

Report of IOA investigation committee 2018

After going through the repetitive allegations of Dr. Sanjay Jain, we could identify following allegations which have been listed in a tabulated form and we have analyzed and presented our observations.

Allegation	Committee Opinion
<p>1. Suspicious activity of attempt to register on IOA website, (managed by Seawind Solution) by 1402 people.</p>	<p>The attempt was blocked at registration level, as confirmed by Seawind Solution.</p> <p>Reconfirmed by election website webmaster i.e Finesse Interactive who have rechecked that out of 1402 details provided by sea wind solution, none has voted. Since this is a technical matter, it is recommended that a cyber enquiry be conducted if GBM approves.</p> <p>Note: Only around 47 members have voted out of this list, but as per the details of the voter list provided by election officer , these voters voted from their original and correct registered id. It is his impression that these votes did not influence the election outcome.</p>
<p>2. Discrepancy in the no. and list of deceased members- Dr. Sanjay Jain claims that even deceased members were sent the ballot papers, which were used during voting.</p>	<p>List of 202 deceased members, which was prepared by IOA office, under supervision of Dr. Sanjay Jain was sent to all contestants by Election officer on 8th September, 2017. It was received by Dr. Sanjay Jain also.</p> <p>This list, verified by Dr. Sanjay Jain himself as Secretary IOA was the list used for election process.</p> <p>On 3rd February, 2018, Dr. Sanjay Jain sent an additional list of 18 members who were deceased.</p>

	<p>On 29th March, 2018(8 members), Dr. Sanjay Jain has mentioned 8 new names of deceased members in his fresh complaint.</p> <p>It is important to note that Dr. Sanjay Jain, in his capacity as Hon. Secretary, IOA should have been aware about these 18+ 8 members, which he did not include in the list of 202 deceased members. Which was sent to election officer by him only.</p> <p>Obviously the responsibility for a correct list at time of voting rests with Dr. Sanjay Jain on his capacity as Hon. Secretary, IOA. IOA office has sent the ballots to the 26 members, as a routine since Dr. Sanjay Jain did not update the list, when he was honorary secretary. This cannot be considered an electoral malpractice.</p> <p>Proposal: Dr. Sanjay Jain should explain this willful with holding of information if any. This method of list verification has been standard practice for many years, even in the 3 years that Dr. Sanjay Jain was the honorary secretary.</p>															
<p>3. Returned ballot papers were used for voting</p>	<p>All the returned ballot papers are intact in IOA office after making a proper entry of the date of return and have been verified by Sh. Ramesh Pandey IOA Office CAO under supervision of election officer. Against the alleged no. of 372 returned ballots, IOA Office has verified 333 numbers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date wise summary of returned original ballots from Post office</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="810 1756 1406 1944"> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Date-16.10.2017</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Date-21.10.2017</td> <td>42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Date-23.10.2017</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>Date-24.10.2017</td> <td>41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.</td> <td>Date-25.10.2017</td> <td>26</td> </tr> </table>	1.	Date-16.10.2017	45	2.	Date-21.10.2017	42	3.	Date-23.10.2017	45	4.	Date-24.10.2017	41	5.	Date-25.10.2017	26
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<p>4. Inactive members were sent ballot papers by Election officer</p>	<p>These so called inactive members are those were the IJO postal process shows a wrong address and journal is returned. The Editor's team had labelled these as inactive members in their records on the basis of journals that were returned. IOA office, which was working under Dr. Sanjay Jain did not have the knowledge about these members or about their inactivity due to incorrect address. Dr. Sanjay Jain, if he had the information about these inactive members when he was the honorary secretary, did not update the list of voters, as per this list of inactive members-he had even sent the IOA newsletter to these inactive members during his tenure.</p> <p>Election Officer is expected to conduct fair electoral process on the basis of the records provided by Hon. Secretary, which Dr. Sanjay Jain (in position at that time).</p>																																	
<p>5. Duplicate ballot papers were not colour coded and so misused.</p>	<p>The issue of color coded duplicate ballots is the prerogative of election officer and not a standard protocol.</p> <p>This must be understood that everything is</p>																																	

	<p>video recorded. In case of duplicate ballot papers, the identification slip is read and the ballot paper is dropped into the counting box in front of everyone. In the end, the complete numbers are tallied to ensure that nothing additional has been put.</p> <p>There seems to be no deviation from protocol which has been in place for many years. In fact election officer Dr. Rajesh Malhotra ensured that all of this was done in presence of all candidates.</p>
<p>6. The number of votes of vice president post and honorary secretary post does not tally, i.e., they are not equal.</p>	<p>Many members cast their votes for only one post, and hence this allegation has no grounds.</p>
<p>7. No surveillance in the IOA house about collecting the ballot papers from post man and putting into the ballot boxes.</p>	<p>This seems to be something that has been introduced as an after thought by the complainant as and the same mechanism has been followed for so many years. Why Dr Sanjay Jain, as honorary secretary did not arrange for CC tv cameras in his tenure. He had the full authority to do so. By this time he had discharged the duties as Hon. Sec. IOA for three years and not thought it was wise to correct a presumed deficiency.</p> <p>This is not a deviation from standard practice and it is the same protocol that was followed in previous 2 elections when Dr. Sanjay Jain was secretary. During his own tenure he did not think anything was wrong in the procedure.</p>
<p>8. Enquiry committee report has been deliberately delayed.</p>	<p>The committee has to ensure and to doubly check that all the proofs and facts are well authenticated.</p> <p>The complainant may also note that in the last EC meeting, unanimous decision was taken to take action against false</p>

	complaints. The president was given complete authority in this regard. He has restrained himself till now, to avoid coming to the low level to which Dr Jain has descended.
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In view of these unfortunate and unfair allegations against the electoral process, and after considering the evidence presented by Dr. Rajesh Malhotra (electoral officer) and his team, the committee feels that there were no deviations from the set IOA protocol.

It is recommended that the GBM, which is supreme body of our organization, should see this report and decide for further investigation into cyber activity (point 1). We further recommend that GBM should seriously take action against individuals who malign not only the election process (supervised by the electoral team) but also the IOA as a whole.

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