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Media Release

Journalist Sulochana Faces CID Scrutiny Over Article on Energy Crisis – Free Media Movement

It is reported that the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of Sri Lanka has sought information from the relevant company regarding the account of journalist Sulochana Ramaiyamohan, who shared one of her articles published in the Ceylon Today newspaper on her X (formerly Twitter) social media account.

The X social media company has informed its user, Sulochana Ramaiyamohan, of this matter through an email.

According to the notification, the CID's inquiry relates to an article she wrote under the headline "Govt seeks time to address power ministry issue," which concerns the government's energy crisis.

The X company has stated that the CID indicated that her article contains content that violates law if Sri Lanka.

The Free Media Movement (FMM) reviewed the article in question and found that there are no illegal elements visible either in the article published in the newspaper or in the subsequent post sharing it on her X account.

Therefore, the real reason behind the CID requesting the relevant company to remove her post or block her account remains unclear.

However, the Free Media Movement believes that this incident represents a serious instance of undue interference with freedom of expression. The organization also states that steps will be taken to inform all relevant stakeholders, both locally and internationally, and that further inquiries are ongoing.

Furthermore, the Free Media Movement is also examining whether journalist Sulochana Ramaiyamohan could be exposed to any risk due to publishing content related to the energy crisis, which has been alleged to involve serious corruption.

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