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1st April 2022,

To
Shri. Mansukh Mandaviya,
Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare,
Govt of India, New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

We address you on behalf of FOGSI, The Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India with 38,000 Obstetricians and Gynaecologists India, who are taking care of our women's health in India.

We are all saddened, disturbed, and deeply hurt on hearing of the suicide of Dr. Archana Sharma from Dausa in Rajasthan. It is a pity that the medical fraternity who was feted as COVID warriors by our Prime Minister not too long ago are in shock and awe after this gruesome incident.

It is agonising to see the police acting against the principles laid down by the Honourable Supreme Court by unjustly slapping IPC Section 302 in a case of known medical complication after a high-risk pregnancy. We hope strict action will follow and all these responsible are booked for abetment to suicide so that this will never happen again anywhere in India.

Postpartum Haemorrhage is a known complication and a major cause of Maternal Mortality in our country. Every obstetrician does his or her best to save the life of the mother he or she treats.

FOGSI considers violence perpetrated against Doctors as inexcusable and demands zero-tolerance against violence and abuse against Doctors in any form.

We demand a State and Central Law for miscreants who indulge in Violence against Doctors. Dutiful implementation of the same will help to ensure a safe workplace for us. It is often noted that the miscreants are hardly ever punished while the

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scars of their acts remain with doctors, their families, and friends for a lifetime.

We reiterate our demand for justice for Dr. Archana Sharma and stress that the perpetrators be treated as criminals and are brought to swift and exemplary justice available to the state and central administration.

We kindly urge you to treat this matter as extremely urgent and demand justice on behalf of all who are involved in delivering healthcare.

Thanking you,

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