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Referring to the Honourable Supreme Court certain media organizations, on February 29, 2012, started a false propaganda against Dr Mohanrao Bhagwat Ji, Sarsanghchalak of RSS. This was a totally false and baseless propaganda. The news was flashed under headlines “**Supreme Court raps RSS Chief**” and (“**Supreme Court kee Sangh Pramukh ko phatkaar**”). During the hearings in Supreme Court there was not even a mention of the name of RSS Sarsanghchalak Dr Mohanrao Bhagwat Ji.

In fact, after the Honourable Supreme Court took cognizance and intervened on this news broadcast, it was promptly taken off-air by the news channels and media organizations. It was the responsibility of these same media organizations to broadcast a clarification accepting their error, which they failed to do.

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has always respected the Honourable Supreme Court and will continue to do so. Similarly, RSS also respects the freedom and independence of media organizations. Yet the practice of disseminating news by certain media groups even before they could verify the underlying truth is sad and highly deplorable.

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