



RAJ IAS ASSOCIATION

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To

**The Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Rajasthan**

Through

Chief Secretary, Rajasthan

Respected Sir,

The Association humbly wishes to bring to your kind notice that, lately, multiple incidents have occurred in which some senior public representatives/Ministers are being seen to target individual IAS officers on duty in public or through media. In some cases, the public representatives in question were occupying very high ranks and yet were seen to be making adverse and inappropriate remarks that are undignified with respect to their own positions as well as that of the officers working with them.

Lately, an unwarranted and humiliating incidence has occurred in Bikaner today, where during a public function the minister made derogatory / defamatory remarks for the Collector and DM while he was discharging his duty in official capacity. This was done in presence of public and media. Few days back, the same minister made spiteful remarks for Collector & D.M. Alwar as well. Such behaviour is condemnable and totally unacceptable. Such repeated incidents not only demoralize the bureaucracy but also tarnishes the image of the government and adversely impact good governance and administrative performance.

We wish to humbly submit that most of the officers have always sought to work their hardest to follow the mandates of the government and serve the citizens. Rajasthan traditionally has been a unique state that is known for good understanding between the public representatives and the bureaucracy, resulting in great pace of development due to the administrative machinery working collectively in a cohesive manner. Therefore, such unwarranted and undignified remarks in the media demoralise those who have done nothing but implement the government's mission to the best of their abilities. This situation needs to be avoided and the legacy of partnership between the government and administration needs to be upheld.

The Association also wishes to assert that if some individual officer's work is unsatisfactory, then action should be taken against them through appropriate channels. But passing adverse remarks simply to generate publicity & media controversy does not solve any genuine issues that may exist. Using bureaucracy as a means to score political points only succeeds in creating fear amongst the officers and humiliating them in public finally affects the functioning of government. Such incidents, if continued, will in future discourage officers from working independently and taking difficult decisions. If officers with bona-fide intentions are discouraged from working freely, the entire administrative machinery suffers as a result.

Therefore, we request you to take note of such repeated incidents and take appropriate action so that such incidents may not occur in the future. We would greatly appreciate if this incidence can be publicly condemned so that the morale of the civil servants can be restored.

Encl: - News items published about Bikaner's incidence.
News items published about Alwar's incidence dated 17.11.2022

Thanks & Regards.

Yours Sincerely

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