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Respected Sir,

On 20/9/06 I met you in person and suggested the importance of prohibiting retiring bureaucrats from being given post-retirement jobs for the reasons given by me.

The Administrative Reforms Commission can recommend following restrictions:

Only jobs in non-profit organizations dealing with the following could be allowed immediately after retirement provided they declare their year wise their assets and liabilities in detail for a period not less than 15 years before retirement

- a. Those fighting Corruption
- b. Those involved in improving rural literacy, rural health
- c. Those dealing with environmental issues

All other types of jobs should be prohibited at least for a period of three years after retirement.

No bureaucrat should be allowed to join any political party in any capacity before completing five years after retirement.

Every retiring Bureaucrat should give his assets and liabilities just before retirement. The assets particularly immovable properties including residential houses etc., with in the country should be notified in all public places where the Bureaucrat had worked and any one who proves the declaration to be wrong should be awarded with attractive cash incentives out of the illegal assets recovered from the Bureaucrat. Pension should be cleared only if there are no serious deviations by the public. For moneys kept outside the country, the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Corruption could be used. The notification could be issued three months before retirement.

These measures would certainly go a long way in reducing corruption. As India is a signatory to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, many requirements of the Convention need to be integrated in the recommendations to be made by the Commission. Considering your vast experience and knowledge in administration. I am sure you would appreciate the steps suggested to would bring in enormous improvements in the system.

Thanking you for giving me an opportunity to directly address you.

with regards,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-

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Hon'ble Chairman,
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Copy to: Chief Secretary to Government, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore - This is in continuation of my letter No.DPE/Secy/4068/2006, dt:25.9.2006 and with a request to send similar suggestion to the Administrative Reforms Commission.



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Dear Sir,

In the various correspondences under references I had requested you to take action against the Principal Secretary (DPE) for actions taken by him which were opposed to public interest. In my letter dated 11/9/06 I had expressed my concern over the inaction by the Chief Secretary. To prevent tampering of records I expected government to order an enquiry against Sri Devindiran, Principal Secretary (DPE). But instead of preventing tampering and ensuring an impartial enquiry transferring me to Gulbarga has resulted in protecting a dishonest and corrupt officer. This decision probably was taken to protect some others also. Over a period of more than 100 days since I first sent a letter to take action in the public interest, not even once DPAR made any move to set things right. Again this has not surprised me as Sri Devindiran was given the present posting only after you became the Chief Secretary (after the NGEF incident)

I had the opportunity of seeing your functioning when I joined the office of the Directorate of Disinvestment and Department of Public Enterprises as Director (Disinvestment) and Ex Officio Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises. Even though I worked for only a few days, I had expressed my reservation against continuing a person as financial advisor, who was removed from the service because of financial impropriety. As can be seen when I personally protested, you struck off what you had recorded and agreed to my suggestion to remove him immediately. But the person was so confident about his continuation that he did not believe that you had agreed to remove him as only a few days back you had

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permitted him to "avail leave" to go abroad. Finally, only after his room was locked, the person quit the office. Such soft corner for corrupt people also does not surprising me now.

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I also learnt after sending my letter dated 11/9/06 that my report on corrupt practices against certain officers in another Department was sent to one of the officers against whom I had complained of promoting corrupt practices!! Even though your predecessor gave the reason of threat to me by persons against whom I had complained as a ground for not taking immediate action, at least he put me in an office, from where I could continuously monitor the office (which I did) and he also tried to put me in the Office of lokayukta to enable me to take further action against corrupt officers. These can be contrasted with the present action of transferring me to a remote place while not preventing tampering of records by those against whom I had complained. I also learnt that one of the persons so protected is now the Managing Director of a State Public Sector Corporation and You had gone abroad with him just before retirement even though some newspapers reported that you would not be allowed to go abroad because of only a few days of service left for you to retire. Incidentally, that officer, in response to one of my letters questioning his unethical behavior, had responded to me earlier in writing that he is under political pressure. I advised him to seek a change if he cannot resist the pressure. However he promptly got me transferred. However a similar event in respect of another IAS officer has been made one of the charges in the departmental enquiry and I am the Inquiry officer in that case.

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Looking back, these developments may explain why you could not support me

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I have already reported an incidence when some people rushed into my chamber in the morning hours threatening me with dire consequences if an order issued by me was not taken back. In fact I even wrote to the police about it. If such a thing can happen in a building very close to the Vidhana Soudha and the office of the Commissioner of police, I dread to imagine what can happen to me in Gulburga, where it appears there are "plans" for my "peaceful stay"

Under these circumstances I am requesting the Chief Secretary, to use his office to enable me to fight the corrupt by allowing me to continue in Bangalore in my present office till my promotion and preferably after promotion also. In my last 25 years of service, I have gone and reported to which ever place I was posted, without asking for a change but this time I do not want to report to Gulburga as there is threat to my life and I do not want to run away to the Centre as I have enough unfinished works here.

I am reminded of Sardar Patel's advice to Secretaries:

"Today my Secretary can write a note opposed to my views. I have given that freedom to all my Secretaries. I have told them, 'If you do not give your honest opinion for fear that it will displease your Minister, please then, you had better go.' I will never be displeased over a frank expression of opinion."

But in these days even senior bureaucrats get displeased with honest opinion

This is for information.

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Yours

Sincerely

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