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Dear *Dr. Man Mohan Singh Jr,*

Shri Virbhadra Singh has been one of the long serving Chief Ministers of Himachal Pradesh. He is a senior leader of the Congress Party. For the last 15 months several exposures have taken place in the media relating to him. Each one of these exposures is independent and constitutes an offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act. It has been my charge against the UPA Government that investigative agencies have been going out of the way to harass the opponents of the government and at the same time they have actively conspired with those violating the law if the violator happens to be a UPA member. The details which are mentioned in this letter will substantiate this.

Case No..1 – Entries in the diary

The Income Tax Department conducted a search in the offices of a steel manufacturing company popularly known as 'The Ispat Group'. Certain diaries were recovered in the search. The diaries reflected payments made to prominent persons between the period 2007 and 2010. They were payments made to the staff of Minister of Steel and other persons concerned with said Ministry. There were also entries of amounts of expenses incurred for payment to CBI and the Enforcement staff. Additionally, there were entries relating to payments made to one 'VBS'. The Minister for Steel during this period was Shri Vir Bhadra Singh whose initials are also VBS. It was incumbent on the Income Tax Deptt. and the CBI to investigate these entries and fix the identity of the said

'VBS'. I had contemporaneously commented through an article on the media reports and the documents. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the said article.

Case No.2 – The use of illegally acquired money

A series of incidents took place in Shimla in Himachal Pradesh. One Shri Anand Chauhan opened a bank account No. 524185 with the Punjab National Bank in Shimla and he deposited over Rs. 5 crores in cash in the said account. From this account, he issued several cheques and made payments to purchase LIC policies in the name of Shri Vir Bhadra Singh, his wife, Smt. Pratibha Singh, their son and daughter. It is clear that Anand Chauhan opened this bank account for the benefit of Shri Vir Bhadra Singh and his family members. This matter was being enquired into by the Income Tax Department.

For the three Calendar Years ending March 2009, March 2010 and March 2011, Shri Vir Bhadra Singh had declared an income of Rs. 7 lakh (approx.), Rs. 15 lakh and Rs.25 lakh from his apple orchard. Vide an agreement dated 17.6.2008, he had given its management to one Shri Bishambar Das who paid Shri Vir Bhadra Singh an amount of Ra. 10 lakh 50 thousand for each of the three years.

Once it came to the notice of the investigative authorities that Shri Anand Singh deposited cash and converted this into payment towards LIC policies in favour of Shri Vir Bhadra Singh and his family members, Shri Singh on 2nd March 2012, filed his revised Income Tax returns wherein for the three years he retrospectively increased his agricultural income by Rs.6.15 Crores. He now claimed that his agreement with Bishambar Das had retrospectively disappeared and that Anand Chauhan was his contractor retrospectively.

I had written an article on the subject on 23/10/2012. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith.

Case No.3 – Obtaining Benefits for himself and his family members from a person that the Government favoured.

The Govt. of Himachal Pradesh had allotted a hydel power project Sai Kothi to one M/s Venture Energy and Technology Pvt.Ltd on 14/6/2002. The said company had defaulted in the execution of the said project. It had sought extension which was granted to the company. In between the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh had decided to cancel the contract on 20/9/2004 and get it executed through HPEB. However the decision was reviewed and the contract was allowed to be completed by the said company upon grant of extension. On 4/9/2013, when Shri Vir Bhadra Singh again became the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, the Cabinet granted 10 month extension to the said company to execute the project and imposed certain payment terms on the said company.

It appears that a favour was being shown to the said company. However, that itself was not all. A quid pro quo was offered by the said company to Shri Vir Bhadra Singh and his family around the same period. This is clear from the following documents:-

- Shri Vir Bhadra Singh filed his affidavit of assets and liabilities on 17/10/2012 before the returning officer of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections. There is no reference of this Company having given him any money on this declaration.
- Upon the resignation of Shri Virbhadra Singh, Smt. Pratibha Singh contested the bye election of the Mandi Parliament Constituency. She filed her affidavit on 30/5/2013. The said affidavit discloses

that the promoter of this Company Shri Vakamulla Chandrasekhar had given an unsecured loan of Rs. 1.5 Crores to Smt. Pratibha Singh and Rs. 2.40 Crores to Shri Virbhadr Singh. Can a Chief Minister and his wife take loan from a Company to whom the Chief Minister had shown a favour?

- Contemporaneous documents indicate that Shri Virbhadr Singh and his family had surplus amounts lying in their bank accounts. They did not need the loan.
- The Company was required to pay Rs. 58.19 Lakhs for the 10 month extension which has still not been paid.
- Both Shri Vakamulla Chandrasekhar, the promoter of the Company and the Company are in huge debt . It is not known why they should have extended loans while being in such dire financial straits themselves.
- It now transpires that M/s. Tarini Infrastructures Ltd., another Company promoted by Shri Vakamulla Chandrasekhar , in its filing before the Registrar of Companies has declared that the list of shareholders as on 29.9.2012 includes Mrs. Pratibha Singh with 3,40,000 equity shares, his son Shri Vikramaditya Singh with 3,40,000 equity shares and Ms. Aparajita Kumari, Daughter with 3,40,000 shares. Additionally, Shri Amit Pal Singh, OSD to CM also got 10,000 equity shares in the said company.
- The new documents reveal that a favour is shown to a private Company which grants a loan to the Chief Minister and his wife. Additionally, in one of the group Companies, his wife and two

children become shareholders. There can not be a stronger evidence of quid pro quo.

- All the above facts independent and collectively constitute offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act besides violation of various revenue laws.

These are cases which require an immediate investigation by both the Income Tax authorities and also the CBI. I request you to look in to this matter for appropriate action.

With



Yours sincerely,



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To
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Encl. As above.