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To,
Shri Ashok Gehlot
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan

Respected Sir,

We write to you on behalf of the FOGSI, The Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecological Societies of India with 38000 Obstetricians and Gynecologists of India, who are taking care of our women’s health in INDIA.

We are all saddened, disturbed, hurt and even distressed as we agonise about the suicide of Dr Archana Sharma from Dausa in Rajasthan. We convey to you that this is an indefensible and gruesome incident against the medical fraternity who till now were feted as COVID warriors.

It is agonising to see the Police a state machinery acting against the rules laid down in law aiding the abetment to suicide.

We hope strict action will follow and all those responsible are booked for abetment to suicide so that this will never happen again anywhere in India.

The unjust slapping of IPC section 302 - (Attempted Murder) by the police is unpardonable.

The perpetrators who participated in this brutal treatment of Dr Archana Sharma must be brought to justice in an exemplary fashion. While we sympathise with the Mother and the family who are suffering from a deep trauma you will agree that the aftermath of what is a known medical complication “Post Partum Haemorrhage” was both unsavoury, unruly and violent.

Post partum Haemorrhage which is a known complication and a major cause for 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. We demand zero tolerance against violence and abuse against Doctors in any form.

We demand a State and Central Law for Violence against Doctors and adequate provisions to ensure a safe workplace for us. We demand that the Central and State governments bring out a law with stringent provisions towards the miscreants who indulge in violence against doctors with impunity and are hardly ever punished while the scars of their behaviour remain with Doctors, their families and friends for a lifetime.

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

Please treat this matter as extremely urgent and demand justice on behalf of all who are involved in delivering healthcare.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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Shri Amit Shah, Hon’ble Home Minister of India
Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon’ble Health Minister of India
Shri Parsadi Lal, Hon’ble Health Minister of Rajasthan