

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi

No. 437/DL-LA/ 2025-NS-II

Dated: 28 January, 2025

To,

Sh. Arvind Kejriwal,
National Convener,
Aam Aadmi Party,
1, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla Lane, (1-Canning Lane)
New Delhi-110001

Sub: General Election to Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi, 2025 - Complaint by Bharatiya Janata Party and Sh Sandeep Dixit, INC- reg.

Sir,

The Commission has received a complaint against you by the Bharatiya Janata Party for making serious false allegations regarding poisoning of river Yamuna in Delhi. Copies of the complaints of BJP dated 27.01.2025 and INC dated 28.1.2025 are enclosed herewith as Annexure-1 and 2 respectively.

2. The video recording of interview of yours is available at URL: <https://x.com/arvindkejriwal/status/1883832121086599170?s=48>, transcript of the same has been obtained from CEO, Delhi which reads as follows:-

"आगामी चुनावों में भाजपा ने ऐसा काम किया है जो शायद विश्व इतिहास में पहली बार हुआ है। दिल्ली के लोगों को हरियाणा और यूपी से पानी मिलता है। हरियाणा में पानी यमुना नदी के जरिए आता है। हरियाणा की भाजपा सरकार ने दिल्ली में आने वाले पानी में जहर मिला दिया है। हम दिल्ली जल बोर्ड के इंजीनियरों के शुकुगुजार हैं कि उन्होंने इसे पहचान लिया। उन्होंने इस पानी को बॉर्डर पर ही रोक दिया और यह पानी दिल्ली में नहीं आया। अगर यह पानी दिल्ली में घुस जाता और पीने के पानी में मिल जाता तो इससे कई लोगों की मौत हो सकती थी और नरसंहार हो सकता था। अगर यह पानी जो हरियाणा की भाजपा सरकार ने भेजा है, उन्होंने उसमें ऐसा जहर मिला दिया है जिसे वाटर ट्रीटमेंट प्लांट में भी ट्रीट नहीं किया जा सकता और इस वजह से दिल्ली के एक तिहाई हिस्से में पानी की कमी हो गई है। मैं दिल्ली के लोगों से कहना चाहता हूँ कि इस तरह की राजनीति नहीं होनी चाहिए और यह बहुत बुरी राजनीति है। इस तरह की चीजें दो दुश्मन देशों के बीच भी नहीं होती हैं कहीं दो देशों के बीच युद्ध में जैविक हथियारों का इस्तेमाल किया जाता है। कहीं दो देशों के बीच पीने के पानी में जहर मिला दिया जाता है। दो देशों के बीच युद्ध में इस तरह की हरकतें हमने देखी हैं। लेकिन जिस तरह से बीजेपी ने दिल्ली में अराजकता फैलाने के लिए दिल्ली आने वाले पानी में जहर मिलाया है, जिससे दिल्ली के लोगों की मौत हो सकती है और इसका आरोप आम आदमी पार्टी पर लग सकता है। मैं बीजेपी से कहना चाहता हूँ कि इतना नीचे मत गिरो और इस स्तर पर मत जाओ। आप दिल्ली के लोगों को बाहर का समझो, लेकिन हम उन्हें अपना मानते हैं। दिल्ली हमारे परिवार का हिस्सा है। मैं दिल्ली के लोगों से कहना चाहता हूँ कि मैंने आपसे बात की है और आपको किसी तरह की तकलीफ नहीं होने दूंगा और आप निश्चित रहिए। अभी आतिशी जी और भगवंत मान ने चुनाव आयोग को पत्र लिखकर तत्काल मिलने का समय मांगा है। मुझे उम्मीद है कि चुनाव आयोग इसमें तुरंत हस्तक्षेप करेगा और लोगों को इस आपदा से मुक्ति मिलेगी।"

(Emphasis supplied)

3. The transcript inter-alia mentions about poisoning of the river Yamuna which may result into **mass deaths** and **genocide** and this has also been equated with the **dropping of nuclear bombs** in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as well as use of **biological weapons** during war between two Nations.

4. It has *inter-alia* been stated in complaint by BJP at Annexure 1 that: -

"Shri Kejriwal has not produced any evidence or basis of the allegations of such poisoning.

" His claim that the Delhi Jal Board engineers discovered attempted poisoning of the Yamuna Water at the border area and further alleging that had these poisoned waters reached Delhi's water supply, it would have resulted in mass genocide. Such inflammatory statements made without evidence whatsoever, constitute a severe breach of several electoral and other statues in addition to electoral ethics. These allegations are particularly concerning as they involved matter of public health and safety, potentially causing unnecessary panic among millions of Delhi residence."

"By making such serious allegations against a democratically elected government without any substantiating evidence, Mr. Arvind Kejriwal has not only violated Criminal law but has also attempted to create discord between the residence of Delhi and Haryana, potentially leading to social unrest and regional tensions."

"These preposterous statements are factually unsubstantiated, mischievous, inflammatory and clearly intended to create unrest among two states of Indian union".

"Demonstrate a deliberate attempt to mislead the voters of Delhi during the ongoing assembly elections, creating unwarranted alarm and influencing electoral outcomes through misinformation."

Similarly, in the complaint of Shri Sandeep Dixit, INC, it has inter-alia been stated:

"for action against Mr. Arvind Kejriwal who made shocking and irresponsible statements to the press yesterday alleging that Delhi's water supply had been 'poisoned' and that the neighbouring state government had planned a 'genocide' against the people of Delhi."

"Neither in their statements have they clarified when the crossing of the PPM threshold could justify calling it "genocide," nor have they addressed whether the applicable PPM count in the Yamuna has exceeded the threshold for the first time."

"He is not talking about pollution and contamination. He is talking about a deliberate act of poisoning. Who knows how many poor people are forced to buy bottled water for consumption today because they have heard their Chief Minister and former Chief Minister make the allegation that the water being supplied to them is being poisoned."

"This is aimed at creating public panic and shows his complete contempt for the electoral process. Having failed to address the issues of Delhi he seeks now to obtain votes through fear mongering and panic."

5. The electors tend to believe whatever is being said in public by their leaders and in that sense the statements, if not true, affect the campaign discourse, thereby vitiating the purity of elections and erode the trust of the voters.

6. In various judicial pronouncements, the Hon'ble Courts have time and again held that purity of elections is an indispensable part of free and fair elections and therefore, it is incumbent upon all stakeholders to maintain purity in elections.

In *Ashok Shankarrao Chavan v. Madhavrao Kinhalka* (2014) 7 SCC 99, the Hon'ble Supreme Court held as below: -

"67. In this context, we also keep in mind the Preamble to the Constitution which in liberal words states that the People of India having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic and to secure to all citizens justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. In such a large democratic country such as ours, **if purity in elections is not maintained**, and for that purpose when the Constitution makers in their wisdom thought it fit to create an authority, namely, the Election Commission and invested with it the power of superintendence, control and also to issue directions, it must be stated that such power invested with the said constitutional authority should not be a mere empty formality but an effective and stable one, **in whom the citizens of this country can repose in and look upon to ensure that such unscrupulous elements and their attempts to enter into political administration of this vast country are scuttled**. In that respect, since the ruling of this vast country is always in the hands of the elected representatives of the people, the enormous powers of the Election Commission as the guardian of democracy should be recognised."

(Emphasis supplied)

In *Anoop Baranwal v. Union of India* [(2023) 6 SCC 161], the Hon'ble Supreme Court held as below: -

"216. There can be no doubt that the strength of a democracy and its credibility, and therefore, its enduring nature must depend upon the means employed to gain power being as fair as the conduct of the Government after the assumption of power by it. The assumption of power itself through the electoral process in the democracy cannot and should not be perceived as an end. **The end at any rate cannot justify the means**. The means to gain power in a democracy must remain wholly pure and abide by the Constitution and the laws. An unrelenting abuse of the electoral process over a period of time is the surest way to the grave of the democracy. Democracy can succeed only insofar as all stakeholders uncompromisingly work at it and the most important aspect of democracy is the very process, the electoral process, the purity of which alone will truly reflect the will of the people so that the fruits of democracy are truly reaped."

(Emphasis supplied)

7. Further, Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of political parties and candidates provides under the heading "General Conduct" that: -

Para 1: No party or candidate shall include in any activity which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different casts and communities, religious or linguistic.

Para 2: Criticism of other political parties, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programme, past record and work. Parties and candidates shall refrain from criticism of all aspects of private life, not connected with the public activities of the leaders or workers of other parties. Criticism of other parties or their workers based on unverified allegations or distortion shall be avoided.

8. The allegations raised regarding poisoning of river Yamuna which is the source of drinking water to the people of National Capital Territory of Delhi by an elected Government with an intention to kill the residents of Delhi and the fact that the same was timely identified and stopped by the engineers of Delhi Jal Board before it could reach the waters of Yamuna in Delhi and equating the act of poisoning by another neighboring federal government with nuclear and biological war is extremely serious in nature and unprecedented. If true, this also has serious ramifications of creating enmity between the regional groups, residents of the neighboring States, threat of law-and-order situation due to actual or perceived shortage or non-availability of water, during this time of the year.

9. The statements made by the leader of your stature carry a lot of weight and people, especially the followers of the party to which the leader belongs believes in the statement. Being a very senior leader with vast administrative experience, you must definitely have the evidence to substantiate such serious allegations before publicly making statements that, the river Yamuna was poisoned by the neighboring state; the nature and extent of the chemical used for the poisoning Yamuna that would have killed the people in large numbers resulting into mass genocide; and that the engineers of Delhi Jal Board have actually detected and prevented it timely, much before it could mix with the waters of Yamuna in Delhi and caused genocide. It is presumed that the Government of NCT of Delhi must have officially taken up such a serious and grave issue of public health with the State government of Haryana.

10. In this respect, your attention is specifically drawn to the following section of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023: -

Section 196: Promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony-

1. *Whoever,*
 - (a) *by words, either spoken or written, or by signs or by visible representations or through electronic communication or otherwise, promotes or attempts to promote, on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, caste or community or any other ground whatsoever, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities; or*
 - (b) *commits any act which is prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities, and which disturbs or is likely to disturb the public tranquillity; or*

shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to 3 years or with fine or with both.

Section 197: Imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration-

1. *Whoever, by words either spoken or written or by signs or by visible representations or through electronic communication or otherwise, —*
 - (b) *asserts, counsels, advises, propagates or publishes that any class of persons shall, by reason of their being members of any religious, racial, language or regional group or caste or community, be denied, or deprived of their rights as citizens of India; or*
 - (c) *makes or publishes any assertion, counsel, plea or appeal concerning the obligation of any class of persons, by reason of their being members of any religious, racial, language or regional group or caste or community, and such assertion, counsel, plea or appeal causes or is likely to cause disharmony or feelings of enmity or hatred or ill-will between such members and other persons; or*
 - (d) *makes or publishes false or misleading information, jeopardising the sovereignty, unity and integrity or security of India, shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both.*

Section 353 Statements conducing to public mischief.

1. *Whoever makes, publishes or circulates any statement, false information, rumour, or report, including through electronic means--*
 - (b) *with intent to cause, or which is likely to cause, fear or alarm to the public, or to any section of the public whereby any person may be induced to commit an offence against the State or against the public tranquillity; or*



(c) with intent to incite, or which is likely to incite, any class or community of persons to commit any offence against any other class or community, shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both.

2. Whoever makes, publishes or circulates any statement or report containing false information, rumour or alarming news, including through electronic means, with intent to create or promote, or which is likely to create or promote, on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, caste or community or any other ground whatsoever, feelings of enmity, hatred or ill will between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities, shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both.

Furthermore, the Section 123(4) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 states that

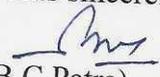
*publishing of any statement of fact which is false by a person, and which he either believes to be false or does not believe to be true, in relation to the personal character or conduct of any candidate or in relation to the candidature, or withdrawal of any candidate, being a statement reasonably calculated to prejudice the prospects of that candidate's election, **shall be a corrupt practice.***

11. The Commission also perused the report of Delhi Jal Board which does not mention about any poisoning in Yamuna. Consequently, there is no mention in the report that engineers of Delhi Jal Board have stopped the poisoned waters at the Delhi border itself, before it could poison Yamuna. The Commission is also in receipt of joint letter from Chief Minister Delhi and Chief Minister, Punjab dated 27.01.2025 alleging deliberate act of **water terrorism** by this sudden and sharp increase in the Ammonia content in the water being released by Haryana into Yamuna which is alleged to have rendered the water untreatable. Additionally, another letter dated 28.02.2025 was received from Chief Minister of Delhi explaining the incapability of Delhi Water treatment plants due to increased level of Ammonia and thereby leading to water shortage as well as public health crises. The Commission has asked for a report above letter dated 27.1.2025 from the State Government of Haryana. The issue of increased Ammonia is being dealt separately after considering inputs received from the State Government of Haryana.

12. However, as regards the allegations of poisoning, it is expected that there must be a factual foundation to the allegations especially when the veracity of the statements made by you is contested, then you must be able to back your statements on a factual basis.

13. The matter is being examined by the Commission in the light of provisions of MCC and relevant provisions of law. Therefore, you are called upon to furnish your response on the complaints (Annexure 1 and 2), especially on the factual and legal matrix along with evidentiary support thereof by 20.00 hours on 29th January, 2025 so as to enable the Commission to examine the matter and take action as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,


(B C Patra)
Secretary



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To,

The Chief Electoral Officer,
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Old Delhi, Delhi-110006.

27th January 2025

SUBJECT: COMPLAINT AGAINST MR. ARVIND KEJRIWAL FOR MAKING SERIOUS FALSE ALLEGATIONS REGARDING WATER CONTAMINATION, FALSELY ALLEDGING BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA AND VIOLATION OF MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT.

Respected Sir,

We are writing to bring to your urgent attention a grave violation of the Model Code of Conduct by Mr. Arvind Kejriwal, who has made extremely serious and unsubstantiated allegations that have the potential to create mass panic and discord among the citizens of Delhi. In a recent interview, Mr. Arvind Kejriwal has levelled false and alarming accusations against the BJP Haryana Government, claiming that they have deliberately contaminated the Yamuna river water with poison and same was caught by the Engineer of Delhi Jal Board, an allegation that is not only baseless but also dangerous to public order and communal harmony. He has said the following statement which is also available on the social media link as follows:

Video recording URL link of the interview where Mr. Arvind Kejriwal made these allegations

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/15vcDEbEuR/>

Transcript of the relevant portions of the interview

“BJP की हरियाणा सरकार ने दिल्लीवालों के पानी में घोला जहर !!

BJP हरियाणा सरकार ने दिल्ली में यमुना से आने वाले पानी में जहर घोल दिया — इस जहरीले पानी को Water Treatment Plant में भी साफ़ नहीं किया जा सकता था। अगर कोई इसका इस्तेमाल कर लेता तो उसकी मौत हो जाती

हमारे इंजीनियरों ने इस जहरीले पानी को दिल्ली में आने से पहले ही रोक लिया और दिल्ली को एक बड़ी आपदा से बचा लिया

अब CM आतिशी जी और भगवंत मान जी ने चुनाव आयोग को पत्र लिखकर इस मामले में तुरंत मिलने का समय मांगा है —————Arvind Kejriwal जी”

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The Video is enclosed as Evidence-1

The gravity of Mr. Arvind Kejriwal's allegations cannot be understated. He has claimed that the Delhi Jal Board Engineers discovered attempted poisoning of the Yamuna water at the border area, further alleging that had this contamination reached Delhi's water supply, it would have resulted in mass genocide. Such inflammatory statements, made without any scientific evidence or official investigation reports, constitute a severe breach of electoral ethics and various provisions of law. These allegations are particularly concerning as they involve matters of public health and safety, potentially causing unnecessary panic among millions of Delhi residents who rely on Yamuna water for their daily needs.

It is important to mention that Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Jal Board- Shilpa Shinde has issued a press statement in reply to the Press Statements of Arvind Kejriwal-Convenor of Aam Aadmi Party on the allegations that Haryana Government has released poison into raw water reaching Delhi and in her reply she has stated that

"These statements are factually incorrect, without any basis and misleading. The fact of the matter is that DJB regularly monitors incoming water quality and regulates supply depending on the various parameters". The Press statement is annexed herewith as EVIDENCE-2

The CEO of Delhi Jal Board has also shared pollution levels of Yamuna River (Wazirabad Pond) at WTP to explain ammoniacal-N (mg/L) from 01.12.2024 to 27.01.2025. This clearly proves that Arvind Kejriwal is trying to manipulate actual facts and misleading the public with an intent to cause chaos and enmity between the regions of Delhi and Haryana. The Pollution Report is annexed herewith as EVIDENCE-3

The accusations made by Mr. Arvind Kejriwal violate multiple sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, including Section 196, 197 (Promoting enmity between different groups), Section 353 (Statements conducing to public mischief), and Section 356 (Defamation). By making such serious allegations against a democratically elected government without any substantiating evidence, Mr. Arvind Kejriwal has not only violated criminal law but has also attempted to create discord between the residents of Delhi and Haryana, potentially leading to social unrest and regional tensions.

Section 196 & 197 in Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023

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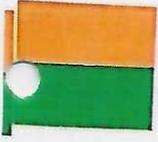
- (a) *with intent to cause, or which is likely to cause, any officer, soldier, sailor or airman in the Army, Navy or Air Force of India to mutiny or otherwise disregard or fail in his duty as such; or*

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Section 356 in Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 – Defamation –

Whoever, by words either spoken or intended to be read, or by signs or by visible representations, makes or publishes in any manner, any imputation concerning any person intending to harm, or knowing or having reason to believe that such imputation will harm, the reputation of such person, is said, except in the cases hereinafter excepted, to defame that person.

Apart from the above criminal offences, the statements made by Arvind Kejriwal also violates the Model Code of Conduct, Paragraph 1(1) of the Model Code of Conduct

—explicitly prohibits any activity or statement that may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred between different states, regions, or communities.

Furthermore, his allegations violate Paragraph 4 of the Model Code of Conduct,

—“which mandates that criticism of other political parties shall be confined to their policies, programs, past record, and work, rather than baseless accusations that can create public fear and panic.”

The timing and nature of these allegations suggest a deliberate attempt to influence voter behaviour through fear-mongering and false propaganda. Such tactics not only undermine the democratic process but also pose a serious threat to public order and interstate relations. The allegation of attempted mass genocide through water contamination is particularly serious as it can create lasting mistrust between neighbouring states and their populations.

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This is not merely a case of political rhetoric gone too far; it represents a calculated attempt to manipulate public sentiment through false allegations about a basic necessity like water. The potential consequences of such statements are far-reaching, potentially affecting:

1. Public health and safety protocols
2. Interstate relations between Delhi and Haryana especially enticing regional differences thus disrupting public harmony
3. The functioning of public utilities like the Delhi Jal Board
4. Public trust in government institutions
5. The peaceful conduct of upcoming elections

In light of these serious violations, I request the Election Commission to take the following immediate actions:

1. **Direct the filing of an FIR against Mr. Arvind Kejriwal** under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, particularly focusing on sections related to public mischief and promoting enmity between different regions.
2. Issue an **immediate ban on Mr. Arvind Kejriwal's participation in election campaigning** until the completion of the electoral process, as his continued participation may lead to further violations and potential public unrest.
3. Direct Mr. Kejriwal to issue a public retraction of his false statements and apologize for creating unnecessary public panic.
4. Take appropriate measures to prevent the spread of such false information through media channels and social media platforms.

The severity of these violations demands immediate and strict action to preserve the integrity of the electoral process and maintain public order. Mr. Kejriwal's statements not only violate electoral laws but also threaten the peaceful conduct of elections by creating unnecessary fear and panic among the public.

Given the serious nature of this violation and its potential impact on public order and the electoral process, I request your immediate intervention in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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Sub : Regarding Press Statement of Sh. Arvind Kejriwal,
Convener of Aam Admi Party

Attention is drawn to the press statements of Sh. Arvind Kejriwal, Convener of Aam Admi Party alleging that Haryana government has 'released Poison into raw water reaching Delhi'. A letter has also been written by Hon'ble Chief Minister to ECI terming this as a 'water terrorism.'

These statements are factually incorrect, without any basis and misleading. The fact of the matter is that DJB regularly monitors incoming water quality and regulates supplies depending on the various parameters.

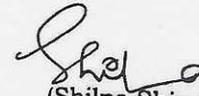
In every Winter season, ammonia in river Yamuna increases during October to February. DJB Water Treatment Plants are designed to treat the ammonia upto 1 ppm. Ammonia upto 2 to 2.5 ppm is also being treated at Water Treatment Plants by dilution of the high ammonia water with the water received from Carrier Line Channel/Delhi Sub Branch (CLC/DSB). The ammonia increases in river Yamuna due to mixing of some untreated sewage or industrial waste at the upstream of Wazirabad Barrage. During winters, after monsoon season, the flow in river Yamuna decreases and untreated sewage released in river Yamuna does not get diluted adequately, resulting into increase in ammonia concentration in Yamuna river. This year also, the ammonia started increasing from October month. Haryana officials have taken up a work to lay the pipeline at DD-6 in compliance to Hon'ble NGT orders so that the untreated sewage of DD-6 should not mixed up with DD-8.

Presently, the ammonia is around 6.5 ppm in river Yamuna at Wazirabad pond. Despite, dilution with CLC and DSB water, DJB Water Treatment Plants at Wazirabad and Chandrawal could not be operated on full capacity. Presently, the production is curtailed around 15 to 20% at Wazirabad and Chandrawal WTP. The samples were checked at upstream of Wazirabad pond and a downward trend seen in the ammonia at upstream. It is expected that the ammonia level will be reduced at Wazirabad pond in next few days. Once the ammonia level reduced, the production shall be normalized in due course of time. Such curtailments of supplies at various plants have been routinely undertaken in the past for long.

The matter is being brought to your attention, given the fact that such false statements lead to fear mongering amongst city residents and also adversely impact relations with the upper riparian state of Haryana. Given that this matter is likely to affect inter-state relations, these facts may be brought to the attention of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor in terms of the Transaction of Business Rules.

The ammonia level at pond for the month of December and January 2025 is attached herewith.

Submitted please


(Shilpa Shinde)

Chief Executive Officer, DJB

Chief Secretary



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Pollution of Yamuna River (Wazirabad Pond) at WTP							
S. No.	Date	Ammoniacal-N (mg/L)		S. No.	Date	Ammoniacal-N (mg/L)	
		Min.	Max.			Min.	Max.
1	01.12.2024	0.94	1.3	1	01.01.2025	7.00	7.80
2	02.12.2024	1.3	1.6	2	02.01.2025	5.50	7.00
3	03.12.2024	1.4	1.7	3	03.01.2025	4.20	5.70
4	04.12.2024	1.5	2.4	4	04.01.2025	3.80	4.40
5	05.12.2024	2	2.4	5	05.01.2025	3.60	3.90
6	06.12.2024	2.4	2.7	6	06.01.2025	3.40	4.10
7	07.12.2024	2.2	2.7	7	07.01.2025	3.40	3.80
8	08.12.2024	2	2.8	8	08.01.2025	4.00	4.50
9	09.12.2024	2.2	3.4	9	09.01.2025	3.80	4.20
10	10.12.2024	3.4	4.1	10	10.01.2025	2.80	3.80
11	11.12.2024	3	3.5	11	11.01.2025	2.70	3.20
12	12.12.2024	2.8	3.5	12	12.01.2025	2.90	3.20
13	13.12.2024	2.7	3.1	13	13.01.2025	3.20	3.50
14	14.12.2024	2.8	3.2	14	14.01.2025	2.90	3.30
15	15.12.2024	3.2	3.5	15	15.01.2025	2.80	3.20
16	16.12.2024	3.2	4.2	16	16.01.2025	3.00	3.50
17	17.12.2024	4	4.2	17	17.01.2025	3.50	4.60
18	18.12.2024	3.3	3.8	18	18.01.2025	3.60	4.60
19	19.12.2024	4	4.2	19	19.01.2025	4.00	4.60
20	20.12.2024	4	4.2	20	20.01.2025	4.30	4.60
21	21.12.2024	4	5	21	21.01.2025	4.40	5.50
22	22.12.2024	4.2	4.5	22	22.01.2025	5.00	5.60
23	23.12.2024	4.1	4.8	23	23.01.2025	5.60	5.80
24	24.12.2024	4.5	4.8	24	24.01.2025	5.60	6.40
25	25.12.2024	3.9	4.8	25	25.01.2025	6.10	6.80
26	26.12.2024	3.4	4.4	26	26.01.2025	6.80	7.20
27	27.12.2024	3.8	4.7	27	27.01.2025	6.80	7.20
28	28.12.2024	4	5				
29	29.12.2024	4.8	6				
30	30.12.2024	6	8				
31	31.12.2024	7.6	10				

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Representation/Complaint on Behalf of Shri Sandeep Dikshit

Respected Sir/Madam

I am writing to you for action against Mr Arvind Kejriwal who made shocking and irresponsible statements to the press yesterday alleging that Delhi's water supply had been 'poisoned' and that the neighbouring state's government had planned a 'genocide' against the people of Delhi. In a statement to the press, which is being circulated widely by Mr Arvind Kejriwal and the Aam Aadmi Party for political benefit, Mr Arvind Kejriwal makes the allegation of a genocide being planned against the people of Delhi.

While election campaigning is on, issues must be raised before the people but not in a manner that can affect public order. Delhi Chief Minister Ms Atishi Marlena has also supported the statements of her party leader saying that poisoning is a reference to the PPM count in the waters of the Yamuna. However, neither in their statements have they clarified when the crossing of the PPM threshold could justify calling it "genocide," nor have they addressed whether the applicable PPM count in the Yamuna has exceeded the threshold for the first time. Mr Arvind Kejriwal and his associates have not done anything to address the issues of water quality for the last 10 years and they now seek to blame others for their failure for the sake of electoral gain. The allegation made by Mr Arvind Kejriwal is that 'zeher milaya gaya hai'. He is not talking about pollution and contamination. He is talking about a deliberate act of poisoning. Who knows how many poor people are forced to buy bottled water for consumption today because they have heard their Chief Minister and former Chief Minister make the allegation that the water being supplied to them is being poisoned. It is pertinent to mention here that the allegations have been categorically dismissed by the Delhi Jal Board.

Mr Arvind Kejriwal has used the word genocide. This is aimed at creating public panic and shows his complete contempt for the electoral process. Having failed to address the issues of Delhi he seeks now to obtain votes through fear mongering and panic. The remarks by Mr Kejriwal and Ms Marlana are in clear violation of the Representation of the People Act 1951 and the established electoral norms. Further, this is a clear offence under Section 353 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2024. If it leads to further panic and public disorder it would also amount to sedition and other serious offences under criminal law.

Immediate action needs to be taken for two reasons. The people of Delhi need to be protected from such lies and people like Shri Arvind Kejriwal and Ms Atishi Marlana need to be prevented from lying to and cheating the people of Delhi.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarim Naved (on behalf of Shri Sandeep Dikshit)

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