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MY DEATH WISH

SAVE JUDICIARY SAVE NATION

CRY OF THE NATION: GOVERNMENT and JUDICIARY UNMOVED

Currently we have 9 trustees and have I.T. Exemption under Section 80-G. About 2.50 crores corpus from donations.

We have set up Society For Fast Justice each with the name of its town or city and registered 115 such Societies in 23 States. They have been federated into National Federation of Societies For Fast Justice, registered in Delhi. Its President is Dr. Raj Kachru, of Gurgaon near Delhi.

Sir / Madam,

Please find this message being circulated among a lac of individuals and organisations in India and overseas. It will reach through e-mail addresses and WhatsApps across the country and abroad. The data includes common men, eminent social workers, activists, advocates, mediamen, industrial and social organisations, High commissions, consulates, Bar Associations, Oversea's Indian Organisations and so on. We will appeal to them to support our Judicial Reforms movement. The activity will continue till I die in February 2024 and thereafter when I will be sitting for Fast Unto Death on 30th January 2024, the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The reasons are:

(i) In India the adage 'Justice Delayed is Justice Denied' is a hallmark word. A case filed in Taluka Court, travels through District Court, High Court and Supreme Court which takes 30-40 years which is inherited by generation after generation.

Our purpose of sending this communication to you is to wake up your conscience for

'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas', a slogan coined PM Narendra Modi who seeks sath from 15 crore litigants without himself giving sath in reforming justice delivery system.

(ii) The Budget 2022.

National budget Rs.39.50 lakh crore.

Allocation to judiciary Rs.1259 crore.

It works out to 0.00032% of this annual budget.

Advance countries like Europe, America, Canada, Singapore, Australia, etc provide nearly 1% of their annual budget.

(iii) The 2014 election manifesto of BJP contained 16 promises to the voters for reforms in judiciary as under:

- 1. accord high priority to judicial reforms to address the issue of appointment of judges, filling the vacancies, opening new courts, setting up a mechanism for speedy clearance of the backlog of cases at various levels in the judiciary.*
- 2. initiate a mission mode project for filling the vacancies in the judiciary and for doubling the number of courts and judges in the subordinate judiciary.*
- 3. set up a National Judicial Commission for the appointment of judges in higher judiciary.*
- 4. create a fund for modernization of courts to improve the operational efficiency of courts. set up a separate class of courts for cases involving specified commercial laws which fast track the litigation process.*
- 5. reform the criminal justice system to make dispensation of justice simpler, quicker and more effective and after examining the recommendations of the earlier reports on this subject. initiate the computerization and networking of courts all over the country.*
- 6. extend fast track courts to all layers of the judiciary.*
- 7. expand alternative dispute redressal mechanisms through Lok Adalats and Tribunals. Implement the National Litigation Policy in letter and spirit to reduce average pendency time of cases.*
- 8. review and reduce significantly the number of cases, in which the Government is a litigant in the next five years.*
- 9. periodically review and refine/ scrap outdated laws.*
- 10. create courts specially equipped to deal with IPR cases.*
- 11. give special emphasis to the development of Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanisms - like Lok Adalats, Arbitration and Conciliation centres.*
- 12. set up a comprehensive National e-Library, empowering Lawyers.*
- 13. aim to enhance the number of women in the Bar as well as Bench, reducing the gender*

gap in judiciary.

14. *evolve a national network of specialized universities having expertise in complementary domains - like Forensics, Arbitration, IPR, International Law, etc.*
15. *develop India into a Global Hub for Arbitration and Legal Process Outsourcing.*
16. *We will simultaneously reform the legal system to make it more accessible to the common man.*

BUT THEY HONOURED NONE!

(iv) ***Google search mentions USA budget of \$ 600 billion of 2021 giving \$ 7.7 billion to its judiciary which is well over 1.25% of their annual budget.***

Three judges bench headed by Justice B.N.Kripal in a judgement between All India Judges Association V/s. Union of India & Ors. [(2002) 4 SCC 247] dated 21st March, 2002, Senior advocate Nariman was made amicus curiae. He referred 85th Report of Parliament's standing Committee headed by Late Pranav Mukherji, submitted in February 2002 suggested to increase judges strength from 10.5 to 50 judges per million population of the country.

Earlier in some of the reports, the Law Commission of India had suggested the same formula of 10.5 to 50 Judges increase per million population.

(v) *S.C. accepted these recommendations and directed UOI, Union territories and all states to implement the order by 2007. **But no action taken by anyone of them.***

As there is no hope that 43% of law makers (MPs) facing criminal cases and innumerable civil cases in the courts, are not interested in making wheel of justice delivery any faster.

(vi) *As the Union and State Governments are not interested in judicial reforms inspite of our relentless pursuit, our trustees, Societies For Fast Justice and their Federation are frustrated and became inactive, I wrote to our Prime Minister and the Chief Justice of India in January 2020 that if by 30eth January 2024, the said Supreme Court Judgement is not implemented, **I will sit on Fast Unto Death in Delhi from 30eth January 2024.** There is no response, leave alone any action.*

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