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Hon. Past District Governors

TO CONDEMN THE ATTEMPTS OF BECOMING AN ADVISOR TO HON. PDGS BY A JUNIOR LION EXCEEDING HIS LIMITS

In the view of current situation that has arisen with regard to the selection of the 2nd VDG, you have been entrusted by Lions International to direct the District 306C1 in the right direction. We have seen that some lions are trying to influence the PDGs who have good knowledge and experience about Lionism, by presenting illogical and wrong interpretations under the guise of giving an advice.

Here, they have attempted to convince that the election results of the 2nd VDG, have reflected the genuine consent of the majority of lions' clubs and lions. Hence, they have hinted here that it should not be reversed. However, if it was the genuine consent of the majority of the Lions' clubs, it is all right to express their opinion in this way. But here it is evident that certain fractions who had voted had been represented by the "Ghost" clubs such as the "Elite" clubs etc. which had been established merely for victory for those who backed by so called politically motivated fractions at the district elections, as well as getting cover for the committed corruption, fraud, etc. These clubs have not been involved in District events as well as club projects at all and have become a big burden to our District.

It is also seen that they have now introduced advisors to the regions over which they have no control to get them under their control. It is observed that lion leaders who are in these regions have even made protests against this. It is also noticed that measures have been taken to appoint a junior PDG on those fraction as the adviser to Clubs where a very senior PDGs are members. For keeping several regions under this junior PDG, many PDGs have expressed their regret and unhappiness.

It is also obvious by now that establishing said ghost lions' clubs is also to control those who are going against their corruption and fraud. Now it is revealed that some lion leaders who have allegations over their corruption have also joined hands with these people. This is the best habitat for them to take lodgings and covers.

If we analyze who has gathered against the Lion Dr. Susitha Senaratne, it is not difficult for us to understand the reasons. It is well known fact some lion leaders have obtained a huge sum of money from the International disaster fund and also from the donors, but they were unable to complete the project as well as unable to hand over the audited accounts up to date. Not only that it is also seen that one of such leaders who failed to approve accounts during his year also is trying to reach higher levels.

Although we have joined Lionism to serve the needy, it is observed that some leaders do vice versa by going against the motto of Lionism. If anyone voices against their malpractices, he/she will be attempted to control by the "evil camp" formed up by them with the help of lions who have been fooled and mislead by them. It is well noted that the master brain of this evil camp who stays behind the curtain uses their support to control the people who are coming against their fraudulent activities.

Lion Dr, Susitha Senaratna was also one of the victims since he looked into and inquired about their financial mishandling. As a result of this, they have sabotaged to deprive his winning twice in the 2nd VDG elections. I hope it is not necessary

for you to explain the leadership, qualifications, and characteristics of the persons they have nominated as the rival candidates from their side to contest. When we compare these candidates with Lion Dr, Susitha Senaratne, it is like sky and earth. We must always select the best person rather than the weakest person as the district leader. It is also seen that they have used mud slinging campaigns, and cunning tactics to deceive lions who had votes.

It has come to our attention that during Lion Dr. Susith Senarathne's tenure as a director at Sri Jayawardanapura Hospital, certain malicious individuals fabricated a false incident to tarnish his reputation while he was campaigning for the position of 2nd Vice Governor.

As we are all aware, individuals who work diligently and honestly may not always receive the appreciation they deserve. Unfortunately, some may resort to undermining their credibility and attempting to remove them from their roles in favor of corrupt individuals who perpetuate dishonest practices.

During both the previous and most recent 2nd Vice Governor elections, these envious individuals highlighted specific incidents in a negative light, causing harm to Lion Dr Susith's reputation. Consequently, some members were swayed by these accusations and changed their allegiances.

It is a well-established fact that dealing with efforts to tarnish one's reputation can be distressing and challenging. Pursuing legal recourse is recommended in such situations. Defamation is a civil offense governed by Defamation Ordinance No. 16 of 1865, which offers a legal framework for individuals to seek redress for any harm caused to their reputation by defamatory statements.

It is important to note that Lion Dr. Susith has never been implicated or penalized by any authority in the past. Even in this instance, certain individuals sought to tarnish his reputation because they understood that his appointment as a District Governor would prevent corrupt individuals from engaging in malpractice.

We trust that, as esteemed mentors, you will make the right decision for the right individual at the appropriate time.

Thanking you,

Best of Luck

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