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Foxed by fake e-mail, IAC sends out a disclaimer

Arvind Kejriwal's India Against Corruption (IAC), which has successfully used the social media to strengthen its anti-graft movement over the past year and a half, found itself foxed by a fake e-mail address. Over the past few days, a mailing group — info.indiaagainstcorruption.org — had been sending e-mails purportedly on behalf of the IAC.

It even managed to generate a lively debate on the issue of 27 questions posed by Congress leader Digvijaya Singh to Kejriwal. One such mail, apparently sent by the IAC headquarters, dared Singh to make public the career details of Pulok Chatterji, principal secretary to the Prime Minister.

The IAC on Tuesday sent out a statement completely disowning the mailing group. “For the past 2-3 days, someone has been sending e-mails to our database from a fake ID... This is to clarify that mails from this email ID are not sent by the IAC,” its spokesperson Aswathi Muralidharan said.

She said such mails should neither be treated as official nor should any press releases sent from it be taken note of.

“Kindly note that IAC will send its official mails and press releases from ash.ashwati2012@gmail.com and bibhavkumar@gmail.com,” the IAC said in a statement.

Number of IAC volunteers had complained against the e-mail exchange, saying it was vitiating the debate.

The IAC was alarmed after some of the mails attributed to Kejriwal also found their way on this mailing group, which included use of offensive language and strong views, which actually were not used by him.

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