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To, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble Finance Minister of India, New Delhi

Dear Shri Pranab Mukherjee,

I am in USA and will be back in first week of July.

I am told and have also read it on the net that Mr Moily has released a sectionwise comparative chart of Government's draft bill and Jan Lokpal Bill. Mr Moily is also believed to have said that it is this chart that will be sent to the Cabinet and to all political parties.

This chart does not present Jan Lokpal Bill accurately. Whereas there are inaccuracies at many places, the sections from Jan Lokpal Bill have also not been fully quoted at many other places. Any person reading this chart will be completely in the dark about the provisions of Jan Lokpal Bill?

We had decided in the last Joint Committee meeting that both the drafts will be taken to the Cabinet and to the political parties. Since the very vision of Jan Lokpal Bill is different in the two drafts, I thought it was a good decision to treat both the drafts as the output of the Joint drafting committee. However, if you wish to combine the two in the form of a chart, we can make an attempt to do that also. But kindly do not release it without the concurrence of all members.

If you could have the word file of the chart prepared by Mr Moily mailed to me, we will present Jan Lokpal Bill correctly in that and send it back to you. That may be released to the public.

Mr Moily is also believed to have said that the government draft is the "real" draft and Anna's draft is at best a "dissent note". We do not agree with that. There were ten members in the committee. Five members endorsed one draft whereas the other five endorsed the other draft. Therefore, both the drafts enjoy equal weightage as far as the

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