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To,
The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India
Supreme Court of India
New Delhi.

21th September 2017

Subject: Follow up request for Constitution of '*in-house enquiry*' for initiating appropriate action against Justice Hemant Gupta, Chief Justice, Madhya Pradesh High Court, for the alleged cases of 'disproportionate assets' and 'misbehavior'

Dear Chief Justice,

The Campaign for Judicial Accountability and Reforms (CJAR) had sent in a detailed complaint on 3.03.2017, against Justice Hemant Gupta who was then the Acting Chief Justice of the Patna High Court. Since then, his appointment as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court has been confirmed. The complaint which requested for an in-house inquiry to be initiated, had also detailed serious allegations against Justice Hemant Gupta, of amassing huge wealth disproportionate to the known source of income and also of influencing the ongoing investigations against his wife for the charges of money laundering, acquiring properties illegally by creating forged/ sham agreement to sale, evading stamp duty, filing collusive suits for specific performance, transacting through shell companies for layering and structuring the transactions etc. We have now learnt that on 4.09.2017, an FIR has been filed by the Head of Branch, CBI/ACB/Chandigarh, against Sh. Murari Lal Tayal, retd IAS officer from Haryana Govt on allegation that he was in possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income and against his wife Smt. Savita Tayal and their two children for abetment of the fore mentioned crime. Smt. Savita Tayal is the real sister of Justice Hemant Gupta. Justice Hemant Gupta was a Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court at the time when these disproportionate assets to the tune of nine crores was acquired by Sh. Murari Lal Tayal and his family. Whether Justice Hemant Gupta had any role in the acquiring of these assets may have to be further investigated.

Further it has been learnt that the government of India is also seriously interested in the promotion of J. Hemant Gupta. With such serious allegations against Justice Hemant Gupta of amassing huge wealth disproportionate to his assets, influencing the ongoing investigations

against his wife for the charges of money laundering and now his sister being named in a CBI FIR, it is clear that Justice Hemant Gupta should not be considered for further elevation.

Since it is apparent, that there is sufficient prima facie evidence, it is only appropriate that an “in-house enquiry committee” be constituted to verify the charges levelled against Justice Hemant Gupta and also to initiate appropriate action against him. Pending the enquiry Justice Hemant Gupta must be suspended from carrying out any judicial and administrative work.

I am enclosing the CJAR complaint against Justice Hemant Gupta, a CD with a recording of Justice Hemant Gupta’s conversation with the Investigating Officer of the ED and the CBI FIR naming his sister Savita Tayal.

Thanking you,

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