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To

May 20th 2014

Shri Narendra Modi (PM Designate),
Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) Headquarters,
11, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.

Subject: Appeal to provide clean and exemplary governance

Dear Shri Modi,

On behalf of the **National Election Watch (NEW)** and **Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)**, we would like to congratulate you on the impressive election victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party and on being appointed the new Prime Minister of India in the next few days.

NEW, a congregation of over 1200 Civil Society groups across the country, and **ADR**, a citizen led, non-political and non-governmental organization, have been working for around 15 years with the objective of bringing electoral and political reforms, so as to improve democracy and governance in India.

Although there is no doubt that the Indian electorate voted wisely in favour of a stable and mature government, there are some concerns when we look at the criminal and financial records of certain newly elected MPs:

- **186 (34%) out of 541 newly elected MPs analyzed by NEW & ADR have declared criminal cases against themselves, whereas 112 (21%) have declared serious criminal cases like murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping, dacoity etc. (List of MPs with self-declared criminal cases attached as Appendix)**
- **In BJP alone, 98 (35%) out of 281 MPs analysed have declared criminal cases, whereas 63 (22%) have declared serious criminal cases**

Given your commitment to critically examine MPs and MLAs with self-declared criminal cases, which you reiterated during recent Lok Sabha campaign rallies, interviews and reports, saying **“the next Parliament would be cleaned by punishing the guilty,” we expect that you would provide clean and exemplary governance.** (Ref: urls/video links for the reports/speeches mentioned in the end)

In view of the above, we make the following requests:

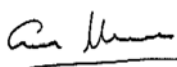
1. That MPs with serious criminal cases not be made Ministers or given chairs of responsibilities in the Parliament such as in Standing Committees, Financial committees etc.
2. That any MP should not be assigned a portfolio in the Cabinet that poses a **conflict of interest** with his/her business interests.

Sir, we would also like to take this opportunity to request you for a meeting to discuss the recommendations of ADR in detail.

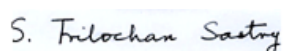
We wish you all the best in ensuring overall progress in the country in all spheres during the next five years.

Yours faithfully,

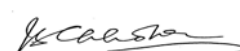
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Link for the TOI report where Shri Modi's statement on decriminalization of politics is quoted

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/lok-sabha-elections-2014/news/Modi-promises-an-end-to-criminalization-of-politics/movie-review/34667368.cms>

Video link for the interview where Shri Modi vowed to fast track the cases against newly elected MPs and MLAs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egcsWRkGxNA>

Video link for Shri Modi's election rally where he expressed his view on criminalization of politics.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OEpzAPR_kGg