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Ref. No. APW/H&MS/10/2023

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✓ To:

The Hon'ble
Prime Minister of India
Office of PMO, South Block, Raisina Hill
New Delhi - 110011.

To:

The Hon'ble
Home Minister of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
North Block, New Delhi - 110011

**Sub : SEEKING PERSONAL INTERVENTION IN CORRUPTION IN
NATIONAL REGISTER OF ASSAM (NRC) UPDATION.**

Respected Sir,

Greetings from 'Assam Public Works (APW)', a leading rights group of Assam. Assam Public Works (APW) has been at the forefront of public campaign against terrorism, corruption, nepotism in their variegated forms for the last 22 years in Assam. It would not be wrong to claim that we were pioneers of public campaigns and building up of a mass movement against the menace of violence perpetrated by terrorist outfits of Assam. Our organisation is also well known in the State of Assam due to the various activities we organise for the welfare of society, as well as to protect the rights and liberties of the people of Assam. We are the

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primary petitioner in the **Writ Petition WP(C) 274/2009** pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

That Sir, I have the honour to draw your kind attention to a major corruption occurred in the updation of National Register of Citizen (NRC) in Assam. It may be mentioned that the updation of NRC was taken up in 2013 in Assam under the direct monitoring of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Though the program was to be completed within three years, it is yet to be completed till date due to irresponsible performance of the then State Coordinator, NRC Mr. Prateek Hajela, (IAS) and there is hardly any chance that it is completed in near future. Leaving apart the mismanagement of Mr. Prateek Hajela, (IAS), the then State Coordinator, there has been large scale corruption in the Rs. 1,600 crore project by Mr. Prateek Hajela, (IAS) which has been reflected in the report of the Comptroller General of India (CAG) (Enclosed herewith) which was tabled before the State Assembly a couple of months ago. It is seen in the CAG report that there have been financial irregularities to the tune of huge Rs. 260 crore. Against remuneration to the data entry operators only, Rs. 155.88 crore was siphoned off depriving the contractual staff. The Comptroller General of India held Mr. Prateek Hajela, (IAS) responsible for this huge corruption.

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That Sir, the State government is yet to take any action on the matter till date and we apprehend that there will be inordinate delay in taking any action or there won't be any action at all as Mr. Prateek Hajela, (IAS) was working as Commissioner, Home department of Assam for long 6/7 years, and he has got huge influence over the state bureaucracy. There are other reasons also for our apprehension. We filed one FIR with the State Police (Paltan Bazar PS) on 14-10-2022 against corruption done by Mr. Prateek Hajela, (IAS). But the FIR is yet to be registered by the Assam Police. After that we appealed to the Director General of Police, Assam on 14-02-2023 for registration of the FIR. There has been no action taken by the Director General of Police, Assam also. Two FIRs were lodged by Mr. Hitesh Dev Sarma, (IAS), the then State Coordinator, NRC, Assam in the month of May and June, 2022 with the State CID and Vigilance department with the same subject. These FIR's also are yet to be registered by the State Police.

That Sir, Keeping in view of the above, we ardently request you to look into the matter personally and use your good office to direct the Enforcement Department to inquire into the matter and book the culprits involved in the corruption. It may mentioned that under the leadership of Mr. Prateek Hajela, (IAS), lakhs of names of foreigners were enlisted in the NRC which has been mentioned in the affidavit filed by the then

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State Coordinator, NRC, Assam Mr. Hitesh Dev Sarma, (IAS) which is known to the Registrar General of India as well as the Central Home Ministry. Since the NRC is related to the national security, the reasons of inclusion of foreigners name may be enquired upon by the Central Bureau of Investigation. We suspect that huge amount of money from the Middle East nations was in play for inclusion of names of Bangladeshi Muslims in the NRC. Hence, there is a need for investigation by the NIA also.

That Sir, we very much appreciate for your personal love and affection towards Assam and Assamese people. Considering our apprehension that the State government is not keen in taking action on the whole matter, your good office needs to take action directly. Forwarding it to the state government may not be able to deliver justice.

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully

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