

Ex-IAS officer asks L&T to come clean on project

Bengaluru, dhns: A retired IAS officer and whistle-blower, M N Vijayakumar, on Saturday released a letter which he had sent to private companies involved in the steel bridge project, requesting them to reply to citizens' queries on the project. The letter, dated October 21, was sent to the private firms, Larsen & Toubro Pvt Ltd and STUP Consultants.

"On September 23, the Central Vigilance Commission had issued a general letter stating that all the corporate sectors should take a lead in exposing corruption and help in bringing in transparency. Based on this, I have sent a letter. Had the BDA not been stubborn in continuing to deny information to the citizens, I would not have written the letter to the contractor and consultants of the steel bridge," said Vijayakumar, at a press conference.

He maintained that STUP Consultants, that has been roped in by Karnataka government for the preparation of detailed project report of the steel flyover project, had earlier been blacklisted by the Kerala government. He has marked copies of the letter to BDA commissioner Rajkumar Khatri, Chief Secretary S C Khuntia and other government officers.

"I have marked a copy of this letter to the Anti-Corruption Bureau to treat it as a complaint of massive corruption against senior IAS officers involved in the project at various stages if the companies fail to respond by October 28," Vijayakumar added.