

Dear Mr Bhanot,

In accordance with your request I write to you now on an open basis to set out what we have discussed in private. I write in the spirit of reconciliation in the hope that our actions encourage all of those around us to come together and move forward for the good of all Hindus in the UK.

You and I have been at the centre of a dispute in relation to the future of the Hindu Council UK. I am sure that neither of us asked to be in that position, and that we have both sought to act in the best interest of that organisation despite any divergence in our respective beliefs as to what best serves that interest.

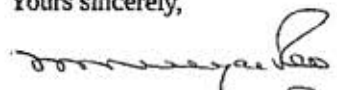
We were both clearly offended by allegations and have both taken steps to defend ourselves as senior members of our community. It is clearly now time though for us to resolve our differences without going through the courts. On behalf of myself I would therefore like to offer my sincere apologies for any offence I may have caused you generally and in particular in relation to the letter that was published by third parties on the website www.hinducouncil.net in my name in January 2013 which was withdrawn as soon as it was brought to my knowledge. Whilst I may not have always agreed with some of your actions, I am sure that you were doing what you believed to be right and acted only on the basis of the advice received at that time.

I know that at all times both you and I have acted for the Community in good faith. I know that you work hard to try and bring about the best opportunities for the Hindu Community and having deeply considered your actions I am sure that you were only trying to act in the best interest of the Hindu Council of UK.

It is for these reasons that I would like to settle our differences and put this matter behind us by retracting the comments made in my email dated 27 January 2013 as well as the comments published on the website. I therefore apologise unreservedly for any embarrassment and hurt my comments have caused you.

Wishing you every success in promoting good causes and your service to the Hindu community through Hindu Council UK.

Yours sincerely,


Dr. V.P. Narayan Rao.

