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Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Government of Karnataka  
Vidhan Soudha,  
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Respectsd Sir,

**Sub: Highhandedness of GRP in arresting Additional Divisional Engineer/South West Railway Hubli and naming of General Manager in FIR**

It is brought to your kind notice that a Railway officer ADEN/South Western Railway/Hubli was arrested by Government Railway Police/Hubbali on 24.3.2016 in connection with the collapse of Railway parcel office building on 8.2.2016 leading to unfortunate death of 7 persons.

FROA has deliberated this issue in detail it has been found that ADEN had already declared this building unsafe and also issued memo to GRP and other occupants on 3.2.2016 to vacate the building immediately which was duly acknowledged by them, whereas the collapse of the building occurred on 8.2.2016. Thus the building was declared unsafe by Railway officials well in time and most of the occupants had already vacated the building, and others should have also vacated the building immediately. Therefore, the responsibility for casualties due to collapse of building cannot be fixed on concerned Railway officers/staff, who had rather done the commendable job of forewarning the occupants by giving them timely notice to vacate the building and thus saved the lives of those who vacated the building in time.

In the light of the above facts and circumstances, the acts of arrest of ADEN and naming of senior officers including General Manager in the subsequent FIR, are considered unjustifiable and legally untenable. The highhandedness and arbitrariness displayed by GRP and their failure to vacate the building, calls for suitable action by State Government. This action of GRP has caused huge demoralisation and undue harrassment of Railway officers and staff.

FROA requests your good self to kindly consider the closure of criminal cases against Railway officers and staff in view of their non-liability in this case and thus ensure that they are not made scapegoat or harassed for the casualties not attributable to them.



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