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To,

The Hon'ble ATS Chief,

Maharashtra, Mumbai.

**Subject: - Regarding Malegaon 2008 Bomb Blast Case
and ATS's Role in trial Court.**

Respected Vineet Agrwalji,

It is humbly submitted that, You are very well aware that, Martyred ATS Chief Hemant Karkare had cracked the Malegaon 2008 Bomb Blast case and arrested Prime Accused Sadhvi Pragaya Singh Thakur, Col Shrikant Purohit and other accused and filed charge sheet in trial Court, Subsequently National Investigation Agency took over the case and filed supplementary charge sheet, The NIA allegedly at the behest of Central Government exonerated Sadhvi Pragaya Singh Thakur and also dropped MCOCA which has weaken the case.

That, Designated NIA court despite NIA's request to discharge Sadhvi Pragaya Singh Thakur did not discharge her and framed the charges and proceed with trial.

That, So far 223 witnesses deposed in which 16 turned hostile and claiming that, ATS tortured them to give evidence against accused. The witnesses tarnishing the image of State government and ATS Police.

That, because of following reasons, ATS's presence in court is inevitable to save the image of Government and ATS.

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- 1) NIA not prosecuting all the accused with honesty and sincerity. Till today 16 important witnesses turned hostile out of 223. 100 more crucial witnesses are left to be examined. These witnesses are crucial and they need to be protected.
- 2) NIA has not challenged any order passed in favor of accused in Higher Court which shows their intentions clearly.
- 3) Strict Supervision by ATS is a must to for fair trial and effective prosecution since ATS had recorded the statements of maximum witnesses and conducted most part of the investigation.
- 4) It seems Witnesses are under influence by accused and deliberately taking names of BJP-RSS people to get mileage in UP Elections and defame Maharashtra government and ATS Police as PW 220 went beyond what was recorded in his 161 statements by mentioning the name of Yogi, etc and irony is that, Special Public Prosecutor did not take objection on it and after deposition appeared on National News Channel i.e. Republic TV and confirm that, Witness took the name of UP CM Yogi Aditinath and others.
- 5) ATS as an investigating agency is being maligned to be anti-Hindu.

Hence, under these circumstances to maintain the trust of public in ATS police and on Government, it is requested that, kindly deploy ATS officers who were part of investigation team and Law officers to attend the Court which is hearing matter on day to day basis. Sothat the guilty can be punished and justice can be delivered to the public at large and also through your action a tribute will be paid to the Martyred ATS Chief Hemant Karkare.

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