

To

13-11-2015

The Vice-Chancellor  
The English and Foreign Languages University  
Hyderabad-500 007.

Respected Madam,

**Subject: Complaint against Professor S.N.Balagangadhara of Ghent University for his hate speech at a three day International Conference held at EFLU from 2-11-2015 to 4-11-2015 against SC/ST/BC and minorities of Muslims and Christians, which attract criminal and civil actions under the law of the country.**

At the outset we may submit that, we are proud to be the faculty of India's most prestigious language University (EFLU), as its influence is spreading to far of countries of Asia and Africa, at the same time we are also happy that you are its Honourable Vice-Chancellor and at the helm of its affairs. We SC/ST/OBC/Minority and other faculty members of the university are pained to bring to your notice that we have been insulted and humiliated by an outsider, a Visiting Professor S.N.Balagangadhara of Ghent University without any context during the three-day Conference on "The Enigma of Law" from 2-11-2015 to 4-11-2015 in the University campus.

Professor Rodolphe Gasche of the State University of New York, USA gave an excellent keynote address which was well received by the University teacher and student fraternity on the first day of the Conference.

The Second Plenary Session was addressed by Professor S.N. Balagangadhara of Ghent University which you chaired. We expected an intellectual discussion of his chosen subject "The Force of Law and the Law of Force: On Derrida's Theology" under your esteemed chairmanship but surprisingly in the course of his lecture he said "**Ambedkar was an idiot, and I wonder how Columbia University gives Doctorate to an idiot and somebody in Delhi, I don't remember his name (he was referring to Professor Narendra Jadav, former member of Planning Commission) edited his works(of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar)**". He also made derogatory comments on Islam and Christianity. We feel these remarks are deliberate, slanderous and scurrilous insulting the illustrious son of India with a *mala fide* intention of demoralizing the entire Dalit and Adivasi, OBC, social and cultural fabric of India. He kept on using "bullshit" (a slang word for 'nonsense') several times in his lecture. Several times in these three days he claimed himself on the stage that "he is a Brahmin" (which is unwarranted). We do respect Brahmins as we respect a Dalit, an Adivasi and other

people of several cultural formations in India. A senior Professor asked him “why there was a great deal of “bullshit” in his lecture?”. He gave a very unsatisfactory answer and in the same lecture he described our University “**a madhouse,**” which is seriously objectionable to the entire University fraternity. On the Second day of the Conference there were heated discussions on caste and untouchability though it was not a subject matter of the Conference. Teachers, Research Scholars, students and the general public actively participated in the discussions with a view to eliciting some (provisional) truths. On the third day of the Conference there was a Roundtable and the theme was “Toward Comparative Cultures of Thinking” in which Professor Gasche, Professor S.N. Balagangadhara, Prof. Syed Sayeed, and Dr Prakash Shah gave their ideas on the subject. There were arguments and counter-arguments. When Professor Sayeed gave his response there was a thunderous applause from the audience which Professor Balagangadhara described it as “**spreading terror**” which is a derogatory word for a Muslim Professor.

In his valedictory address Professor Balagangadhara, instead of giving an intellectual summing up, gave a vitriolic attack on the two senior Professors and told the students sitting in auditorium to think about their future and he said “**you are taught by incompetent, idiotic “Asses with Caste Certificates”**”. All the proceedings of the Conference are videographed for the veracity of the statements. Unfortunately this episode has been covered by *Deccan Chronicle*, a leading daily Newspaper of Hyderabad dated 7-11-2015 and it became viral all over. If we don't respond to his excoriating statements calling his explanation through a notice it amounts to that we are shielding him.

The statements made by Professor S.N. Balagangadhara are unconstitutional, antinational and seriously objectionable to the teachers and students of this University and to the staunch Ambedkarites in India and abroad. His statements of hatred calling Dr. Ambedkar, an idiot and describing the teachers of this University as “incompetent, idiotic asses with caste certificates” attract IPC Sections 295(A), 153(A), 298 under hate speeches and the Atrocity Sections of SC/ST Atrocity Act.

Madam this is a serious matter, as you are at the helm of affairs and the custodian of this prestigious University and it is your bounden duty to uphold the honour, dignity and decorum of this University and the self-respect of its faculty members, so kindly preserve video graph proceedings of the three-day Conference and keep in your safe custody so that they are not tampered by anyone.




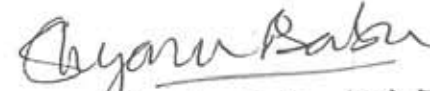
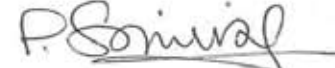
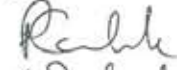
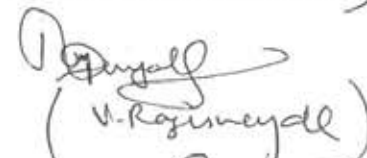

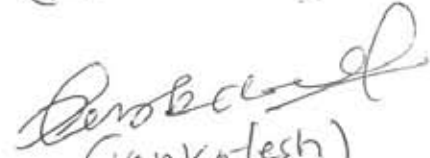
We, therefore, request you to consider the seriousness of the matter and immediately take necessary action and take further legal action as necessary under the law in the matter to maintain communal harmony and promote conducive atmosphere for academic excellence of the students. A copy of the *Deccan Chronicle* statement dated 7-10-2015 is enclosed for your immediate reference. As the matter is in the public domain, we are concerned about the image of the University on the whole and our faculty in particular.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

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# Prof. in trouble over remarks

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 6

A section of English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) students are disgruntled over comments made by a Philosophy professor from the Ghent University in Belgium.

Prof S.N. Balagangadhara spoke at some sessions during a conference held recently in the university titled "Enigma of Law".

Those present at the sessions have alleged that the professor passed insulting remarks about Dr B.R. Ambedkar and also against professors belonging to reserved categories.

As per one of the members, the professor referred to Dr Ambedkar as an "eccentric fool", indirectly an "idiot" and also said that those teaching in universities in India and had caste certificates were not intel-

■ SOME STUDENTS from the Osmania University are planning to lodge a police complaint against professor S.N. Balagangadhara

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lectuals but "incompetent".

The professor argued that India never had any caste system and it was made up by those who wrote history. Also, the term "bullshit" was used to refer Dalit literature. Those present at the session also complained that the professor was rude in replying to questions raised by the audience.

Some students from the OU are planning to lodge a police complaint against the professor. Some professors from EFLU countered the comments made by Prof. Balagangadhara and also asked him to refrain from using abusive language.