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Minutes of the 110th Annual General Body Meeting held on 02.10.2017 at 10.30 a.m.

The 110th Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Officers' Association was held on 02.10.2017 at 10.30 a.m. at the Auditorium of Centenary Building of IOA. Totally 651 Life Members of the Indian Officers' Association attended the meeting.

The Meeting commenced with invocation of 'Tamil Thai'. All Office bearers were present and seated on the Dias. Tr. Balashanmugam, Vice President II was asked to deliver welcome address as per the Programme on the Invitation Card printed and sent to members by General Secretary without consulting the Office Bearers.

Tr. Balashanmugam welcomed the gathering and stated that due to one person's activities the whole administration of IOA has come to a standstill and questionable and when Vice President-I was available, it is wrong to print the name of Vice President II for such act is intended to create a rift among the Office Bearers.

Then President Tr. P.R. Shampath I.A.S., Retd. addressed the gathering. He said that he has to admit that he was not able to function as President as per the Bye-laws and discharge his duties as per the bye-laws or as per his Conscience, as one Person's autocratic and selfish attitude by stating that he alone has all powers to run the activities of the Association and that the President, other Office bearers and Members of Executive Committee can not have any say in the administration.

Indeed he cannot even name the individual as there is a Court order restraining the President, Office bearers and EC members of IOA to speak anything against that particular individual nor any meeting of EC can be conducted either inside or outside the premises of IOA. These orders were obtained against the President and others on their personal names and not in their official capacities in IOA, and this is a clear case of colorable exercise of power and if anybody mentions the name of that individual, it will be tantamount to committing Contempt of Court. Hence as a law abiding citizen, he said he respected the Court Orders but narrated the happenings in IOA for the information and knowledge of all

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members as they are entitled to know the factual details from him as their elected President.

He pointed out the followings, while the entire crowd listened to him.

- 1 The AGM on 02.10.2017 was convened without the approval of the President by the General Secretary stating that the latter has power to convene the AGM.
- 2 The Proceedings of the AGM held on 2.10.2016 was struck down as illegal by the District Registrar (Admn) Central Region, Bharathi Salai, Chennai-14 after due examination of the representations made and explanations offered in his proceedings No.11397/D2/2016 dated 11.09.2017.
- 3 Even before the issue of this order, that 'One Person' has convened this AGM on 2.10.2017 again without the approval of the President, as required by bye-law.
- 4 The Annual Accounts and Auditors Reports for 2016-17 were not placed before EC Meeting, nor discussed not approved by EC.
- 5 The Annual Report was also not placed before the EC Meeting, nor discussed not approved by EC
- 6 The expenditure involved in the conduct of AGM on 2.10.2017 was not sanctioned by the EC.
- 7 Hence except the following two subjects, other subjects in the agenda are not taken up for consideration.
- 8 The appointment of Statutory Auditors has to be considered and approved in the Annual Meetings of the General Body and accordingly the existing auditing firm M/s. Raja and Associates, Chennai may be reappointed for the year 2017-18 on the same terms and conditions. This was approved by the General Body with oral acceptance.
- 9 The Election process to Office Bearers and EC was already started and besides there is a need to elect new office bearers and hence Election may be allowed to be conducted as scheduled for IOA as continuity of administration has to be ensured. This was also approved by the Members of the General Body present.
- 10 That 'one individual' referred made few appointments of persons without the approval of EC and never obeyed the resolutions of EC to discontinue with the services of Ms. Swetlana as Assistant Manager beyond 31.08.2017 and that her

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services were till date continuing and she was paid salary even on the day of AGM on 2.10.2017. This is an example of the autocratic behavior of that 'one individual'.

- 11 President was insulted on Several occasions by that 'one individual' including locking away of the Chamber of the President and keys were not available in the Office and Staff did not extend any courtesy to him owing to the threat given to them by that 'one individual' that they will be removed from their jobs if they spoke or respected the President. The President was prevented even to enter the room intended for the elected President. It was a disgrace for the very status of the IOA.
- 12 The appointment of Election Officer ought to have been done with the approval of the EC. But that 'one individual' has appointed Election Officer on his volition.
- 13 In respect of M/s. ModFurn, a major tenant in the JPS Shopping Complex of IOA, the 'one individual' has accepted Rs. One Crore of pending rental arrears as against their undertaking that they would pay Rs.1.5 Crores as a prerequisite for renewal of the rental agreement by the IOA in their favour for the shops occupied. Suppressing the fact of receiving under payment, that 'one individual' has renewed the rental agreement of said M/s. ModFurn Company without the knowledge and approval of EC and the agreement copy was not kept in Office and nobody is aware of the period of agreement and the clauses involved in that agreement. Nearly 15,000 sq.ft. of the shop space owned by Modfurn was not covered by the Rental Agreement and left out and it has resulted in a huge loss to IOA. Apart from this, 4 civil suits were withdrawn from the court without the knowledge of EC. The worst was that the civil suit were withdrawn as out of court settlement. What was the meaning of the out of court settlement? Only the individual alone knows. Now money suit has been filed in H.C to recover whose arrears of Rs.5.5 Crores pending from Modfurn.
- 14 That 'one individual' has also not brought to the notice of President or Office Bearers or EC Members, the E.P filed by M/s. Swaruba Engineering Company in respect of the award amount made in the arbitration case. That 'one individual' has not brought to the knowledge of Office bearers or EC Members about the dismissal of the case filed against the award. The Execution Petition was allowed

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leading to a heavy loss to IOA, and even the Bank Account of IOA was attached by the Court. After knowing the case, the President has spoken to the Senior Advocate Thiru. Masilamani, to whom Rs.6.5 lakh was paid to handle the Arbitration Appeal case in the High Court. The President then on the advice of Mr. Masilamani senior Advocate, hold discussion with Mr. Sekar, Advocate who handled this case in High Court and took all steps to restore the Arbitration case in High Court and to get stay of E.P. filed by M/s. Swaruba Engineering Company. All misdeeds were done by the 'one individual' person. The President requested the IOA members to closely follow the case in High Court or otherwise the IOA has to pay a sum of Rs. 3.5 Crores to M/s. Swaruba Engineering Company as per Arbitration Award with interest.

- 15 That 'One individual' threatened the Office staff in such a way that none of the file or details were shown to President or Office bearers or EC Members when they wanted to know about certain facts and details that mismanagement or failure to defend the Cases filed by IOA in Courts.
- 16 The Annual Accounts and Annual Report are treated as not approved since they were not approved by EC. The General Body agreed to the decision.
- 17 That 'one Individual' has wrongly interpreted the bye-law stating that the General Secretary alone has all powers and others cannot question him, is a travesty of Justice and against the facts. The President and Office bearers have to maintain dignity as Officials and besides they were strictly refrained by a Court Order and no remedial measures could be taken up by them, to assert their power.
- 18 That 'One individual' has refused to sit and deliberate in the EC Meeting.
- 19 That 'One individual' was asked to offer his explanation for the allegations of administrative and financial irregularities pointed out by the Joint Secretary Dr.S.V.Rajalinga Raja, but despite of agreement by the individual that he will offer written explanation before 05.09.2017, he did not do so, but obtained Court Orders, restraining others.
- 20 That because of that 'One individual' the fairness and transparency in administration of IOA has collapsed and as President he could not prevent the developments owing to that 'one individual's attitude and Court Stay Orders.

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Dr. S.V. Rajalinga Raja, Joint Secretary came to the Podium and stated that he endorsed the entire content and the speech of the President and stated that they may be recorded as his own views and observations.

Then the President called upon the General Secretary Tr. R. Paranjothi as he wanted to offer his explanation to the Life Members present in the General Body.

When Tr. R. Paranjothi, started to say that all Office bearers were Jealous of his popularity and that bye-laws are very clear that only General Secretary has all the powers to run the Association, there were protests from the members' side. Tr. P.R. Shampath, President intervened and asked the members to allow him to speak and not to obstruct.

Tr. R. Paranjothi, General Secretary did not speak anything about M/s. Swaruba Engineering Case but said restoration petition was filed and with regard to M/s. ModFurn Case he defended his action as correct. Then he said that he is conducting the AGM and that all subjects are treated as approved by AGM and started to sing the National Anthem without even making an announcement and hence the members rose to their feet and protested saying that it is an insult to the National Anthem and dignity of behavior has to be ensured. He stopped angrily and shouted at the members.

President then called Dr. G. Santhanam, Vice President I and Tr. G. Santhanam stated that he studied in depth the irregularities of that 'one individual' in respect of M/s. ModFurn Case and a detailed report was submitted to by him to IOA. He said he endorsed the views of the President in all aspects. He said that he often solicited a white paper from the General Secretary on many issues including ModFurn and Swaruba but were never given to the EC despite of repeated requests.

President proposed a vote of Thanks and declared the AGM as completed.


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After the AGM was over, Election to the Executive Committee was held as scheduled.

Election of members to the Executive Committee.

The Returning Officer conducted election after observing the usual formalities and declared the following members elected as members to the IOA Executive Committee:

Dr. M. Rajaram, I.A.S., (R)	LM No.1109	President
Thiru S.S. Jawahar, I.A.S., (R)	LM No.2527	Vice President
Thiru A.R. Selvakumar	LM No.1699	Vice President
Thiru R.Sudalaikannan, I.A.S.	LM No.2176	General Secretary
Thiru Frank Stephen Louis	LM No.1352	Joint Secretary
Thiru V. Nagarajan	LM No.1161	Treasurer
Thiru N. Avadaippan	LM No.1225	EC Member
Thiru S. Ananth	LM No.2154	EC Member
Thiru E.R. Baskaran	LM No.1596	EC Member
Thiru M. Balaraman	LM No.1568	EC Member
Thiru S. Saravanavel	LM No.1505	EC Member
Thiru S. Ramalingam	LM No.2606	EC Member
Thiru M.K. Sureshkumar	LM No.2112	EC Member
Thiru A. Natarajan	LM No.2170	EC Member
Dr. N. Dhanapal	LM No.2550	EC Member


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