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To
The Editor-in-Chief
Republic Tv
Mumbai
India.

Subject- Notice regarding Defamation of Disha Student organization in your news story on 28th May 2017.

Sir,

On 28th May 2017, Sunday your channel ran a story about pro-ISIS and pro-maoist slogans and wall writing appearing in Delhi University. While running the story your channel has very irresponsibly used the visuals of posters by Disha Student organization in the backdrop. As your anchor goes on stating the event close-ups of our posters are pasted onto the screen wrongly insinuating and defaming our students organization.

Disha Student organization strongly condemns this irresponsible act of journalism on the part of Republic tv. As can be easily understood even by a cursory reading of the content of the posters by any sensible, sane-minded person that neither do they support ISIS or any other terrorist organization nor do they advertise any such thought. The posters are simply in keeping and carrying forward of the legacy and ideology of Bhagat Singh. The posters simply mention right to education for all and that we shall fight for our right to education.

However you have used the pictures to contextualize your news piece and defamed our pro-students democratic organization. It appears as if the story has been colored to further the divisive politics of BJP and other parties doing politics on fascist communal lines.

We strongly condemn this pitiable act of irresponsible journalism. We ask that you run an apology clarifying this on your channel and everywhere where you have run this video story (facebook, youtube, twitter etc). In the event of failing to do so by your channel we will be forced to file a demafation suit against your channel and send you a show cause notice.

We expect a speedy action in this regard from your end as this is a very sensitive issue.

Regards
Simran
Convener
Disha Student Organization
