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Sub: Requesting the CBI to give details about the company which jointly bid with L & T for the controversial Bangalore steel bridge project.

WRITTEN IN LARGER PUBLIC INTEREST

Dar Shri Anil Kumar Sinha,

I am attaching my letter dated 21st October 2016 sent to **Sri. A.M. Naik, Chairman, (L& T), Sri. A.C. Alimchandani, Chairman, (STUP), Sri SC. Khuntia, IAS, Chief Secretary, Sri Mahendra Jain , IAS, ACS, Urban Development Department, Sri Rajkumar Khatri, IAS,Commissioner, BDA in connection with the Bangalore Steel Bridge Project.** Further, I have also attached clippings from major newspapers reports based on my letter. You may see from my letter that the corrupt IAS officers have used crooked methods at every stage to prevent international bidders from participating in the Steel Bridge Project in Bangalore which is the longest such project in the country. In fact, as per information available in the public domain, the following modus operandi observed by the CBI pales to insignificance compared to what BDA has brazenly done at every stage: ***The modus operandi of NHAI officials was to eliminate all potential contenders on one pretext or the other and favour the accused company ensuring huge financial gains to it***

Though various information available in the public domain clearly indicate that L & T jointly bid with another company for the steel bridge project in Bangalore (whom I call M/s. X in this letter as it continues to keep extremely low profile while only L & T's name is given prominence), even 48 hours after receiving my email, L & T website indicates that there is no press release made by L & T after 20th October 2016, ie., no clarification to the queries sent by me. **All that L & T had to clarify immediately to the citizens is whether it had jointly bid for the steel bridge project with another company which was not only blacklisted in 2012 but also a major construction work taken up by that company had collapsed in the testing stage on 21/4/2016 itself.** In a similar manner, the STUP, India, another company involved in preparing the DPR, also has not responded to my serious queries till now. I had sought that information based on the 23/9/2016 letter of the CVC.

I also learnt from the information available on the internet that the CBI itself had initiated action against the same company (M/s.X) and even recommended to the Puducherry government to take action against engineers who were involved in serious corrupt practices along with M/s X (it appears that Company had a slightly different name at that point of time) Unfortunately, further action taken by the CBI against the company and the officers involved is not available in the public domain. Hence this letter.

On the other hand, immediately after the collapse of the Vivekananda flyover in Kolkata on 31st March 2016, in which 21 people were killed and 60 injured (reported immediately after the collapse), the name of M/S X has been mentioned and fear was expressed as to what would be the fate of Rs 300 crores project taken up in another State by M/S X paying bribe. As though this fear expressed on 31st March 2016 was prophetic, the Rs. 300 crores bridge collapsed, three weeks later, while testing on 21st April 2016. Sri Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister, Sri KJ George, Minister for Urban Development, Sri Aravind Jadhav (previous Chief Secretary), Shri SC Khuntia. Present Chief Secretary, Shri Sham bhatt, previous Commissioner, BDA, Shri Rajkumar Khatri, present Commissioner, BDA, Sri Mahendra Jain, ACS, Urban Development Department (also Chairman, BDA) suppressed this serious fact from the State Cabinet itself clearly indicating that the project is being pursued only to loot huge public money and that they do not care even for the lives of citizens.

As CBI cannot keep those information confidential which are going to facilitate not only looting of public money but also cause loss of life, I demand the Director, CBI to immediately issue a public statement as to the fate of case it registered against M/s X which enabled M/s X to continue to participate in public funded projects.

Incidentally, I would like to mention that in a case filed by me in CAT No. 463/2016, the competent authority took suo-moto decision to make both the CVC and the CBI parties in that case. **If CBI had made some investigation, then it would know from what has been stated at paras XXV and XXXIV at pages 18 to 26 of the material given to the CBI, as to how the corrupt IAS mafia used/misused name of L&T to loot crores of money.** Further, on the advice of a police officer in-charge of my security, I had filed a complaint with the CBI on 15th May 2008, after two attempts were made on my life while under State Police protection. A CBI officer who visited my house in August 2016 confirmed that the evidences available confirm the criminal conspiracy to murder me by IAS officers whose massive looting of public money I had reported. Attempts on my life has not stopped even after retirement, as the corrupt IAS officers are emboldened by the protection they are getting from all quarters. I

have attached soft copy of my letter dated 22th November 2014, written by me to the Chief Minister while I was in Service (I retired in April 2015 and the hard copies of the letters are available with many offices in GOI and GOK) to give an idea about how the corrupt IAS mafia in Karnataka uses Sri Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister to loot public money and even get rewarded by Sri Siddaramaiah for looting public money.

I also request you to go through what I have mentioned to others to whom this email is also being sent.

I am also directly sending this email to the Chennai CBI unit and office of SP(CBI) Bangalore. I am marking copy of this email to Dr. Kiran Bedi, Lt.Governor, Puducherry and to the Chief Secretary of Puducherry and many others as blacklisting was done by Puducherry Government seeking some information. **I am also releasing this letter to the media in larger public interest.**

I draw your attention to the 19th Oct 2016 letter of the CVC which requires officers with your responsibility to take every measure to curb corruption and more importantly when the corrupt practices can even cause death of innocent citizens. **I hope you would take all the required actions in this regard and not just stop at giving clarification to the public.** I request you to move the Government of India to convince the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to entrust to the CBI, the investigation of the corrupt practices which has made responsible citizens of Bangalore to vehemently oppose the very fast-phased move of the Karnataka government with regard to the steel bridge project by suppressing critical facts.

Yours Sincerely



MN Vijayakumar

To:

Sri Anil Kumar Sinha, IPS,

Director, Central Bureau of Investigation, New Delhi.

Copy to:

1. **Shri Ravindra Maithani, Secretary General,** Hon'ble Supreme Court of India - with a request to place this email along with the attachment and my earlier letter dated 12th Oct 2016 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court hearing PIL WP No 93/2004 in connection with

protection to whistleblowers, whenever it is going to be listed as the Supreme Court Website does not indicate the next date of hearing

2. To the Editors of newspapers/heads of TV channels - with a request to inform the citizens through your esteemed media that not only that the company (M/s X mentioned in the body of the letter) which has jointly bid along with L & T was blacklisted, the bridge constructed by it collapsed in another State in the testing stage itself on 21st April 2016, but even the CBI had initiated investigation against it for indulging in massive corrupt practices. All these facts have been suppressed by the Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaiah, Sri KJ. George, Minister in charge of BDA and many senior IAS officers already named by me in my letter released to the Press on 22nd Oct 2016. I draw the attention of the media to what I have written while marking a copy of this letter to Sri TM. Vijayabhaskar, IAS ,whom Sri Mahendra Jain succeeded as Chiarman, BDA(SI No 21).

3. Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Puducherry – I draw the attention of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to my letter dated 5th Nov 2015 addressed to her. Unfortunately, the police officers involved in criminal activities are also involved in covering up the corrupt IAS officers involved in the Bangalore Steel Bridge Project. Most probably, if the government of Puducherry had pursued CBI to take action against the blacklisted company, citizens of Karnataka would not have been forced to come out on the streets to oppose the project.

4. Shri. Manoj Parida, IAS, Chief Secretary to Government of Puducherry/ Chief Vigilance Officer – requesting him to inform me whether any officer from the government of Karnataka or the BDA sought any information either about the blacklisting of M/s X (mentioned in the body of the letter) by your State after CBI reported about it for indulging in extremely serious corrupt practices- the same company is now involved in the Bangalore Steel Bridge project(co-bidder along with M/S L & T). I would like to remind you that Sri Manoj Parida is also bound by the CVC pledge which is in existence since 2000.

5. Shri K.V. Chowdary, The Chief Vigilance Commissioner – This is with reference to his letter dated 23rd Sept 2016 demanding ordinary citizens and corporates to lead by example in the fight against corruption. CVC must immediately seek authorisation from the Hon'ble Supreme Court hearing PIL (WEP No 93/2004) to enable it to give protection to whistle-blowers who are harassed by the State governments for acting as per CVC's own pledge. He must also ensure that all authorities in the country, State Governments and Central Governments make information available about all blacklisted companies and firms by every authority in the country. He must also find out a method by which the CBI can

investigate brazen corrupt practices indulged into by the State Governments when the State governments refuse to act on the CVC's own letter.

6. Shri P K Gupta, Cabinet Secretary, GOI – to direct the concerned authority to move the Hon'ble Supreme Court to entrust the investigation into the corrupt practices in the Bangalore steel bridge project to the CBI.

7. All Secretaries to GOI - to display on their departmental websites list of blacklisted companies by any office coming under its control in the entire country.

8. All Chief Secretaries to State governments in India (including Sri SC. Khuntia , Chief Secretary, Karnataka) – with a request to display on their respective websites the names of all companies blacklisted by their respective government/ governmental organisations, institutions and undertakings. Also requested to give protection to the citizens who act as per the pledge introduced by the CVC in its letter dated 23/9/2016. **I demand Sri SC. Khuntia to make arrangements for me to directly address all Secretaries to government of Karnataka any day between 31st Oct to 5th Nov 2016 (I hope Sri SC. Khuntia knows the significance of this period and has already initiated action) as to what they should do to help and protect citizens for acting as per the 23/9/2016 letter of the CVC. I have also marked a copy to Smt. Rathnaprabha, IAS, ACS , to take action as demanded by me, in case Sri SC. Khuntia fails to act as per the CVC letter**

9. Shri Prashanth Bhushan, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India – Please refer to the comments made while marking copy to Sri TM.Vijayabhaskar, IAS, ACS , GOK below at SI No 21 and request him to place such facts whenever the PIL (WP No 93/2004) is taken up for hearing by the Hon'ble Supreme Court Bench.

10. Mr Ashok Kadam, Director, Parivarthan – for information and to pursue vigorously the PIL filed as the 23 Oct 2016 letter of the CVC puts more whistle-blowers' lives at risk.

11. Sri R. Rao, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India - for information

12. Sri K.V.Dhananjay, Advocate, Supreme Court of India - for information. Thanks for sharing my 21st October 2016 letter in its entirety on his Facebook with an excellent message.

13. Prof V Bansal, Secretary, Rakshak Foundation NGO, (Formerly, Professor, IIT Kanpur). – for information

14. Sri Anand Dayal, Founder, The Whistleblower Foundation – for information.

15. Retired Justice Sri. Markandey Khatju – for information.

16. Sri S.M.Vijayanand, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala - I felt extremely sorry that there is a corrupt IAS mafia in Kerala which is using every method to force Sri Jacob Thomas, IPS, Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Kerala to make him quit the Service. To prevent Kerala from becoming another Karnataka, Sri SM. Vijayanand must ensure support to Sri Jacob Thomas to defeat the evil plan of the corrupt IAS mafia. Kerala should lead other States by immediately putting on its website names of all blacklisted companies and firms.

17. Sri Jacob Thomas, IPS, Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Kerala - . with a request to not to quit Service and never allow the corrupt IAS mafia to triumph. He is also requested to meet Sri.SM .Vijayanand, IAS to know how I have been fighting the most powerful and corrupt IAS mafia in the country.

18. Some others who have helped me to protect myself, some IAS officers across the country.

19. many retired IAS officers of Karnataka Cadre - I request honest retired IAS officers of Karnataka cadre to take the Integrity pledge and initiate major fight against the corrupt on 31st October 2016 (Please refer to the 23rd Sept 2016 letter of the CVC on the CVC website as neither the Chief Secretary nor the IAS officers' Association has taken any action till today – I have documented from 2006 onwards how Chief Secretaries made a mockery of the Integrity pledge). **I request Sri V.Balasubramanian to take the lead and arrange for discussion of my letters exposing the corrupt practices behind the Steel Bridge Project. I have also marked a copy to the Secretary, IAS officers Association, Karnataka.**

20. To all senior IPS officers in the Anti –Corruption Bureau, Karnataka — for necessary action and to register complaint against all those mentioned in my letter dated 21st Oct 2016 as Sri KJ. George, Minister, by his Press statement has implied that he does not care for the lives of citizens or the looting of public money.

21. Sri TM. Vijayabhaskar, IAS, ACS, Forest Department - As predecessor of Sri. Mahendra Jain, IAS in Urban Development Department, Shri VijayaBhaskar is equally responsible for not blowing whistle about corrupt practices in the steel bridge project. I learnt that, afraid to oppose tampering evidences to cover up Sri Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister's direct involvement in the Arkavathi denotification scam, he sought transfer

enabling Sri Mahendra Jain to tamper and fabricate documents (to protect the Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaih, Sri Sham Bhatt and other IAS officers involved in the scam). He must file an affidavit before the Hon'ble Karnataka High Court hearing the PIL regarding the steel bridge project revealing the information which has been suppressed by the Commissioners of BDA and Chief Secretaries since the project was visualised, criminal conspiracy hatched by Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaiah and Minister Sri KJ. George to loot public money by suppressing and distorting facts. He must also file an affidavit before the Justice Kempanna Inquiry Commission revealing all the illegal and criminal things which he was coerced to take, but did not take and instead sought transfer. He must request Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to give protection to him to enable him to reveal in larger public interest, other corrupt activities about the steel project which were brought to his notice with evidence. I request him to show courage at least now. He may recall that I have extensively documented how Shri Vijaybhaskar's total lack of courage resulted in the deaths of honest officials. I will be also making this letter available to the advocate for the petitioners who has been appearing before the Justice Kempanna Inquiry Commission investigating the BDA Denotification scam involving Sri Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister.

22. The Joint Director,CBI, Chennai Zone and SP, CBI, Bangalore – for necessary action.