



October 8, 2018

RE: Injustice to Ms. Neeta Bhushan. Consul General of Chicago, IL USA

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to bring to your attention an important matter in the city of Chicago, IL, USA. In Chicago, there is a strong group of antisocial people of Indian origin who creates a very difficult atmosphere for the diplomats/Consul Generals to function in the community. It has happened many a times with the past Consul Generals as well. So far as the current Consul General, Ms. Neeta Bhushan, is concerned:

- I have been seeing her work for the last one and half years. She is a very humble and down to earth person.
- She is always trying to promote India and bringing the community together.
- She has had excellent functions to promote business and culture of India. I have personally attended many of her events and have found her always taking care of each and every person.
- I am sorry to hear that some people are trying to spread rumors about her.
- I was at the Consulate for the flag hoisting ceremony on Independence Day (August 15th). The auditorium was packed. This is because of her constant outreach to bring people of Indian origin together. I had not seen so many people together ever at any previous Independence Day function. Even in the evening reception the hall was packed with people of all communities.

I have lived here for over 30 years and there is a group that always tries to malign the Consul Generals and anybody who does good work for India. I request you to not let such forces win by withdrawing her. We love and respect for her work. Taking her out of Chicago will cause a grave injustice for her and her family and more importantly the Indian community of Chicago.

Sincerely,

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