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## **INCIDENCE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST SERVING PERSONNEL AND VETERANS**

Sir,

1. I had written to you on this issue vide DO Letter No IESL/105/2024 dt 19 Sep 2024. With a little more clarity of the events I have changed the subject headline.
2. I would first like to draw your attention to the print on the letter head. Probably this honour of Patron bestowed upon you has not been given due attention. I thought I'll remind you of this. In my 13 years in IESL I haven't seen any of the Chiefs and the CsDS justifying this honour.

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3. Today Veterans about 20 to 30 years older than you but junior in ranks have followed the military ethos of respect to the higher ranks. This too seems to have been taken for granted.

4. The Veterans are fully aware of the limitation of military leadership especially in our system of democracy and governance. This more so since the coming to power of the present govt. Who will get superseded for unknown reasons is the biggest dilemma being faced by our military leadership. And any policy decision can be taken that even a retired Army Cdr can be promoted and placed above his three peers from 200 odd eligible candidates. These views have come from the social media and are undisputed.

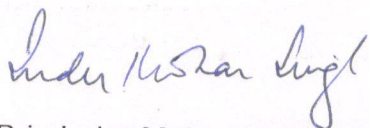
5. Now with 'Theatre Commands' in the pipeline probably four more 'four star' Generals to be promoted in due course will add to the silence.

6. Notwithstanding the above dilemma of our military's top leadership I would like to come to the issue of the humiliation of Brig A Pradhan's daughter. He happens to be President of IESL Odisha State and her fiancée, a serving officer. Whilst the silence of the top military leadership in media is understood the media interaction of GOC MP Area is well appreciated. But why this silence from the Prime Minister and Home Minister. Any minor achievement is tom tommed but now deafening silence. I'm sure you remember the incident of rape and murder of a doctor of RG Kar Medical College. The entire country expressed sympathy like never before though there are about 90 rape cases registered every day in the country. Some more heinous cases of minors and toddlers also occur at regular intervals. But what stood out was the lead taken by the Prime Minister and the Home Minister in taking on the West Bengal Govt. I'm sure even a dumb would know why. All the same I will not stop sharing the 'secret'. It was an opposition ruled State govt. But the incident of Odisha as also two more, one in Mhow and one in Rajasthan were in BJP ruled States. This 'disclosure' may not be to the liking of some but this is where we have reached. The young lady was bold enough to speak up through Social Media.

7. There our views that the military should have taken on the police as happened in Agra, Ahmednagar etc in the past. And the most well known incident of thrashing of Mr Surinder Singh Kairon, son of then Punjab Chief Minister, Pratap Singh Kairon in Amritsar when he teased an Army Officer's wife in Amritsar is back in circulation. Well this retaliation didn't happen because Bhubneshwar in Odisha like many States in the country don't have many military stations.

8. I'm sure no one has ever written a letter on such issues in the past. Would you live up to the honour of the Veterans and the country and put it across to the Prime Minister.

9. I would also suggest a WhatsApp number be created so that Veterans could post their views directly and apprise you of the respect left for our military leadership.



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