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To

- 1 Hon. President of India New Delhi - 110 001.
- 2 Hon. Governor of Maharashtra Mumbai.
- 3 Hon. Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Maharashtra Mumbai.

Subject: Protest against undemocratic process of recent suspension of 5 MLAs in Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, in the interest of citizen of constituency in Maharashtra/ India.

Respected Sir,

This is regarding recent suspension of 5 MLAs in Maharashtra Legislative Assembly on the day of Vote of Trust in last week. In this context, we would like to point out following lapses and injury to democracy.

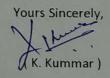
- Suspending MLAs on insufficient ground means closing voice of lacks of voters. The voters elected these MLAs to represent masses and to raise their problems and agony in the House of Assembly. But by suspending 5 MLAs, Govt. has deprived off the legitimate right of voters/ member of public to represent themselves before the highest temple of democracy i.e. Vidhansabha of Maharashtra. Its a anti democratic act and one sided decision. Hon. Speaker not punished merely the MLAs, but the Speaker punished lakhs of voters/ members of public who elected their representatives .
- If speaker wants to punish these 5 MLAs for skirmishes with Hon.Governor, it is a criminal act/offense, then speaker could have book FIR and approach fast track court and as per recent order of Hon. Supreme Court, these MLAs would have been convicted within a year. Hence there is no personal loss to these 5 MLAs. There is loss to people who elected their representatives for expressing their views in the House of Assembly.

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- There was no personal loss to these 5 MLAs, but there was loss to citizens / voters as there is no body to raise their voice in House of Assembly during upcoming 2 years. The pension and other monitory benefits shall be continued to these 5 MLAs as it is. So what Hon.Speaker achieved by suspending these 5 MLAs.
- Suspending MLAs is the injustice to voters/ member of public given by new Govt. Voters awarded their mandate to these 5 MLAs to represent them in the house to solve their basic problems and difficulties which they face in their life. But when no body is there to raise the voice of the people of particular constituency from which these 5 MLAs were elected, it means it was unjustified loss to voters. It is against the democratic law.
- Abruptly suspending 5 MLAs at a time is the act of abuse to democracy. This is against natural justice and against the convenience of member of public/ voters. This is one type of injustice to voters who believe in democracy.
- If a Govt. Servant is being suspended, within 6 months a new incumbent take place of the suspended official but the Govt. work would not be suffered on any cost. But here in case of suspension of 5 MLAs, there would be no body for 2 years to raise voice of voters of their constituency in the Assembly House. What is the alternative solution is with Hon. Speaker of House for the loss of democratic values and loss to voters who are helpless for 2 years and deprived off from expressing themselves in the Assembly House.
- It is therefore requested to reconsider the decision of suspension of these 5 MLAs taking into consideration to sustain their democratic right to raise their voice in the House of Maharashtra Assembly through their MLAs.

With regards,







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## Suspension of Cong MLAs to be revoked

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Even though the Devendra Fadnavis government has announced its decision of revoking suspension of five Congress MLAs involved in allegedly manhandling governor C Vidyasagar Rao during the last day of the special session for the passage of trust vote, a section of the Fadnavis cabinet is against it.

The Congress MLAs—Abdul Sattar, Jaikumar Gore, Mar Kale, Virendra Jagtap and Rahul Bondre—were suspended for allegedly manhandling Rao on November 13 for proving the trust vote of the Fanavis government.

Despite the fact that the Congress-NCP government had gone ahead with the suspension of many Opposition members during its 15year tenure between 1999 and 2014, the BJP-Sena government has decided not to be vindictive.

One of the senior ministers told dna that even though the decision is not unanimous, good sense has prevailed and the government has decided not to be vindictive. He recalled that during the 15-year rule of the Democratic Front government, minister for parliamentary affiars Harshawardhan Patil was referred to by the Opposition as the minister for suspensions.

Party sources said that senior ministers like Eknath Khadse were in favour of continuing the suspension of Congress MLAs and this was echoed by a few others. But parliamentary affairs minister Girish Bapat managed to convince Fadnavis against being vindictive.