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Statement of Mr. Chetan Mehta

through his lawyer Simran Singh, Advocate, Sakura Advisory

The allegations made in the press release dated March 11, 2025 issued on behalf of the alleged trustees of Lilavati Trust are baseless and malicious. These are categorically denied. It is their endeavour to malign my Client and browbeat him into giving up proceedings against these alleged trustees and their illegal appointment, which are as on date, pending adjudication.

The concerned authorities (Charity Commissioner) *vide* order of September 2024 upheld my Client's position as a permanent trustee which they have challenged since. This media tirade has come in the wake of the Supreme Court's order directing the Charity Commissioner to dispose-off pending proceedings timely and therefore they wish to malign my Client's image by these false and frivolous allegations.

My Client has been a Trustee of the prestigious Lilavati hospital since the year 2007. During his tenure of nearly two decades, he has worked tirelessly and dedicatedly, such that Lilavati is today known as a leading world class health service provider, with a team of super specialists. Lilavati has, repeatedly, been ranked as one of the top hospitals of India.

A few facts that totally belie the false implications and are in fact evidenced from the books of the hospital during the tenure of my Client, are as under:

1. The turnover of the hospital increased from INR 200 crores to over INR 500 crores.



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2. Total charity to the tune of INR 250 crores which includes setting up camps, free check-ups for women and girls, thousands of free surgeries for the needy.
3. Deposits have increased from INR 10 crores to INR 500 crores.
4. World class equipment has been purchased for an amount of INR 250 crores.

As facts prove, there is no veracity, whatsoever, for any of the allegations made by these disputed and alleged trustees. They have come to usurp power after the hospital has attained the position of a world class service provider and in the wake of the recent order of the Supreme Court that would put an end to their illegal claims. The Black Magic allegations do not even merit a response and are only towards creating sensation.

The facts of these crusaders speak for themselves. Kishore Mehta and family have been declared as wilful defaulters by banks as per the circulars and guidelines of the RBI. A leading bank of India, HDFC, has filed insolvency proceedings against them. An ARC has filed insolvency proceedings against them. They have faced enquiries from the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation. They have multiple proceedings against them for financial irregularities. The Debt Recovery Tribunal has passed a very detailed order condemning their conduct of defalcating public monies. In fact, we understand that a red corner notice was issued against Mr. Rajesh Mehta and he is unable to leave India since.

With scant respect for the law, these self-appointed crusaders have on the morning of September 25th, when they were suspended as Trustees, made payments to their law firm to the tune of 1 crore in one day.



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It is their *modus operandi* to try and register FIR's, the subject matter of which have through judicial pronouncements been put to rest on earlier occasions.

My Client has always maintained the highest ethical standards as a Trustee and we remain fully committed to cooperate with any investigating agency to ensure that the truth comes to light. We have the utmost faith in the judicial system and we shall deal with the attempts to intimidate and harass us, by adopting all remedies available to us in law.

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