

**Following amaBhungane's story published this week in the Mail & Guardian Mr Thoshan Panday sent amaBhungane the below email in which he expressed his dissatisfaction with the way he was quoted in our article:**

"It is with much criticism that I write to you. I have had sight of the article published in today's edition of the Mail and Guardian. It is indeed sad to note that "investigative" journalism is not what it is supposed to be. I was contacted by you, both telephonically and per e-mail, for my comment on various issues. I did indeed furnish to you my comment as is indicated in the mail below.

The whole purpose of seeking my comment is for my opinion and comment to be aired. I ask now whether you have done that in your investigative journalism. It is with much disappointment that I say NO. I have noted that you have edited my comment to suit the underlying subtle intent of the article. I must question what the need is for approaching me for my comment if it is going to be ignored. Had my complete comment been published, this would have defeated the underlying purpose and intent of the article. This is sadly not investigative journalism but rather "selective" journalism. THIS IS REALLY SAD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kind Regards

Mr Thoshan Panday

Panda Group: President

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***Amabhungane's emailed questions, dated September 22, 2015 to Thoshan Panday:***

Mr Panday,

Thanks for speaking to me. As per our conversation I would appreciate it if you would respond urgently to the queries below. Please add/clarify/elaborate where you feel necessary.

**Please would you respond to the following:**

1) You laughed when I referred to the above allegations, especially when I mentioned the "1 bar/2 bar". Why was that particularly funny?

2) You said that you are not aware of the existence of these recordings but that you are aware of unauthorised recordings that were played to you by D Moodley from before the World Cup. Is that correct?

2a) You also said the recordings were played to you "before they could start investigations into me". Please clarify this comment.

3) Please would you clarify the nature of your relationship (historical and current) with the Zuma family.

3a) Are you still close to Edward Zuma? Please elaborate/clarify the state/nature of your relationship.

3b) Are you particularly close to any other Zuma family members, apart from Edward? If so, who?

3c) What is your relationship like with the President, Jacob Zuma?

4) Did you pay towards buildings houses at Nkandla?

4a) If you did, when did you make payments?

4b) Which "houses at Nkandla" did you pay towards building?

4c) Please confirm the amount you paid towards these houses at Nkandla.

5) When did you make contributions to the Jacob Zuma Foundation?

5a) Again, please clarify the exact amount of this contribution.

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***Thoshan Panday's full response dated September 23, 2015 to the (above) questions sent to him by amaBhungane:***

"I suspected that my telephone lines were being tapped by Crime Intelligence. However for a fraud case, which was the alleged allegations against myself, there was no need for such phone bugging. I did complain to the national office of the Crime Intelligence about such bugging. It was then that General Deena Moodley quickly tried to legally bug my phone lines. My lines were bugged before I was arrested in the year 2011. General Deena Moodley bragged to me that he had my lines bugged and that at nights he drove past my home with a grabber. He bragged that he picked up live lines and if it was not mine, he would not bother. If it was my line, he would continue listening. I was never

afforded the opportunity of listening to these conversations. No recordings were ever furnished to my legal team, simply because these recordings do not exist. General Deena Moodley admitted to me that he wanted “the black bitch” out. This was in reference to the Provincial Commissioner. General Deena Moodley and General Booysen are tremendous pressure with their court cases and like their modus operandi, they are seeking to gain the public sympathy. I understand that they are facing a string of charges and they are merely utilising me to shift focus from their corrupt dealings and disciplinary hearings. I am a businessman and I take my social responsibility seriously. My company gives donations to various charities and organisations. Insofar as the nature of my relationship with my friends are concerned, this is private. I request that my privacy be respected.”

Kind Regards

Mr Thoshan Panday

Panda Group: President

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