Notice No. Date: 14-12-2023

LEGAL NOTICE

To, Sri. Prathap M N, Alias Drone Prathap #R/A, SFM MIG Windfall Apartment, Anjanapura, Bengalore city – 560094

Sir,

I have been instructed by my client Dr. Prayag H S, working as Veterinary Doctor Residing at BA – 58, PDWD, Kaval bayrasandra, R. T Nagara, Bengalore city – 560032, to notify you as follows:

- That, My client is Government Veterinary Doctor by profession having experience of more than 20 years, currently working in My client Dr. Prayag has been a very committed and highly respected officers who is known for professional integrity and commitment to his job role. He has won many recognition and awards like In the Department and in the civil society my client is known for his achievements, volunteering work. As a result of all these my client has garnered an impeccable reputation.
- That, during COVID -19 pandemic my client was deputed by the department to assist BBMP as...... in the implementation of the guidelines issued under the National Disaster Management Act. Issued by the Government of India and Government of Karnataka.
- That, my client in his official capacity as...... took the responsibility for identifying the people who were violating the home quarantine guidelines and was tasked to report the violators to the reporting authority.
- That, during the lockdown you were tested positive for COVID 19 and you were directed to be quarantined in your house. As per the guidelines issued by the Government of Karnataka in compliance to the quarantine rules, for people who were tested positive for COVID 19. You were directed to remain inside the house.
- However, it came to the notice of my client that you were violating the

guidelines through different sources of media.

- On 18.07.2020, my client along with home quarantine squad arrived at your apartment. During which my client along with his team observed that you were in violation of home quarantine guidelines.
- On account of the aforesaid violations committed by you, my client lodged a complaint against you. Subsequently, the FIR got registered and charge sheet was filed before the court.
- That, my client is in possession of all the relevant documents pertaining to the violations committed by you.
- Subsequently after three years since COIVID 19 guidelines were withdrawn, it has come to the notice of my client that you have again come to the limelight through a controversial TV show namely Big Boss Telecasted in Colors Kannada Channel.
- In this TV show in one of the episode you have made baseless allegations against my client and his team he was heading during the COVID – 19 pandemic. Your allegations are not only demeaning but is grossly offensive in the context in which you have portrayed. You have also gone ahead and made personal allegations against my client which is baseless and imaginary.
- As an officer discharging Government duty and as a COVID warrior my client has risked his personal safety and that of his family for social cause and is contributions and the sacrifices by the COVID – 19 warriors has been highly disregarded. Such a callous statements made by you has damaged the reputation of my client.
- By making such a statement in the media which is visualised by crores of people in India and abroad. You have made the right thinking members of the society to draw adverse inference about the character and conduct of my client which is *per se* defamatory. My client's service record is spotlessly clean. Hence, you have defamed my client's name, fame and reputation.
- Such irresponsible and baseless statements made by you to garner some brownie points in the Big Boss show has put my client into bad light and has created a negative perception in the minds of the right thinking people in the society. It has also discredited my client's reputation. The

statements made by you has caused serious repercussions in the society.

- That, my client is living in government quarters and cohabiting with other
 public servants as neighbours. Your unwarranted emotional outburst in
 the mass media is nothing but an act of gaining sympathy and to garner
 more TRP. The allegations and accusations made by you has resulted in
 serious repercussions wherein my clients is shunned and avoided by the
 societal members and neighbours.
- The aforesaid negligent act of yours is punishable under Section 499 and 500 of Indian Penal Code, 1860.
- Hence, you are hereby called upon to tender open apology in the Big Boss TV show and also inform them that, the baseless statements, allegations made by you was not true and made by oversight. Also, you are required to apologise to my client in writing within one month from the date of the receipt of this notice failing which we have definite instructions from my client to sue you under civil and criminal law for the offence of defamation.

Having made my client cause a notice of this type you are liable to pay the legal notice charges a sum of Rs.10,000/-.

Advocate

For the purpose of better service of notice, the present legal notice is issued through RPAD and COP.