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Nyanda blundering on - CDP

“If Pres Jacob Zuma still feels it is unnecessary to relief Communications Minister, Gen. Sipiwe Nyanda of his duties, he should at least consider reassigning him to a new portfolio, that of Tenderpreneurship.” So says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha, after it was revealed that a firm partially owned by Nyanda, obtained a tender to investigate protests against Mpumalanga Premier, David Mabuza, and that special rules applied for the allocation of the tender.

“This news came in the same week as the Public Protector found that Nyanda should at least take moral responsibility for tenders awarded by Transnet. Earlier Cosatu cried foul after the minister picked up a massive hotel bill, and even earlier the minister was one of the first to end up in the controversy, of buying expensive cars with tax payers’ money. “

“It is also claimed that he is instrumental in redesigning the SABC, to effectively be an ANC propaganda arm, by amongst others altering legislation which will make the SABC, and also independent airborne media, responsible to him rather than Parliament, or the Independent Broadcasting Authority (ICASA). What more must he do to prove himself unfit as a public office bearer?”

Nyanda blaps steeds - CDP

“As pres. Jacob Zuma nog steeks is om die minister van Kommunikasie, genl Sipiwe Nyanda die trekpas te gee, kan hy gerus oorweeg om ‘n nuwe portefeulje, dié van Tenderpreneurskap aan hom toe te vertrou.” So sê die leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP), ds. Theunis Botha, na dit aan die lig gekom het dat ‘n tender toegeken is aan ‘n maatskappy wat gedeeltelik aan Nyanda behoort, en dat ongewone tenderprosedures gevolg is. Dié tender was om ondersoek in te stel na die protes teen die premier van Mpumalanga, David Mabuza.

“Die nuus kom in dieselfde week waarin die Openbare Beskermer bevind het, Nyanda moes minstens morele aanspreeklikheid aanvaar vir die toeken van Transnet-tenders. Vroeër het Cosatu gal afgestaan oor ‘n reuse hotelrekening wat Nyanda opgeloop het, en voor dit was hy een van die eerstes om weerlig te trek, toe van die nuwe kabinetslede op belastingbetalerskosse peperduur vuurwaens aangeskaf het.

“Luidens berigte lyk dit of Nyanda ook instrumenteel is in wetgewewing om die SABC regstreeks onder sy beheer te bring, eerder as die parlement, en ook via die Onafhanklike Kommunikasie-owerheid (OKOSA) nouer beheer oor onafhanklike radiostasies te neem. Wat moet die arme Nyanda nóg doen om te bewys dat hy nie met ‘n ministerskap toevertrou kan word nie?”