted Rs.10 lakhs to the victims caught in the parallel incident of terrorists blast took place at Samzouta Express. We being a sensitive social worker noticed the lacuna in process adopted by the Railway authority while granting less compensation to the Mumbaikar victims. In fact the victims caught in Mumbai terrorist blast were travelling in First class Railway compartment who paid 10 times more ticket fare. The Railway department had to consider the insurance aspect proportionate to the first class ticket holders of Mumbai while granting them compensation. The most important thing is the principle of equality as quoted in Constitution of India. The grounds of these two incidents were one and same i.e. terrorists attack. Samzouta express and local train of Western Railway Mumbai both comes under the administrative jurisdiction of one and the same Ministry i.e. Railway Ministry. The density of sorrow is same in the mind of family members of victims caught in terrorists attack took place in Samzouta Express and Western Railway local train. The emotions of family members cannot be

diversified in one and same incidence of terrorists blast took place in Samzouta Express and in local train of Mumbai. There should be no different criteria of sanctioning compensation in one and same incidence of terrorist blast.

We feel that the then Railway Minister respected Shri Laloo Prasad Yadav had given peculiar type of directives to the concerned Railway officers to apply different type of parameter to one and the same incidence of bomb blast. There is a smell of communal attitude adopted by the then Railway Minister because in Mumbai bomb blast case the victims were maximum Hindus and the victims caught in Samzouta Express are belongs to different religion. The citizens Mumbai express their views before us that there is a mathematic of vote bank adopted by the then Railway Minister and therefore maximum compensation (Rs.10/ lakhs) was sanctioned to victims of Samzouta Express with intention to safeguard the vote bank of particular community.

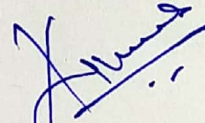
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We being a social organ isation working in Maharashtra Mumbai appeal before Your Honour to kindly look into the matter personally and give justice to the families of terrorists bomb blast victims of Mumbai.

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Encl. – Previous correspondence with
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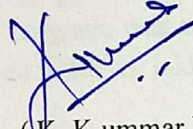
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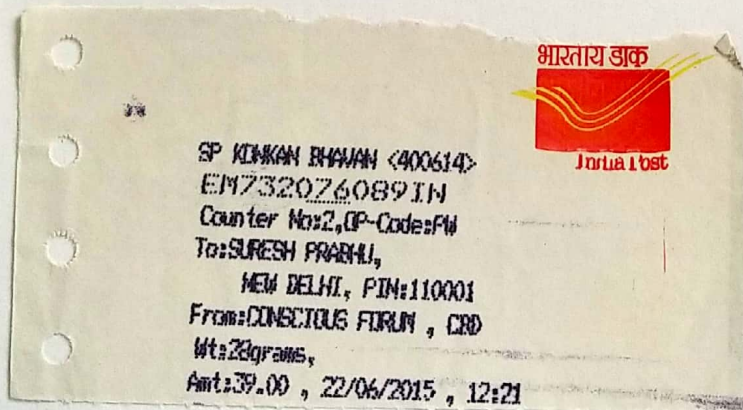
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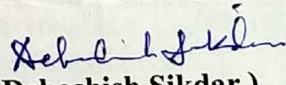
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(Debashish Sikdar)
Jt. Director/Traffic Commercial(Claims)
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DA: As above.