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**Sub:** Regarding placing certain facts( supressed so far by the 40CVC, the DoPT and Chief Secretaries of various States) before the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench hearing of PIL(WP No 93/2004) related to protection to Whistleblowers (likely to be listed on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016) in the light of new Integrity pledges for citizens and private sector introduced by the CVC in connection with the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week, 2016, particularly when the PIL to protect whistle-blowers is still pending.

**Ref:** My many letters since 2006 to various authorities regarding protection to whistle-blowers.

Attention: Sri K.V. Chowdary (Chief Vigilance Commissioner) – Action points at SI No 1,

Sri. PK. Sinha, IAS (Cabinet Secretary) – Action points at SI No 2,

Sri C. Viswanath, IAS (Secretary, DoPT) - Action points at SI No 3,

Sri Prashanth Bhushan (Senior Advocate appearing in the PIL before the Hon'ble Supreme Court)- SI No 4,

Sri H. Adhia, IAS (Revenue Secretary, GOI) – Action points at SI No 5 and Sri SC Khuntia, IAS (Chief Secretary, Karnataka) – Action points at SI No 6

To all concerned,

I draw your attention to my letters sent in connection with the PIL (WP No 93/2004) on protection to whistle-blowers being heard by the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench in particular demanding the CVC, the DoPT and the Chief Secretaries to various State Governments not to continue to suppress facts brought to their notice by me from the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench.

The above becomes important as harassment of whistle-blowers has been allowed to continue by not notifying the Whistle-blowers' Protection Act though it got H.E. the President's assent in May 2014 itself. The more disturbing development is that amendments have been moved to weaken the Act which further reduces protection to whistle-blowers. It is in this background, that too when the PIL(WP93/2004) is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the introduction of two new pledges by the Central Vigilance Commission as part of observing the Vigilance Awareness Week, one for citizens and another for the private sector becomes

significant. The new pledges require citizens and the private sector to lead by example implying that public servants cannot be expected to lead by example as all developments that have taken place since the enactment of the Whistle-blowers' Protection Act give more protection to corrupt officers. In such a situation my many letters to various authorities regarding giving protection to whistleblowers becomes important

I also want to draw attention of all concerned to the fact that quite a good number of the above letters have been directly sent to the Secretary General, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India with a request to bring it to the notice of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench hearing the PIL related o giving protection to whistleblowers. I was forced to take such a step in view of attempts on my life while I was in Service for repeatedly refusing to compromise with corruption as demanded by senior IAS officers (and also after retirement). The sudden disappearance of one Dr. D. Yadav who, on his own used to contact my wife and me not only over phone and emails regarding our safety also used to inform H.E. the President of India, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Cabinet Secretary, the CVC and others about what he was communicating to us. The silence on the part of Dr SK.Sarkar, who retired as Secretary, DoPT, GOI, to my letters regarding the sudden disappearance of Dr.D.Yadav gave a clear impression that Dr.D. Yadav who was writing to me on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary himself could have been murdered. It is relevant to mention that Dr. SK. Sarkar was fully aware of the harassments and threats to my life since 2010 till he retired from Service.

Certain serious developments that have taken place pursuant to an Order passed by a competent authority on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 give an impression that those who could not silence me while I was in Service are bent upon continuing to use criminal methods to prevent me from pursuing the cases I have filed against them. The CVC, the CBI, DoPT, Government of Karnataka, the Secretary-General of the Supreme Court of India and others are aware of all these things except certain serious threatening incidents which happened during the last week, details of which have been given towards the end of this letter(at No. 7).

I am making the following specific requests to all those involved and have responsibilities in the PIL in view of the two new Integrity pledges introduced by the CVC which wants to bind all citizens and the private sector to lead by example, while majority of the public servants in key positions are not leading by example.

 Request to Shri K.V. Chowdary, Chief Vigilance Commissioner: Apart from the pledge to be taken by the public servants each year during the Vigilance Awareness Week since 2000, after more than 15 years, the CVC has introduced two new integrity pledges to be taken by all citizens of this country and by the private sector. In this regard, I am reproducing below extracts from my letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 addressed to the then Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Sri Pratyush Sinha with a copy to Sri Ashwini Kumar, then Director, CBI. It is relevant to mention the fact that in spite of both the CVC and the CBI receiving many letters from me since 2008, they chose to abstain from appearing before the Central Administrative Tribunal which had suo-motto made them Respondents in a case filed by me.

...I request both the CVC and the Director, CBI to take note of the points raised by me in the letter reproduced below as it can help prevent harassment of honest officials (both IAS and non-IAS and State Government Officials working in various states of India). I have made similar requests to the present Chief Secretary. Similar requests made by me to three other Chief Secretaries since Oct 2006 have been deliberately ignored causing me physical, financial and mental harassments...

...I am writing this after seeing the program on Whistle-blowers in a National TV Channel aired on the International Anti-corruption Day. My case was also presented. In that program, the Director ,CBI , who also participated ,wanted whistleblowing to be encouraged in private sector while the same is totally not only discouraged in the government but those who make any such efforts are brutally harassed. I have myself been requesting both the CVC and the Director, CBI to take action to stop the harassments I am facing. I request both the CVC and the CBI to start with, find methods to protect whistle-blowers in State Governments. It was very good to hear the Director, CBI speaking about taking prompt action to protect whistle-blowers, But as my own case reveals the harassment goes on until one admits that he has suffered mental breakdown. It was unfortunate that the CVC did not participate. If protection cannot be given at least what I have suggested can be looked into immediately as I have been physically, financially and mentally harassed till recently...

All the letters addressed by me in connection with the PIL (WP No 93/2004) clearly bring out the fact that the CVC, the DoPT and all State Governments (in particular the Government of Karnataka which received more than one hundred letters from me from 2006 to 2015) have suppressed facts from the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench hearing the PIL about the total lack of any mechanism to protect honest government servants including AIS officers working in State governments.

The CVC has been fully aware since 2007 of the fact that in spite of being a very senior IAS officer, how I was continuously criminally harassed by very senior IAS officers including Sri Sanjay Kothari, Secretary, DoPT, for blowing whistle as per the pledge of the CVC. Having introduced integrity pledges for citizens and the private sector, the CVC should also make genuine efforts to see that proper mechanisms for the protection of the citizens who blow whistle are put in place because expecting them to blow whistle while CVC washed off its hands in my own case allowing corrupt officers to make attempts on my life apart from continuously subjecting me to extreme harassments and even criminal obstructing me to prevent me from discharging my duties, would result in too many deaths. The CVC, should not in the coming days just wash off its hands stating that private whistle-blowers harassed by state governments do not come under its ambit and hence cannot provide any protection though it wants all citizens to fight corruption(nowhere the pledges state that corruption in state governments should not be fought)

It is unfortunate that the CVC has not put any pressure on the government to notify the Whistle-blowers' Protection Act which got H.E the President's assent in May 2014. The CVC which had all the required materials on hand and the best possible opportunity to present my case before the Hon'ble Supreme Court hearing the PIL to impress upon it about its total inability to protect honest officers (including AIS officers) working in State governments from being harassed by corrupt IAS officers consciously has chosen not to do so till today. Further, the CVC has utterly failed to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the fact that Chief Secretaries of States failed to set up the mechanisms mentioned in the 2004 letter of the Cabinet Secretary, which itself was forced to be issued after a directive by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in a related PIL (WP(C) No.539/2003.) filed in connection with the murder of the whistle-blower Sri Satyendra Dubey. I have extensively documented and informed various authorities since 2006 as to how deliberate lack of action by the Government of Karnataka and follow up action by the DoPT and the CVC on the 2004 letter of the Cabinet Secretary continuously emboldened corrupt senior officers to harass honest officers which sometimes even led to attempts on life, murders and suicides of honest officers.

As the CVC has introduced integrity pledges bringing out clarity as to what is expected from the citizens and private sector, it has the legal and moral duty to impress upon the Hon'ble Supreme Court hearing the PIL that any further delay in giving protection to whistle-blowers would make a mockery of the pledge that

is going to be administered by this month end. I have fully documented since 2006 and brought to the notice of the CVC how Chief Secretaries of Karnataka have made a brazen mockery of the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week till I retired in 2015. It is extremely sad to place on record the fact that I was not only harassed and criminally obstructed from performing my duties by senior officers who brazenly disliked honesty and integrity, but was also punished for acting as per the pledge. The CVC must unequivocally place before the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench the fact that it would not be able to give any protection to even very senior All India Service officers working under various State Governments who follow its pledge and consequently, it would not be able to give protection to ordinary citizens who blow whistle against corrupt public servants working in the State governments.

2. Request to the Cabinet Secretary Sri. PK. Sinha: I have been repeatedly writing to the Cabinet Secretary since 2008 to force the Chief Secretaries of the State governments to protect honest officers from being harassed for taking principled stand by taking action as suggested in the 2004 letter of the Cabinet Secretary. It is extremely important to place on record the fact that the Cabinet Secretary was forced to issue that letter as per the directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench in a related PIL (WP(C) No.539/2003) filed in connection with the murder of the whistle-blower Sri Satyendra Dubey. The Cabinet Secretary wanted to create a Forum for honest officers being fully aware of the limitations of the Central Administrative Tribunal, etc.. Even if the weak Whistle-blowers' Protection Act is notified, the in-house mechanism contemplated in the 2004 letter should not be ignored. This becomes more important in view of the latest Integrity Pledges introduced by the CVC, unless CVC comes out with huge publicity that these pledges do not apply to citizens combating corruption in State governments. The very fact that all State governments, the CVC and the DoPT itself have ignored and suppressed from the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench hearing the PIL, this important letter of the Cabinet Secretary to protect honest officers who take principled stand from being harassed, is a big blow to fight against corruption. All my letters written in connection with giving life back to 2004 letter have been ignored by the Cabinet Secretary himself in spite of being aware of the fact that Dr.D. Yadav, who was chosen by one of his predecessors to protect me and my family members himself suddenly disappeared (murdered?). On the other hand, it is an irony that former Coal Secretary who did not take a principled stand and chose to escape from his responsibility is being supported and protected by a large number serving and retired IAS officers. This has damaged the already poor image the ordinary citizens have towards the IAS. I request the Cabinet Secretary to make arrangements to place all my letters addressed to to him and his predecessors in this regard before the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench hearing the PIL which would go a long way in creating proper mechanism to protect whistle-blowers which in turn would encourage whistle-blowing, which is cheapest and swiftest way of combating corruption. I also request the Cabinet Secretary to re-issue the 2004 letter of his predecessor in the light of the two new pledges introduced by the CVC which gives an impression that even the Cabinet Secretary admits that public servants are incapable of leading by example (assuming that the CVC has kept informed the Cabinet Secretary about the two new pledges which expects ordinary citizens and not public servants occupying key positions to lead by example).

3. Request to Sri C. Viswanath, IAS, Secretary DoPT: I complement the Secretary DoPT's initiative to publish all replies given under the RTI Act by the GOI departments on the internet. Rightfully details of the Applicants are not going to be published and this may protect the whistle-blowers to some extent. With the latest advancement in the data mining technology, the information, particularly those obtained to black-mail corrupt officers, would shortly reveal as to how no action was taken against serious corruption cases. It would also reveal how serious looting of public money which could have been prevented were allowed. The new integrity pledges introduced by the CVC motivates the very few public servants who are still honest to blow whistle as the new pledges expect the ordinary citizens to lead by example and fight corruption though they do not have any official responsibility or accountability. At least out of fear of being exposed one day or the other about their silent participation to loot public money, the few honest government servants left in the Service may blow whistle. I draw the attention to the Secretary DoPT to what I have mentioned about Dr.D. Yadav earlier in this letter and to take the matter seriously because if an official Dr. Yadav, chosen by the then Cabinet Secretary to give protection to me could be made to disappear (murdered?) that too when he was informing the Hon'ble Supreme Court about the measures taken to protect me and my family members, the plight of ordinary citizen whistle-blowers should not be difficult to imagine. Dr.SK. Sarkar, who later retired as Secretary, DoPT, and another IAS officer who was present during my presentation on the Role of Whistleblowers in Governance in January 2009 at IIM, Ahmedabad assisted the Hota Committee appointed by DoPT on Departmental Inquiries. Because of their personal knowledge of my harassments and attempts on my life, they were able to convince the Hota Committee to go out of the way to mention the harassment meted out to AIS officers working in State governments and the inability of the Government of India to protect such officers (Present Secretary, DoPT, Sri C.Viswanath, IAS and present Chief Secretary, Sri. SC. Khuntia, IAS, GOK were among more than 100 senior IAS officers from across the country who attended my presentation at IIM, Ahmedabad).

I request the Secretary, DoPT to place before the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench all the replies I had taken under the RTI Act and brought to the notice of the DoPT. Further, he should also take this opportunity to inform the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench that while the Whistleblowers Protection Act which has got the President's assent is already weak, the further dilution by the proposed amendments of the Act would be in conflict with the new Integrity pledges introduced by the CVC. While DoPT opposed on flimsy illegal grounds my suggestion before the Parliamentary Standing Committee examining the Whistle-blowers' Protection Bill to make whistle-blowing mandatory for at least very senior AIS officers in the government, the new pledge expects ordinary citizens to blow whistle and lead by example which even very senior officers though duty bound do not want to do. Assuming that the CVC has consulted the DoPT before introducing the new pledges, the least the DoPT could do was to force senior officers to lead by example and blow-whistle before allowing the CVC to put the onus on helpless, powerless and unprotected ordinary citizens. The Secretary, DoPT must bring this letter to the notice of the Hon'ble Prime Minister and convince the Hon'ble Prime Minister to withdraw the proposed amendments to weaken the Whistle-blowers' Protection Act and instead bring in fresh amendments to incorporate all those suggestions made by me before the Parliamentary Standing Committee which were not opposed by the DoPT. The Secretary DoPT must also convince the Hon'ble Prime Minister the need to immediately notify the Whistle-blowers' Protection Act without further delay and accordingly file an affidavit before the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench hearing the PIL. It is very unfortunate that the previous Secretary, DoPT, Sri Sanjay Kothari, brazenly harassed and supported harassment of honest officers by corrupt officers. Such an officer could never have given proper advice to the Hon'ble Prime Minister about fighting corruption which includes protection to whistle-blowers and encouraging whistle-blowing. In order to convince the Hon'ble Prime Minister about the mischief played by Sri Sanjay Kothari, I request Sri C.Viswanath, Secretary ,DoPT to please bring to the notice of the Hon'ble

Prime Minister, my letter dated 26th March 2016 titled Requesting Shri P K Gupta, Cabinet Secretary or any of the Secretaries to GOI to bring this letter along with the note to the notice of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to prevent Shri Sanjay Kothari, IAS, Secretary, DoPT from continuing to protect corrupt officers against public interest that too by harassing honest officers addressed to the Cabinet Secretary and all Secretaries to GOI . I get an impression that the letter was not brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Prime Minister by any of the Secretaries to GOI, including Sri C.Viswanath. I also request him to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the letters received by DoPT from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the CVC, the Ministry of Law and Justice pursuant to my letters written to them. I also request the Secretary, DoPT to file an affidavit before 19th October 2016 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in connection with the PIL to protect whistle-blowers (WP No. 93/2004) stating clearly that the DoPT is unable to even protect honest AIS officers harassed by corrupt officers in State governments, let alone protecting ordinary citizens who are expected to blow whistle as per the new pledge of the CVC.

4. Request to Sri Prashanth Bhushan, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India: I request Sri .Prashanth Bhushan who is appearing on behalf of those who have filed the PIL (WP No. 93/2004) to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench, the harassments which even the citizen whistle-blowers would have to face in view of the two new Integrity pledges introduced by the CVC when the CVC is unable to protect even AIS officers working under State governments, let alone ordinary citizen whistle-blowers. I request Sri Prashanth Bhushan to place before the Court the fact that any further delay by the Government of India to notify the Whistle-blowers' Protection Act would only make a mockery of the new pledges of the CVC. For the Hon'ble Supreme Court to appreciate the plight of honest officers, I request Sri Prashanth Bhushan to insist the Karnataka Government to produce all letters written by me to the Chief Secretaries since 2006 regarding: 1. Demanding action as per the 2004 letter of the Cabinet Secretary to create mechanism to protect honest officers taking principled stand, 2. All my letters since 2006 documenting how I was harassed for repeatedly refusing to compromise with corruption and blowing whistle & 3. All my letters since 2007 regarding mockery of Vigilance Awareness Week by Chief Secretaries of Karnataka.

5. Request to Sri Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Revenue Secretary, GOI): I draw the attention of Sri Hasmukh Adhia to my letter dated 2nd Aug 2016 addressed to him and other Secretaries in which I had requested to impress upon the Hon'ble Prime Minister to exclude kith and kin of AIS officers from availing the Black money Amnesty Scheme as it would amount to GOI itself breaking every Core Value which AIS officers are expected to uphold all the time. I do not have to elaborate the fact that corrupt officers whose illegal wealth if legalised, would go to any extent to harass whistle-blowers. While declaration of Rs. 65,250 crores may look huge, it is much less compared to the money looted by top 40 corrupt AIS officers of Karnataka Cadre alone. Much more amount could have been recovered if action had been taken by the DoPT and the CVC against Sri SV.Ranganath, former Chief Secretary of Karnataka, who brazenly demanded that I should compromise with corruption to be given a posting on 26th October 2009, immediately after he became Chief Secretary (I was kept without a posting since August 2009 for exposing the control of the land mafia over the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal). Sri SV.Ranganath even threatened and harassed the Principle Secretary, Law Department, Government of Karnataka so much that she sought transfer within a few months of joining for having written to the MHA and DoPT to take action against him based on my letters. All that is needed is the combined action by the CVC, the CBI, DoPT and Revenue department to confiscate all the illgotten corrupt money which Sri. SV. Ranganath and his coterie of corrupt officers supported and protected by him looted. Taking action against Sri SV. Ranganath would send a strong message as he was the most corrupt and criminal minded officer (unless the Revenue Secretary feels that allowing looting of more than Rs. One lakh crores of public money is an honest act). In this connection, I am giving below an extract from my letter addressed to Sri.SV. Ranganath just before he retired from Service which he has not denied while in Service or after retirement though he is aware that it has been brought to the notice of most of the authorities in the country:

I am certain that you never expected me to wish you good health and peaceful life after retirement. The serious damages you did to Karnataka will not allow you to have either even if I wish. But in spite of many serious warnings by me in writing, you have chosen the unpleasant future. But I want you to have good health and sound mind after retirement so that the huge money looted with your support can be recovered...

With the new pledges introduced by the CVC expecting even ordinary citizens to blow whistle, if there are any honest officers left in the Revenue Department, they will be

forced to blow whistle about the innumerable officers of Income Tax Department itself continuing to hold very huge amount of black money not only in India but also abroad. The very fact that one of the members of the Bansal family who committed suicide had declared more than 2 crores money under the Income Disclosure Scheme indicates that it would be not only be impossible for the Revenue department to keep such declarations confidential but also keeping it confidential would be totally against public interest. The new integrity pledges of the CVC put honest officers working in the Revenue Department under lot of trouble because of the assured confidentiality of those who declared black money. On the one hand, the IAS lobby has been consistently successful in extending the deadline to publish their assets (both movable and immovable) as per the Lokpal Act (I was the first IAS officer in the country to have made public both movable and immovable properties held by me and my family members since 2006 itself- In 2015 I even attached photographs of all such assets). On the other hand, they are also assured of confidentiality and protection for declaring ill-gotten money in the names of their kith and kin including huge dowry, etc., under the Income Declaration Scheme. Though the Scheme assures confidentiality, the same should not have been allowed to public servants who earned money through corrupt means and the names of such officers and their kith and kin should be made public in the larger interest of the country before WikiLeaks comes out with such names which would be a huge embarrassment to the government giving an impression that the scheme was exclusively designed to protect corrupt public servants. The new pledge of the CVC expects powerless, helpless, unprotected ordinary citizens to report ill-gotten money. I request Sri Adhia, who has the authority, responsibility, accountability and protection, to make public names of at least senior AIS officers whose kith and kin have taken benefit of the Income Declaration Scheme though the money is earned through corrupt means. There are hundreds of AIS officers who have amassed wealth illegally and have not cared to declare their income. Sri Adhia would be aware of names of many such officers (On 27th August 2016, in a program organised by the Namma Bengaluru Foundation headed by Dr. Rajeev Chandrashekar, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) in which I was also present, Sri V.Balasubramanian, former Additional Chief Secretary of Karnataka informed the media to investigate land looted by a former Chief Secretary, a former BDA Commissioner and a former Principal Secretary of the Revenue department which runs into hundreds of crores of rupees. To start with, I request Sri Adhia to send his officers to contact Sri Balasubramanian and confiscate the illegal money earned by these officers by selling illegally selling public land. I am sending this email to both Dr. Rajeev Chandrashekar and Sri V.Balasubramanian as I have mentioned their names in this letter). Not taking actions against such officers and not making the action taken public can only be interpreted as that Sri Adhia himself is afraid to take action. I also request Sri Adhia to take action at least now against Income Tax Officers who have not taken any action against such retired IAS officers. When there is rampant threat and harassment by corrupt officers, the plight of ordinary citizens who blow whistle as per the new pledge will be miserable. Hence, I request Sri Adhia to impress upon both the CVC and the DoPT to place proper facts before the Hon'ble Supreme Court hearing the PIL on protection to whistle-blowers (WP No. 93/2004), including providing them the names of corrupt AIS officers who and whose kith and kin have taken benefit of the protection given under the Income Disclosure Scheme. Keeping their names confidential emboldens them to harass citizens who expose them. I also request Sri Adhia to impress upon the Hon'ble Prime Minister the need to not to allow the amendments to weaken the already weak Whistle-blowers' Protection Act and the need to immediately notify the Act without any further delay.

6. Demands to Sri SC.Khuntia, IAS, Chief Secretary, Karnataka: I have documented since 2006 how corrupt Chief Secretaries ignoring my letters made Karnataka the most corrupt State in the country. Each officer who succeeded a corrupt Chief Secretary behaved as though bound by Gresham's Law. Each of the Chief Secretaries since 2006 had so many skeletons in their cup-board that they all not only ignored specific instances of corruption brought to their notice, but also harassed me in all possible manners as had predicted in my letter written to the Chief Secretary in 2006. My complaints to the Police show how Sri PB. Mahishi and Sri SV. Ranganath even criminally conspired to get me killed. As Karnataka has got the largest percentage of corrupt IAS officers in the country, for continued assured protection, they require a corrupt officer as a Chief Secretary. In 2006, an IAS officer informed me that he protected Sri SC. Khuntia from getting dismissed from Service and that he had packed him off to Delhi. Sri SC Khuntia had misused his official position to enrich himself illegally which amounts to more than a crore rupees at today's value,. In January 2009, after I gave presentation at IIM, Ahmedabad to more than 100 senior IAS officers from across the country on the Role of Whistle-blowers in Governance, I was informed that Sri Khuntia returned the money which he had illegally taken only after an International Funding Agency demanded action against him (Shri S C Khuntia was also present during my presentation). In April 2011 though I sought information about Shri SC Khuntia and many others who swindled government money but escaped punishment, the same was not given to me till I retired from Service(Though the information was needed to perform my official duty). Recently after Sri Khuntia became Chief Secretary, some retired IAS officers informed me that he did not surrender the second site he obtained and even today possesses two sites against law. Recently another officer who was also posted to the same office in which Shri S C Khuntia had misappropriated money informed me that he had reported other swindling of money by Shri S C Khuntia and is not aware whether Shri S C Khuntia was made to surrender those amounts also. Having the above background, like his corrupt predecessors, it cannot be expected that Shri Khuntia would place proper facts before the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench about what information the government has about how other officers and I are being harassed (resulting in murder/suicides/resignation of honest officials in some cases). In view of this, I demand Shri SC Khuntia to produce this letter in full before any Session Court, Civil Court, Karnataka Administrative Tribunal, Karnataka Appellate Tribunal, Central Administrative Tribunal, High Court of Karnataka and the Supreme Court of India if harassment of any honest person by any AIS officer is brought to the notice of the government by anybody (including those brought by me). This is also the reason why I have been marking copy of my letters to senior Supreme Court Advocates who have been fighting corruption at high level. The least Sri SC. Khuntia can do would be to produce the following letters of mine before the Hon'ble Supreme Court to clearly establish the fact that the corrupt IAS officers brazenly harassed honest officers even after bringing to their notice the directives given by the highest Court in the country:

- All my letters addressed to the Chief Secretaries, Karnataka since 1997 demanding action against specific corruption cases - my letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013 must not be left out.
- 2. All my letters addressed to the Chief Ministers since 2006, in particular my letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014 to the present Chief Minister, Sri. Siddaramaiah, which exposes how IAS officers unite to protect corrupt IAS officers, including blackmailing the Chief Minister himself.
- 3. All letters received from Dr D Yadav (chosen by then Cabinet Secretary to look after my safety) by the office of the Chief Secretary when Shri S V Ranganath was the Chief Secretary. Dr D Yadav himself abruptly disappeared and my letters to Dr S K Sarkar then Secretary, DoPT indicates that Dr D Yadav who was reporting about me to H.E. the President and the Hon'ble Supreme Court could have himself been murdered.
- 4. All my letters addressed since 2006 to the Chief Secretaries regarding taking action as per the 2004 letter of the Cabinet Secretary to create a mechanism to protect honest offices who take principled stand which have been ignored till today.

- 5. All my letters written to the Chief Secretaries regarding observing Vigilance Awareness Week in Karnataka since 2007 and the importance of the Anti-Corruption pledge. The letters reveal that how instead of observing Vigilance Awareness Week in 2007, Sri PB. Mahishi who was the Chief Secretary got the High Level Committee on Anti-Corruption abolished during the Vigilance Awareness Week period.
- 6. All my letters written to Chief Secretaries since 2006 to make public details of assets of IAS officers my exhaustive documentation since 2006 show corrupt IAS officers who have amassed wealth illegally and who refused to make assets public ganged up together to harass me till the last day of my Service. The names of all such officers available with DPAR should be placed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench.
- 7. Entire file in the Home Department containing the letter of the Police Complaints Authority sent based on my complaint given to the Police on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011 against Sri. SV.Ranganath and others. My letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 documenting how corrupt IAS officers use even the Police to protect themselves must also be placed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- 8. Replies given under the RTI Act by office of Chief Secretaries and DPAR since 2006 in connection with taking action on specific instances of corruption reported by me, harassment and criminal obstruction to prevent me from performing my duties which have all been suppressed from Government of India.
- 9. My Letters exposing filing false affidavits by Chief Secretaries before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- 10. All my letters exposing how Sri SV. Ranganath and Sri Kaushik Mukherjee used Sri KG Anantha, who retired as Under Secretary, DPAR, while in Service, was used to tamper government records including forging of the Chief Minister's signature. It appears that Sri KG. Anantha died mysteriously outside Karnataka very recently. In my entire career, while I had given complaints against large number of AIS officers exposing their corrupt activities, I had given compliant to various authorities against only three non IAS officers and Sri KG. Anantha was one among them.
- 11. All my letters exposing how the corrupt IAS mafia took over the institution of the Lokayukta in Karnataka and even succeeded in roping in the son of the then Lokayukta himself to cover up their corrupt activities. After my retirement, I learnt that my complaint against Sri SV.Ranganath with the Lokayukta given in September 2011 was closed in the month of January 2013 on the orders of the Lokayukta, though the post of Lokayukta was vacant from November 2011. Please

- obtain all documents from the SIT created to investigate the corruption in Lokayukta institution and produce them before the Hon'ble Supreme Court to impress upon the Court that the IAS mafia in Karnataka is extremely powerful and capable of blackmailing a retired High Court Chief Justice occupying the post of the Lokayukta.
- 12. To give credence to the affidavit filed by the Government of Karnataka, Sri SC. Khuntia should also produce before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India the file dealing with the misappropriation and subsequent surrendering of huge money by Sri SC.Khuntia himself and who allowed him to continue in the Service without initiating action. This becomes important because Hon'ble Supreme Court in its innumerable decisions has held that even a single rupee misappropriation deserves dismissal from Service (Sri SC.Khuntia can also refer to the DE Manual prepared by me which was never allowed to be used).
- 13. My emails sent to IAS officers of Karnataka( including Sri SC. Khuntia) exposing how senior officers misuse their position to protect corrupt officers, in particular my letter dated 12th February 2012 which was suppressed (like many other letters) by the then Chief Secretary, Sri SV. Ranganath, from the DoPT.
- 14. My letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 addressed to various officers (including the Law Secretary and the Advocate General) to show how even Courts are kept in dark about corrupt IAS officers putting the Court itself in embarrassing situation.
- 7. Certain incidents which keep on happening makes me to mark a copy to the Secretary General of the Supreme Court of India. Only major untoward incidents that happened after retirement are mentioned below:
- 1. In August 2015, a CBI officer who visited my house to collect a copy of a letter I had mentioned in my letter to the Director, CBI, informed me that there are ample evidences in my case regarding many attempts made on my life by IAS officers. Though it was not warranted, he on his own disclosed that an attempt was made on his life too by a corrupt IAS officer, whose case he is investigating. He also informed me that in his report he would mention all these things. I have given more details in my letter addressed to Dr. Kiran Bedi with copy marked to others including the Hon'ble Supreme Court. (Wife of a very senior IPS officer had sought protection to her life from her husband and had spoken to Dr Kiran Bedi and I had reported about that IPS officer's corrupt and criminal acts to various authorities)
- 2. I have reported another serious incident to get me killed which happened in October 2015 to all authorities.

- 3. I also recently learnt about another attempt made in April 2016 to harm me after house-break. Fortunately for me but unfortunately for a very senior IPS officer close to my house, his house was broken when he and his family members were there (most probably because of mistaken address).
- 4. On 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016, a retired DG and IGP of Police met me in person on his own and cautioned me to be very careful.
- 5. On the nights of 1<sup>st</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> October, DG and IGP Sri Om Prakash's vehicle was parked close to my house. I learnt on 2<sup>nd</sup> October morning that on 1<sup>st</sup> October night, when the vehicle was present some black magic materials including some lighted lamps were placed in front of my house (I do not care for such things). On 3<sup>rd</sup> evening, when I along with my wife had gone to meet my advocate in connection with a case I have filed, two persons had entered the compound of my house and tried to enter my house when my aged mother-in-law who was alone. Within less than four hours after that incident Sri Om Prakash himself was found close to my house when we returned. I have reported this matter to a senior retired DG and IGP and also to another officer who in turn has informed another retired DG and IGP as I have given many complaints to various authorities against Sri Om Prakash serving DG and IGP (including his corrupt activities involving the son of the former Lokayukta, Justice Dr. Y.Bhaskar Rao in February 2015 itself, three months before the corruption in the Lokayukta office became public).

I have written this lengthy letter keeping in mind the large number of highly educated unemployed youth who would make black-mailing corrupt officers as a means to their livelihoods which would in turn force the already corrupt officers to indulge in more corruption to feed such black-mailers. This becomes all the more alarming as technology is going to take away the jobs of many more in the near future. The very fact that post graduate degree holders are applying for jobs which require mere literacy and a good number of educated youth are indulging in criminal activities to imitate the luxurious life led by corrupt officers is already an indicator to the alarming things to come. In Karnataka, the illegal earning of an average corrupt officer can provide full time employment to at least 20 youth while the illegal earning of an average corrupt AIS officer can provide full time employment for more than 200 people. I sincerely hope the recipients of this letter would seriously consider the issues raised in this letter and do their part too.

Yours Sincerely, M N Vijayakumar To:

Shri K.V. Chowdary, The Chief Vigilance Commissioner,

Shri P K Gupta, Cabinet Secretary, GOI

Shri. C.Viswanath, IAS, Secretary, DoPT

Shri Prashanth Bhushan, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India

Shri H. Adhia, Revenue Secretary, GOI

Shri SC. Khuntia, Chief Secretary, Karnataka.

## Copy to:

- 1. Shri Ravindra Maithani, Secretary General, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India of India with a request to place this email along with the attachment before the Hon'ble Supreme Court hearing PIL likely to be listed on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016(WP No 93/2004) in connection with protection to whistleblowers, considering the recent attempts on my life mentioned earlier in this letter. Placing this letter before the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench also becomes very important in view of the two new integrity pledges introduced by the CVC for citizens and private sector demanding them to fight corruption and lead by example
- **2. All Secretaries to GOI** with a request to convince the Hon'ble Prime Minister to notify the Whistle-blowers' Protection Act and the Cabinet Secretary to re-issue the 2004 letter in the light of two new pledges introduced by the CVC.
- **3.** All Chief Secretaries to State governments in India for necessary action
- **4. Mr Ashok Kadam, Director, Parivarthan** for information as his organisation has filed the PIL.
- **5. Sri R. Rao**, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India for information and to make use of this letter in any other case involving corrupt AIS officers.
- **6. Sri K.V.Dhananjay,** Advocate, Supreme Court of India copy is marked as he is also fighting against high level corruption and is willing to fight for decades together to bring about a change in the judicial system. He can also produce this letter before any Court in cases where IAS mafia's hand is visible. I draw the attention of Sri Dhananjay to what I have mentioned while marking a copy of this letter to the officers of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Karnataka.

- 7. Prof V Bansal, Secretary, Rakshak Foundation NGO, (Formerly, Professor, IIT Kanpur). I request the foundation to write to the CVC and the DoPT to not to suppress facts available with those authorities to impress upon the Hon'ble Supreme Court for a quick decision on the PIL,particularly in the light of two new integrity pledges introduced by the CVC.
- **8.** Sri Anand Dayal, Founder, The Whistleblower Foundation for information. Prof V.Bansal of the Rakshak Foundation had written to me mentioning about the activities of the Whistle-blower Foundation suggesting me to be in touch with this Foundation also. Sri Anand Dayal can also produce this letter before any Court to protect Whistle-blowers approaching his Foundationdayala@vsnl.com
- 9. Retired Justice Sri. Markandey Khatju for information -,
- 10. Sri S.M. Vijayanand, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala As the Chief Minister of Kerala is interested to promote whistle-blowing to fight corruption as reported in the media, I request him to place proper information before the Hon'ble Supreme Court based on the information he was given at IIM, Ahmedabad about extreme harassment of Vigilance officers themselves (including four of our own batch mates) by senior corrupt IAS officers.
- **11.** Some others who have helped me to protect myself, some IAS officers across the country and many retired IAS officers of Karnataka Cadre.
- 12. To all senior IPS officers in the Anti –Corruption Bureau, Karnataka 1. In continuation to my complaints given earlier, the officer who protected Sri SC.Khuntia from getting dismissed from Service also claims to have rejected the illegal request of previous Chief Secretary Sri Arvind Jadhav for loan and that finally he was able to get the loan sanctioned from his successor. 2. In the case of Sri Sham Bhatt, presently Chairman, KPSC, I was informed that the Police who recorded the statement of an accused BDA official about the involvement of Sri Sham Bhatt in forcing his officers to collect bribe while in BDA, have destroyed the same to allow him to become KPSC Chairman, that too when cases against him are still pending with the Lokayukta. 3. Sri Sham Bhatt appears to have stakes in a major TV channel also. 4. Many issues raised in this letter requires action by ACB, in particular against Sri SV. Ranganath and Sri Kaushik Mukherjee, former Chief Secretaries and Sri Om Prakash, the present DG and IGP. Sri Sahay, IPS also has more information about Sri Om Prakash's unmentionable activities which others (corrupt IAS/IPS officers) exploit to indulge and get away with their corrupt activities.