

March 18, 2016

To,  
The Chief Proctor,  
Office of the Chief Proctor,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University,  
New Delhi - 110 067

Sub.: Response to Show-Cause Notice dated 14.03.2016

Dear Sir,

I have received a "Show-Cause Notice, Dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016" on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 requiring me to explain why disciplinary action should not be initiated against me. I was asked to respond to the notice by 18<sup>th</sup> March.

The show cause notice states that a High Level Enquiry Committee (HLEC) has found me "guilty" under Clause 3, Category II, (xxv), of the Rules of Discipline and Proper Conduct of students of JNU, which reads "Any other act which may be considered by the VC or any other competent authority to be an act of violation of discipline and conduct".

The notice, however, does not specify what I am guilty of. I am unable to understand what is the "act of violation of discipline and conduct" for which I am being held responsible.

I was supplied with an incomplete HLEC document on 15<sup>th</sup> March. The recommendations of the HLEC are missing in that document. **Nowhere in the document has my name been mentioned, and as such I am at loss as to why I was issued the "show-cause notice" in the first place.**

I also fail to understand why and on what basis was I summarily suspended from the university through Office Order 115/CP/2016. Being a final semester student

I was debarred from attending classes for almost a month, adversely affecting my

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academic performance. My name was mentioned by the Union HRD Minister on the floor of parliament as someone who has been suspended by the university. This has caused much pain and anxiety to me and tarnished my reputation as an elected representative of the GSCASH.

As I have mentioned in my earlier communications to you, I feel that the HLEC has functioned in violation of the principles of natural justice. The "show cause" notice issued to me is in continuation of an arbitrary process, where I am being asked to explain "violation of discipline and conduct" without being provided with any evidence or specific instance of such a "violation".

I am deeply disturbed by such a non-specific and vague "show cause notice", since there is no ground whatsoever for initiating any disciplinary action against me. I reiterate that all the allegations made against me are wrong and I have not done anything which is in violation with the aims and objectives of JNU.

Yours sincerely

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