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Director General of Police, Crime, Haryana, Panchkula as head of Special  
Investigation Team.

**RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

I, the above named deponent do hereby solemnly affirm and  
declare as under:-

1. That the deponent is filing present Status Report by way of  
affidavit as head of Special Investigation Team (SIT), constituted to  
investigate all the cases related to the violent incidents, rioting,  
arson etc. in the wake of pronouncement of the judgment against  
Gurmit Ram Rahim Singh, Head, Dera Sacha Sauda, Sirsa by the CBI  
Court at Panchkula on 25.08.2017. The last Status report was filed  
before this Hon'ble Court on 08.08.2018 and the present Status  
Report is being filed in continuation of the earlier Status Report.
2. That to conduct thorough and fair investigation in these  
cases regular directions have been issued to the members of SIT  
from time to time to make sincere and stringent efforts to

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apprehend the remaining accused and conclude the investigation of cases related to the incidents of violence and arson in the aftermath of the pronouncement of judgment against Gurmit Ram Rahim Singh by Ld. CBI Court at Panchkula on 25.08.2017. Moreover, specific directions have been issued by the deponent to the members of SIT vide this office memo. No. 4072-92/R/ADGP/crime dated 27.08.2018 and D.O. No. 150-51/ST/ADGP/crime dated 07.09.2018 to make all efforts to arrest the remaining accused, for the attachment of properties of proclaimed offenders in these cases, to trace out the remaining missing persons, to find any clue with respect to the movement of assets from Dera premises and to conclude the investigation of these cases at the earliest. The members of SIT have also been requested to supervise and review the efforts put in by their subordinates to obtain optimum result on each of the above mentioned issues. The Superintendents of Police and DCP cum members of SIT, concerned were asked to send their reports by way of affidavit through respective Range Addl. Director General/Inspectors General of Police and Commissioner of Police.

The reports submitted by the members of the SIT have been examined and compiled to prepare a consolidated Status Report. The consolidated Status Report is submitted in the following paras for kind consideration of this Hon'ble Court.

3. That it is submitted that total 240 cases have been registered throughout the State of Haryana in connection with the incidents of violence, arson and destruction of public and private property by the followers of Dera Sacha Sauda in the aftermath of

pronouncement of judgment by Ld. CBI Court against Gurmit Ram Rahim Singh on 25.08.2017. Out of these, in 207 cases the investigating agency has presented Challans against the accused in the courts of Jurisdictional Magistrates. During investigation of all these cases as many as 1484 persons have been arrested by the SIT so far. Since some of these persons have been arrested in more than one case, hence, total number of arrests are 2610, Two (2) more accused have been arrested since last date of hearing i.e. 08.08.2018 of the present case by the SIT namely Krishan Pal Chauhan S/o Sh. Kabiz Singh Chauhan in case FIR No. 696/17 PS City Sirsa and Gyani Ram s/o Shyam Lal in case FIR No. 194/17, Case FIR No. 195/17 and case FIR No. 197/17 PS Cheeka. Moreover, three accused namely Naveen Kumar @ Gobhi Ram S/o Madan Lal, Sonu @ Sanjeev S/o Shyam Lal Arora and Surender S/o Duli Chand, who were already arrested in cases registered in District Panchkula, have been taken on production warrant by Sirsa Police and arrested in their case.

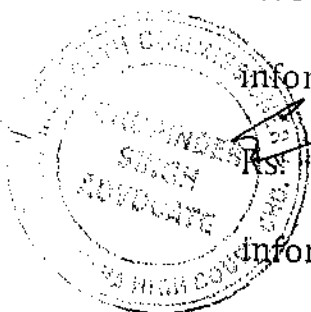
It is further submitted that as many as 16 persons have been 16 P.O's declared Proclaimed Offenders by the concerned Courts so far. Out of them 4 accused have been declared Proclaimed Offenders after the last date of hearing of the present case before the Hon'ble Court. The proceedings for declaring some more accused as Proclaimed Offender are pending. The SIT has also initiated the proceedings for attachment of properties of the proclaimed offenders.

4. That it is submitted that details regarding conspiracy hatched by the core group of Dera activists pre or post 25.08.2017 have already been given in the Status Reports filed earlier. The lead case bearing FIR No. 345 dated 27.08.2017 u/s 145/146/150/151/152/153/216/121/121-A/120B IPC was

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registered in Police Station, Sector-5, Panchkula in which the SIT is conducting investigation with regard to conspiracy. During the investigation of this case as many as 39 accused have been arrested so far by the SIT. Challan/ Supplementary Challans have been presented in the Court of Learned Jurisdictional Magistrate against 36 accused till now. In this case as many as 10 accused are evading their arrest and SIT is making all possible and sincere efforts to apprehend them. For their arrest non-bailable arrest warrants have been obtained from the Jurisdictional Magistrate against 9 of these wanted accused. One accused namely Aditya Insan has been declared Proclaimed Offender and proceedings regarding attachment of the property of said accused have been initiated. The properties in the name of accused Aditya Insan in the state are being verified from the departments concerned. A reward of Rs. Five Lakhs (5,00,000/-) has already been announced for providing information regarding accused Aditya Insan. Besides, a reward of Rs. One Lakh (1,00,000/-) has been declared for providing information leading to the arrest of accused Abhijit and reward of Fifty Thousand (50,000/-) each has also been declared with regard to accused Jasbir Bakali and Iqbal Singh @ Baggar.

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5. That with regard to investigation conducted by the SIT about the missing persons, it is submitted that 25 persons have been reported missing from DSS till now. However, 8 persons have been traced out by the SIT so far.

The SIT is making earnest efforts to trace out the remaining 17 missing persons. For the same, cash reward of Rs Fifty Thousand

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(50,000/-) each have already been announced for providing information with regard to missing persons. It would be pertinent to mention here that as per report received from the SIT constituted for this purpose, no evidence/incriminating material regarding involvement of functionaries of Dera Sacha Sauda in disappearance of missing persons has come so far.

The detail of the efforts made by the SIT constituted to trace out the missing persons has already been submitted before this Hon'ble Court in the previous Status Reports. It is further submitted that most of these persons were missing from DSS since long i.e for 08-15 years, so it is very difficult for the SIT to get any lead regarding them particularly when no detail regarding disappearance of the missing persons under suspicious circumstances are coming out from any quarter. However, all possible efforts are being made by the SIT to trace out these missing persons.

That it is respectfully submitted that SIT is making sincere efforts to find the clues regarding any movement of assets from Dera Sacha Sauda, Sirsa from 25.08.2017 to 29.08.2017. As stated in Status Reports filed earlier, 65 damaged hard disks of the DVRs of the CCTVs of the Dera premises were recovered on the instance of accused Vineet Kumar during the course of investigation of case FIR No. 696/17 PS city Sirsa. The SIT has made sincere and all possible efforts for the retrieval of the data but those hard disks were so damaged that nothing can be retrieved from them. Earlier, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was also approached to

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retrieve the data from these damaged HDDs, however, it was conveyed by the CBI that the HDDs were mechanically damaged with the intention of destroying the data and recovery is completely impossible.

It is submitted that some more electronic data storage devices were also recovered by SIT, which have been analyzed by DITAC Gurugram and report in this regard has been received from DITAC. The data retrieved by DITAC has been examined thoroughly but no clue regarding the movement of assets from Dera premises could be obtained. However, the report contains information regarding assets held by DSS in India as well as other countries. Therefore, said data has been shared with Enforcement Directorate and Income Tax Department vide Superintendent of Police, Sirsa office memo. No. 25346 and 25347 dated 22.09.2018 for further necessary action. Most of the arrested persons have been thoroughly interrogated to get some clue regarding movement of goods and valuables from the dera premises but no information or material has come across the SIT to corroborate the same in the investigation conducted so far.

It shall be apposite to mention here that SIT may find some lead from the material seized by the Ld. Court Commissioner, but request to de-seal these articles was declined by the Illaqa Magistrate. The revision petition filed against the order of Illaqa Magistrate was also dismissed by the Ld. court of ASJ Sirsa on dated 11.05.2018.

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7. That it is further submitted that the investigating agency moved an application seeking custody of one Balraj Singh son of Harchand an accused (name of Balraj Singh was disclosed by Vinit, IT head of DSS in his disclosure statement) in case FIR No. 696/17 u/s 147/148/149/307/124A/435/436/332/353/186/201/109/120B IPC , 3/4 PDPP Act and 25/54/59 Arms Act, Police Station City Sirsa but the same was rejected by the Ld. Area Magistrate. Thereafter, a revision petition filed by the investigating agency against the said order has also been dismissed by the Ld. court of ASJ Sirsa on dated 23.04.2018.

Now an application has been filed by the State bearing CM No. 13668 of 2018 in the instant case seeking permission of this Hon'ble Court to de-seal E-data sealed by the Ld. Court Commissioner during sanitization process of Dera Sacha Sauda, Headquarters, Sirsa. Besides, prayer has also been made in the above mentioned CM to allow custodial interrogation of accused Balraj Singh.

It is respectfully submitted that the investigation is being conducted by the SIT in fair manner and sincere efforts are being made to bring all the culprits within the ambit of judicial scrutiny.

8. That it is submitted that the SIT is conducting thorough and fair investigation in all these cases and is making earnest efforts to apprehend the remaining accused to collect more material and to conclude the investigation at the earliest so that police reports in terms of section 173 CrPC may be filed in the remaining cases before the competent Courts.






Above Status Report is submitted for kind consideration of  
the Hon'ble Court.

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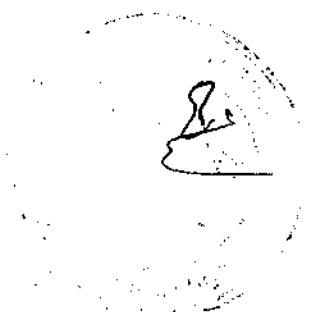
  
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VERIFICATION:-

Verified that the contents of para No.1 to 8 of the status  
report by way of affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge based  
on information derived from official record which are believed to be  
correct. No part of it is false and nothing has been concealed therein.

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Certified on behalf of the State of Haryana  
by P.K. Aggarwal  
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