Ref. No106/8128

Shri Dinesh Rai, I.A.S, Secretary Ministry of MSME, Govt of India, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi

Subject :- Inhuman, unlawful and Brutal treatment by the Officers of DGCEI New Delhi with a young Small Scale Entrepreneur

Dear Sir,

Indian Industries Association (IIA) an apex body of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME's) is bringing a case of Inhuman, unlawful and brutal treatment by the Officers of Directorate General of Central Excise Intelligence with a young Industrialist. Mr.Vinay Kanodia, Director, M/s Vinay Wire & Poly Products Pvt. Ltd, having a registered office at 16/40 Civil Lines, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. Vinay Kanodia was in Delhi for his business work from 8/11/09 and was staying in Hotel Balaji Deluxe, 8574, Ara Krishna Road, Paharganj, New Delhi. On 10/11/09 at about 11.30 PM when he arrived at the Hotel, few Officers of the DGCEI New Delhi were already waiting for him in the Hotel. These Officers man-handled Mr. Vinay Kanodia and took him forcibly to DGCEI Head Quarters at R.K. Puram New Delhi. Throughout the night of 10/11/09 and till afternoon of 11/11/09, Mr. Kanodia was illegally detained, brutally tortured-physically and mentally in DGCEI Head Quarter. After 3 PM on 11/11/09 the victim was produced before the duty Magistrate with fabricated documents and was sent to Tihar Jail.

Even before this incident the DGCEI Officers have acted in an inhuman and unlawful manner with Mr. Vinay Kanodia and his staff for which they already had lodged a complained to the Director General of DGCEI.

Aggrieved by the treatment and the fear of high handedness of the officers of DGCEI, the father of Mr. Vinay Kanodia have filed an application with the National Human Rights Commission. Copy of this application giving complete details of the case is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal.

Luckily for Mr. Vinay Kanodia the hotel where he was staying was having a CC TV and the manhandling act of the DGCEI Officers with Mr. Kanodia got recorded. The Video tape of this recording as produced in the Hon'ble Court of Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, New Delhi is also enclosed for your kind information. The Video tape clearly shows that when Mr. Vinay Kanodia was settling his account with the hotel and handing over them his visiting card for informing his family, the DGCEI Officers snatched the visiting card and manhandled Mr. Vinay Kanodia.

IIA is not in favour of any kind of tax evasion of which the DGCEI Officers have made allegations against the entrepreneur. For handling such evasion there are set rules & regulations which never allows the inhuman and brutal act as has been committed by DGCEI Officers with Mr. Kanodia and his staff. IIA therefore is approaching you with the request to take appropriate action in the matter so that such gross misuse of Official Power in Free India against the Industrialists is effectively stopped.

Thanking you,

Yours truly

Anil Gupta President