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Dear devotees of the ICC, the ISKCON India Bureau and any others this may be relevant to,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

We feel strongly there is a necessity to address your good selves in regard to our Committee's idea of forming a highly specialized panel for looking into the situation surrounding H H Lokanatha Swami Maharaja and the incident that occurred involving himself in 1990.

We have heard from HH Gopala Krishna Maharaja that yourselves, or some of yourselves, are not inclined to have devotees from India participate in this panel. Please forgive us for saying this, but we feel this is somewhat shortsighted of yourselves. In saying this we do not want to offend you, as we have great respect for you as sincere and intelligent Vaisnavas, and dedicated followers of Srila Prabhupada.

The first subject at hand for the panel is how the GBC Body dealt with the matter. The Body is being challenged very strongly, that it mishandled the matter. If this is not dealt with, the challenges may go on indefinitely into the future, and we expect they would become even more vociferous than they are currently.

Was all the information available to the GBC Body? If it was, was it taken into consideration properly? Was there even a coverup by the Body or members of the group who first investigated the matter? These and related matters need to be studied.

Qualified devotees, including those from legal backgrounds, who will be taken seriously at least by honest people, should give considered opinions on this.

In doing so, if any panel member/s disagree/s with all or some of the other panel members, they can write dissenting opinions, which will be presented as much as any other opinion/s. In this way there is no danger that anyone's position will be misrepresented in the panel's final outcomes.

The writing of dissenting opinions is not uncommon practice in law, particularly on Supreme Court levels. A dissenting opinion can be just a statement of difference of opinion in certain respects, but it can even be a statement that the opinions of others involved is grievously misguided.

If there are such opinions from any panel member/s, they will be taken with the utmost seriousness.

All of this will then be presented to the GBC Body, for them to take the matter forward.

We have heard that your good selves feel that the GBC Body's conclusions from before should simply be accepted, and that is all. Thank you for your trust in us. But this is the same GBC Body asking you to kindly bear with us again, and allow two of your devotees to participate in this important process.

At the very worst it cannot be harmful.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your servants,

Bhakti Caitanya Swami
Bhanu Swami
Revati Ramana das,
GBC Executive Committee