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To

1. All Daughter Lodges
2. All Daughter Chapters
3. All Daughter Mark Lodges
4. All RAM Lodges
5. All Regional Grand Secretaries/Scribes E

Subject:- Expulsion of W Bro. Uttam Prasad Kesarwani

Dear Sir and R/V/W/Brother/ME/E.Companion,

I am directed to inform you that, at the Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of India, convened and held in Agra on 21st September 2019, as per provisions of Rule 52 of the Book of Constitutions, the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge of India to expel W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani as approved by the Appeals Court was duly put to vote by show of hands. The members of the Grand Lodge of India entitled to vote, by a unanimous decision, agreed with the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes and the Order of the Appeals Court to expel W Bro. Uttam Prasad Kesarwani. Most Worshipful the Grand Master declared the motion in favour of expulsion of W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani as duly carried by unanimous vote. W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani was not present at the Especial Communication, inspite of the notice served upon him and all Members of the Grand Lodge of India.

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The proceedings against W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani were initiated when Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of India received a special report dated 16th May 2019 from RW the Regional Grand Master, Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India recommending expulsion of W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani under Rule 68 of Book of Constitutions for his acts of wanton indiscipline and serious, unprecedented, unparalleled, unbelievable and bad acts of Masonic impropriety and misconduct unprecedented in the Grand Lodge of India since its inception, including creation and circulation of an extremely vulgar and defamatory video against MW the Grand Master of Grand Lodge of India.

The Grand Secretary laid the recommendations of RW the Regional Grand Master before the Appeals Court as per the provisions of Rule 189 of Book of Constitutions.

The Appeals Court sent a communication to W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani on 3rd June 2019 and notified him to appear before the Appeals Court on 17th June 2019 to present his case. W Bro Kesarwani appeared before the Appeals Court on the said date. After going through the proceedings on 17th June 2019 as well as all the documents and facts, the Appeals Court unanimously held W Bro Kesarwani guilty of Masonic offences such as indiscipline, disobedience, acts of wanton indecency besides behaving in vulgar language and opined that he is not a fit person to be a Freemason. The Appeals Court further unanimously opined that keeping in view all the facts and circumstances, the recommendation sent by the Regional Grand Master of Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India is justified to expel him and further keeping seriousness of the charges and the loss to the morality of charitable institution, the recommendation to expel him is well justified. The Appeals Court unanimously concluded that W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani should be expelled in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Book of Constitutions.

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As per the provisions of Rule 189(a) of the Book of Constitutions, the report of the Appeals Court was placed before the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge of India at its meeting held in New Delhi on 27th July 2019. The Board of General Purposes unanimously accepted the report of the Appeals Court and recommended expulsion of W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani and approved the same to be placed as Item No. 3 and 4 in the Paper of Business for the Especial Communication to be held in Agra on 21st September 2019. The report of the Appeals Court was duly circulated for being considered as Item 3 and 4 of the Papers of Business at the Especial Communication held at Agra on 21st September 2019 on the above subject.

Due notice in writing was served on W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani, to answer the complaint in person, in the Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge. W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani, however, chose not to attend the Especial Communication held on 21st September 2019.

In the above mentioned Especial Communication, report of the Appeals Court, having been accepted and placed on record unanimously, members thereafter voted unanimously to expel W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani as per Item No. 4 of the Paper of Business of the Especial Communication.

In view of the position as indicated above, I am further directed to inform you that for all intents and purposes and in accordance with the provisions of Book of Constitutions W Bro Uttam Prasad Kesarwani stands duly expelled from the Grand Lodge of India with effect from 21st September 2019 and stands deprived of all his Masonic Ranks and Privileges. Further, in terms of the General Regulations for the Government of the Order of Royal Arch Masons of India, he also stands expelled from the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, and stands deprived of all his ranks and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason. Likewise in terms of the provisions contained in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, he stands expelled from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of

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India and is deprived of all his ranks and privileges as a Mark Master Mason. Further as per the Regulations governing the Order of Royal Ark Mariners of India, he also stands expelled from the degrees as well and stands deprived of all his ranks and privileges as a Royal Ark Mariner.

I am also directed to instruct you that this letter be read in extenso at the First Rising of the next regular meeting of your Lodge/Chapter/Mark/RAM Lodge and also be circulated to all members by e-mail.

Yours fraternally,

VISHAL BAKSHI
Grand Secretary

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All Members of Board of General Purposes/Committee of General Purposes/General Board/RAM Council