To

## The His Excellency, Governor of Himachal Pradesh

We the Undersigned Member of Legislative Assembly Himachal Pradesh from Bhartiya Janta Party (B.J.P.) are writing to your Excellency to draw your kind attention to a matter of great urgency for the state of Himachal Pradesh and its people.

During the debates and Cut-motion on the demand of Health (No-9) at Himachal Pradesh Constituents Assembly debates which is held today i.e. 27.02.2024 the conduct of the speaker as well as of the Government was neither impartial nor as per the constitutional values of house whereby the speaker has refused to allow the division of vote. After the reply of Health Minister, the Speaker allows the voice of vote and without counting the hand raised or voting declared the demand No 9 passed and adjourned the house within seconds without heeding to the voice of MLAs.

After the voice vote the Cut-motion was introduced by the opposition MLAs (BJP) for which voting to be taken place on the floor of the House in accordance with rule 315 of 'The Rules of Procedure and conduct of business of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly 1973 but that was also not allowed by the Speaker which is against the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Rules, 1973.

Not only this, after the Re-assembling of the House after lunch hours ,the Honorable Speaker on instruction of the Government abruptly adjourned the House for tomorrow i.e. 29/02/2023 till 11 A.M.

When the Opposition Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) B.J.P. along with Leader of Opposition tried to meet the Honorable Speaker in His chamber the Honorable Speaker ordered to close the door of his chamber, and Instructed his Marshall and police personnel to man handle the Opposition MLAs. On the instruction of

the Speaker as well as of the Government these Marshall's and Police officials brutally manhandled the opposition MLAs who sustained grievous injuries. It is further to brought to your kind notice that these kinds of acts from the Honorable Speaker as well as the Government are highly condemnable and cannot be spared at any cost.

It is the faith of the people under the Constitution which has to be uphold by the Honorable Speaker as well as by Government when Assembly is in Session. But these actions and act on the part of the Speaker are death knell to the democracy as well as the high values to conduct the house The Honorable Speaker performs a very important function not only when the assembly is in session but also when the Assembly is not in the session which required him to be impartial and person of impeccable integrity. Democracy is the life blood of our Constitution. These acts of speaker as well as the Government are blow to the democracy and highly Unconstitutional and these are required to be deprecated from all walk of life.

The Honorable Speaker by these acts has lost his faith to hold this constitutional post and appropriate action is required to be taken against him. The Speaker for being "unfair" to the Opposition and BJP would not remain silent to the unethical conduct of the Speaker. It is submitted that Speaker have lost much of his value and credibility.

It is pertinent to mention here that on 28.02.2024 house will again assemble for Budget discussion, cut-motion and passing of Financial Bill. We need voting and division of vote on every cut motion and financial bill also. The MLAs from the BJP are apprehensive that the speaker will be biased again in conducting the Assembly Proceeding in an Undemocratic way which will be against the Constitutional provisions of India as well as Democratic setup.

We therefore request His Excellency Governor of Himachal Pradesh to intervene in these matters and direct the Speaker for voting and division of vote so that values of Office of Speaker are maintained in Democratic manner.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely,

Leader of opposition along with

Member of Legislative Assembly Himachal Pradesh Bhartiya Janta Party (B.J.P.)

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