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Honorable Smt Sushma Swarajji
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I have heard that some emails are floating around which suggest that our Hon'ble Consul General Neeta Bhushan ji snatched the mike from Mr S. Damle during the birth anniversary celebration of Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay in the Consulate on September 25, 2017.

This is "Sarasar Jhoot". Mr Damle from HSS Chicago was present in Pt. Deen Dyal UpadhyayJi and his speech went very well without any issue from anybody. I would like to put the record right in this matter as I was present there that day and I also spoke at the event. I normally attend all the events at the Consulate.

Other speakers were Dr Bharat Barai and Mr Sohan Joshi, Chairman, National Federation of Indian association, USA. It was a good programme and well attended. There was nothing controversial during that programme. I don't know why some people are complaining when it was such a good programme. This was the first time that the Indian Consulate in Chicago in Chicago organized such as befitting program to honour our Samthapak Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhaya and Consul General Neeta BhushanJi, should be congratulated for hosting such a good event. Some photographs are attached from the event.

I saw Mr Damle speak at another event at the Consulate. I think it was the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbai Patel. He started making some controversial statements about minorities. Then Consulate staff Mr D B Bhati, Consul & Head of Chancery went up to Mr Damle and requested him that "we are trying to unify our country" and also requested him to stick to the topic. At the same time some members of the minorities committee started agitating. After that, Mr Damle finished his speech and sat down.

I am extremely distressed to see that such allegations are being circulated about our Consul General, which is not true.

In future, please feel free to contact me or Mr Amar Upadhyay, National General Secretary, OFBJP at Chicago for any clarification. We are residents here and will also keep you informed accordingly.

Thanks and Regards.

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