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**The President
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Ref: Online Election of Five (05) Regional Representatives of IIA to Council of Architecture for the term 2023-26

Sub: REQUESTING SUSPENSION OF ELECTION RESULTS OF EASTERN REGION ARISING OUT OF FAULTY VOTING SYSTEM AND DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE FORENSIC AUDIT OF THE SAME INCLUDING A HAND RECOUNT

Dear Sir

Greetings from the Executive Committee of the Indian Institute of Architects, West Bengal Chapter (IIA WB).

In reference to the results of the Online Voting declared on 30 December 2023 for **Five (05) Regional Representative of IIA to Council of Architecture for the term 2023-26**, the Executive Committee of IIA, WB Chapter, in its Emergency Meeting held on 17 January 2024, has unanimously resolved to submit the following for your urgent attention and action in the matter:

1. Even **less than one-fourth (107 nos.) of votes** in favour of Ar Indranil Baksi, the only candidate from home Chapter (WB), out of **total 448 nos.** of votes polled in WB Chapter, appears extremely far from the truth. This, along with the instance of only **14 votes** for Ar. Punit Sethi in his home Chapter (Haryana) out of **total 346 nos.** votes polled in that Chapter, clearly indicate a faulty voting system and warrant an immediate **Inquiry/Investigation into the Voting Module**. Further, the said Results declared on 30 December 2023, be kept in suspension and any further actions resulting therefrom be kept in abeyance until the disputes are addressed and resolved.
2. The Results are unfair and unjust to the Members of IIA, WB Chapter, who believed in IIA's online voting process and participated in the same despite being forced into long waiting repeatedly due to glitches in the voting system and their rectification within the election duration. Such security breaches in the voting system clearly paints a poor picture of the IIA Council, which is not only responsible for running the affairs of the Institute, but also for ensuring due diligence in election of its representatives to the Statutory body.
3. This anomaly in the election process has been recurring in 2020 and 2023, with complete reversal of results in the year 2020, where elections were conducted by the same agency. Hence the system's credibility is highly questionable and compromised. This election should not have been conducted by this same agency with such fatal errors recorded in its performance in the recent past.



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In light of the above, the Members of Executive Committee (EC) of IIA, WB Chapter earnestly demand that you immediately suspend the Results of the Eastern Region and **conduct Inquiry/ Investigation by Independent Government Recognized Third-Party Forensic Auditors** into the flaw with the Election Module, including a hand recount of the entire casted ballots.

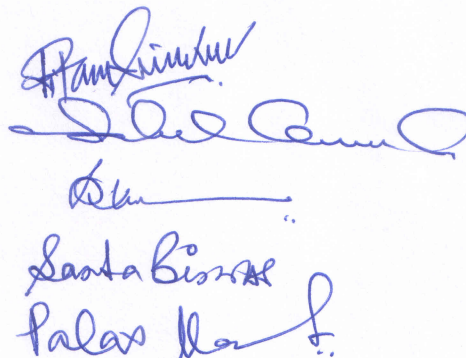
Unless these actions are taken, the IIA WB Chapter reserves their rights to voice their grievances with respect to these unfair election procedures and results in any appropriate platform.

Thanking you,

For Executive Committee Members of the IIA, West Bengal Chapter:

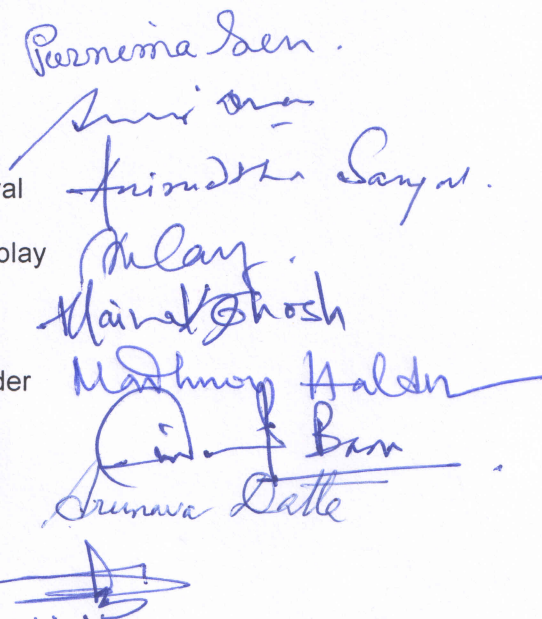
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