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To

1. All Daughter Lodges
2. All Daughter Chapters
3. All Daughter Mark Lodges
4. All RAM Lodges
5. All Regional Grand Secretaries/Scribes E

Subject:- Expulsion of W Bro Satish John

Dear Sir and R/V/W/Brother/ME/E.Companion,

I am directed to inform you that, at the Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of India, convened and held in Agra on 21st September 2019, as per provisions of Rule 52 of the Book of Constitutions, the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge of India to expel W Bro Satish John, as approved by the Appeals Court, was duly put to vote by show of hands. The members of the Grand Lodge of India entitled to vote, by a unanimous decision, agreed with the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes and the Order of the Appeals Court to expel W Bro. Satish John. Most Worshipful the Grand Master declared the motion in favour of expulsion of W Bro Satish John as duly carried by an overwhelming majority with one dissent vote. W Bro Satish John was not present at the Especial Communication, inspite of the notice served upon him and all Members of Grand Lodge of India.

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The proceedings against W Bro Satish John were initiated when Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of India received a special report dated 21st May 2019 from RW the Regional Grand Master, Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India recommending expulsion of W Bro Satish John under Rule 68 of the Book of Constitutions for his acts of wanton indecency, Masonic impropriety, irregularity, misconduct and indiscipline by posting of a video clip on his Facebook page against MW the Grand Master of Grand Lodge of India meant to defame not only the Grand Lodge but also its serving Grand Master in person.

The Grand Secretary laid the recommendations of RW the Regional Grand Master before the Appeals Court as per the provisions of Rule 189 of Book of Constitutions.

The Appeals Court sent a communication to W Bro Satish John on 3rd June 2019 and notified him to appear before the Appeals Court on 17th June 2019 to present his case. W Bro Satish John did not appear before the Appeals Court on the said date. After going through the documents and facts during its proceedings on 17th June 2019, the Appeals Court unanimously held that the action recommended by RW the Regional Grand Master of Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India to expel W Bro Satish John is justified. The Appeals Court unanimously concurred that W Bro Satish John should be expelled in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Book of Constitutions of Grand Lodge of India.

As per the provisions of Rule 189(a) of the Book of Constitutions, the report of the Appeals Court was placed before the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge of India at its meeting held in New Delhi on 27th July 2019. The Board of General Purposes unanimously accepted the report of the Appeals Court and recommended expulsion of W Bro Satish John and approved the same to be placed as Item No. 5 and 6 in the Paper of Business for the Especial Communication to be held in Agra on 21st September 2019. The report of the Appeals Court was duly circulated for being considered as Item 5 and 6 of the Papers of Business at the Especial Communication held at Agra on 21st September 2019 on the above subject.

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Due notice in writing was served on W Bro Satish John, to answer the complaint in person, in the Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge. W Bro Satish John, however, chose not to attend the Especial Communication held on 21st September 2019.

In the above mentioned Especial Communication, report of the Appeals Court, was accepted and placed on record unanimously. Members, thereafter, extensively discussed Item No. 6 of the Paper of Business and voted with an overwhelming majority to expel W Bro Satish John with one dissent vote.

In view of the position as indicated above, I am further directed to inform you that for all intents and purposes and in accordance with the provisions of Book of Constitutions W Bro Satish John stands duly expelled from the Grand Lodge of India with effect from 21st September 2019 and stands deprived of all his Masonic Ranks and Privileges. Further, in terms of the General Regulations for the Government of the Order of Royal Arch Masons of India, he also stands expelled from the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, and stands deprived of all his ranks and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason. Likewise in terms of the provisions contained in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, he stands expelled from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India and is deprived of all his ranks and privileges as a Mark Master Mason. Further as per the Regulations governing the Order of Royal Ark Mariners of India, he also stands expelled from the degrees as well and stands deprived of all his ranks and privileges as a Royal Ark Mariner.

I am also directed to instruct you that this letter be read in extenso at the First Rising of the next regular meeting of your Lodge/Chapter/Mark/RAM Lodge and also be circulated to all members by e-mail.

Yours fraternally,

VISHAL BAKSHI
Grand Secretary

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All Members of Board of General Purposes/Committee of General Purposes/General Board/RAM Council