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TO ALL MEMBERS:

FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION - "Hats Off To Anna Hazare"

We are extremely happy that the Government has accepted all the demands of Social Activist Anna Hazare after four days of Hazare's fast-unto-death that evoked nationwide support. While we express our hearty congratulations to Hazare on his victory, for information of members, we reproduce hereunder the full text of our Letter No. NCBE/PM/03 dated the 7th April 2011, addressed to Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of India, New Delhi, on the subject.

(M.V. MURALI) GENERAL SECRETARY

"It is disheartening to note that the image of the country is marred with innumerable scandals and corruption (2G, Spectrum Scam, CWG, Adarsh Housing Scam and so on). In the recent times we have seen fight against corruption in Libya, Egypt indicating that there is no better time to stage a protest as the levels of corruption and the amounts of money involved have increased and worsened in the last fifty years. The corrupt are becoming more innovative about the ways in which to steal and are literally looting the country. The fact of the matter is that each one of us has a hand in it. From our environment, to our institutions, to our political and legislative culture, corruption is rampant and India doesn't have the institutions through which the corrupt are punished. The persons in respectable positions, who are supposed to ensure against corruption, are becoming highly corrupt bringing disrepute to the office. It appears that nobody is above board and free from corruption. It is high time that the common man has to get involved.

The recent fasting unto death against corruption by the social activist Anna Hazare is to unite the individual efforts against corruption on to one common platform by introduction of a new Lokpal bill in the Parliament to tackle the numerous corruptions that has ruined the roots of Indian political scenario. The fasting by Anna Hazare is only a true reflection of the suppressed anger-volcano that has finally erupted from the hearts of Indians as people are exhausted with the huge volume of corruption.

The main demand for introduction of a stringent Lokpal Bill by Anna Hazare emphasizing the need to get rid of corruption warrants unbiased consideration. The legislation proposed by the government is not adequate and lacks teeth. For the purpose, a joint committee comprising representatives of the government and civil society should be set up to firm up the bill.

The massive support and public reaction all over the country reflects the true heart and soul of patriotic citizens of the country. This clearly indicates the determination to change a system that has been complicit in financial crimes, which is a dire necessity in the best interests of the country.

We stand with Anna Hazare. We call on you to endorse the Jan Lokpal bill and act urgently to implement effective measures to tackle corruption. We want a new era of corruption-free politics in our country.

Let us make all efforts to eradicate corruption at all levels."

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