

# ANNEXURE - C

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Jawaharlal Nehru University  
New Delhi-110067

## Report of the High Level Enquiry Committee

### Preamble

A High Level Enquiry Committee was constituted by the Vice Chancellor on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to enquire into the incident in JNU campus that occurred on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 around an event organised by some students.

The Committee was notified on 11 February 2016 and comprised the following members:

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| 1. Prof. Rakesh Bhatnagar, SBT | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. H. B. Bohidar, SPS    | Member      |
| 3. Prof. Suman K. Dhar, SCMM   | Member      |

The Terms of Reference for the 3 Member Committee was:

1. To enquire into the incident and ascertain sequence of events
2. Identify any lapses that may have taken place, and
3. On the basis of the findings, recommend actions to be initiated by the university as per its statutes and guidelines.

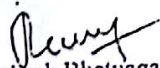
Subsequently, the Vice Chancellor expanded the Committee on 23 February 2016 and included 2 more members:

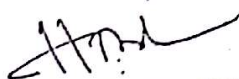
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The Committee adopted the Standard Operating Procedure (Annexure I).

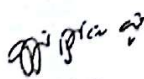
The Committee used the video clips submitted by the CSO and had them duly authenticated by a government approved agency: Truth Labs, Bangalore- Q1-Q8. Only clips Q4, Q5, Q6, Q8 have been used for the enquiry. (Annexure II)

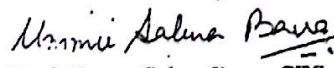
The Committee met on a day to day basis from 12 February 2016 to collect material evidences and eye witness accounts.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Member

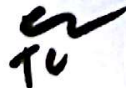
  
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The Committee conducted the process of (i) taking written depositions of eye witnesses and (ii) examining the video clips submitted by JNU Security Office and (iii) scrutinizing various documents related to this incident over the period of enquiry.

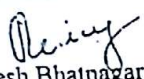
For his purpose, the committee invited all the people who applied for permission to hold this programme, and the individuals whose names that were printed on the poster as organisers of the event, people who had given complaints, the security staff present during the event and all JNUSSU office bearers. In addition to this, a notice was sent to all the centres, schools and hostels to invite anyone who was present at the venue or had any information or evidence relating to this event.

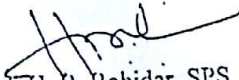
During this exercise, number of intimations was sent to students to appear before the Enquiry Committee out of which many students responded and gave their depositions. Students who did not respond to the first intimation, were served second notice, and if they still did not respond, were served the third notice. The first and second notices were served to the students through their Centre Chairpersons and Senior wardens of their concerned Hostels. The third notice was served by Speed Post to their home addresses available on JNU records, in addition to their Centre and Hostel addresses. All the notices were also sent to the e-mail ids of the concerned students available with JNU (Annexure III).

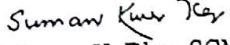
Depositions were heard from JNU Security Personals who were present at the site on that day. Some of the security persons and Mess manager(s) were also called to identify the individuals present during the event. The Operations Manager of G4S was also called to depose before the Committee.

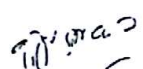
The Committee took the depositions of the following university officials to establish the sequence of events

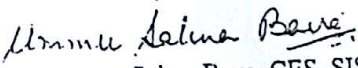
1. Prof. Anupama Ray CPS, SSS (Chairperson)
2. Prof. R. Mahalakshmi ADOS
3. Prof. Bhuopinder Zutshi, Registrar
4. Prof. Shyamal Goswami, Dean of Students
5. Mr. Naveen Yadav, Chief Security Officer
6. Mr. S. S. Palni, Security Inspector, JNU

  
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