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From: "Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar" <mamidala@mail.jnu.ac.in>

Date: Feb 15, 2016 10:20:55 AM

Subject: Re: Regarding police on campus

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Please forward to all the Deans and Chairpersons of the Special Centers:

Dear Prof. Chandrasekhar,

Thank you for your email. As explained in the Dean's meeting and as you have correctly mentioned below "you are against having the police on campus, but that in this case your hands were tied because the police had claimed that the charge relating to the February 9th incident being 'sedition', it had the legal right to conduct investigations freely anywhere, including on campus", let me assure that the administration has never invited the police to come to the campus. At 10 PM on 10th Feb 2016, the DCP, Vasant Vihar contacted the security officer and sent a letter requesting the university to cooperate in providing the video and audio footage and other information as per law. The police also requested the authorities to allow the police to enter the university as an FIR has been registered against unnamed persons raising anti-India slogans on the campus on the charges of sedition, which is a serious criminal charge. We therefore gave permission to the police to investigate and act as per the law of the land. Registrar has confirmed that he has not commented at all about the endorsement which you have mentioned. We have in fact written a second letter to the police that while sharing the sentiments of the JNU community we trust that the police authorities will take all necessary precautions and due care in discharging their lawful duties so as not to disturb the normal functioning of the university system. Police have assured that they will not enter the campus unless circumstances so demand as per law.

I seek all your cooperation in making sure that the University gets back to regular academic activities as we all are committed to making JNU even better than what it is today.

With warm regards,
M. Jagadesh Kumar

On 02/12/16 09:59 PM, "C.P. Chandrasekhar" <cpchand@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Prof Kumar

This is with reference to the Dean's Committee meeting held at 11 am in the morning on February 12th, which led to a position statement the university has issued. You would recall that in that meeting the issue of not allowing/inviting police into the campus was explicitly raised. You too declared that you are against having the police on campus, but that in this case your hands were tied because the police had claimed that the charge relating to the February 9th incident being 'sedition', it had the legal right to conduct investigations freely anywhere, including on campus. We did in good faith accept that explanation, also because at that time hostel searches of individual rooms without a warrant had not begun.

We have now been told by the JNUTA Executive and a large section of teachers that a delegation from among them that met you was:

1. Read out a letter from the police that explicitly asked for permission to enter the campus and conduct investigations.

2. Informed that the university replied to the police giving them the right to enter and conduct operations on campus 'as and when they deem fit'. which we are told amounts to giving up the long term immunity from police entry into the campus without invitation that universities have.

If this is true, it amounts to a major change in the policy adopted by successive Vice-Chancellors ever since JNU was established, and against the policy that most universities adopt.

In addition, we have been told that the Registrar told the teachers' delegation that the Committee of Deans endorsed this decision of the University, which is patently wrong.

We would therefore request you to issue a clarification that the details with respect to this matter were not revealed to the Deans Committee, and the statement issued was not an endorsement of police presence and raids but only of the internal inquiry instituted by you as Vice Chancellor.

We also strongly urge you to find ways to immediately retract any blanket permission to the police to enter and conduct operations on campus.

With regards

Yours sincerely

C. P. Chandrasekhar, Dean, School of Social Sciences

Anuradha Chenoy, Dean, School of International Studies

Rekha Kamath, Dean, School of Languages

Bishnupriya Paul, Dean, School of Arts and Aesthetics