

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

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PRESS STATEMENT

AIIMS STATEMENT ON EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 9 2016 – ATTEMPT TO ENCROACH AND DAMAGE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY RESULTING IN ARREST OF SOMNATH BHARATI MLA

1. On September 9, 2016, the AIIMS had lodged a complaint with Delhi Police against Somnath Bharati and others for attempt to encroachment on Government. The complaint was registered as an FIR by Delhi Police under relevant sections of IPC. Somnath Bharati along with approximately 300 supporters assembled in Gautam Nagar near Nallah road started breaking the fence and the boundary wall with the help of excavator cum loader in order to give access to unauthorised persons inside AIIMS property. Somnath Bharati was claiming that the road belongs to the general public. They were requested to produce orders of the competent authority which they failed to produce. They were not accompanied by any Government official of Delhi Government. It was explained to Somnath Bharati that the procedure he is adopting is not correct and AIIMS had necessary approvals. Somnath Bharati started misbehaving and abusing AIIMS security personnel. 6 security personnel received injuries in protecting AIIMS property. The Medico Legal Case examination reports of the 6 injured security personnel including the Chief Security Officer were conducted. The statements of AIIMS security officials were recorded subsequently before the Judicial Magistrate Court Saket.

2. On September 15, 2016 AIIMS officials attended a meeting convened by the Chief Engineer PWD, South on the proposal to issue an NOC to open the covered nallah culvert to Sudershan cinema road. AIIMS presented to the Chief Engineer PWD South that AIIMS has obtained due permissions from the Commissioner MCD for covering the Nallah which is to be used as an access to the super speciality centers being developed at Masjid Moth campus. The AIIMS has spent Rs. 48 crores in constructing the said road cover over the nallah and it was part of the redevelopment plan of AIIMS aimed at augmentation of patient care services linking the super speciality centers of Masjid Moth campus with the East Ansari Nagar campus.

3. It was further pointed out to the Chief Engineer PWD South that any unilateral decision on the issue would tantamount to infringement of rights of AIIMS which is an Institute of National Importance and invite appropriate legal action. The AIIMS further pointed out that the existing road cannot be opened for a thoroughfare and issue of NOC for the road connection was not agreed to.

4. AIIMS in recognition of services rendered by the Engineers and Security Officials has decided to issue certificates of appreciation for showing outstanding courage and resilience in protecting AIIMS property in the face of grave intimidation.

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