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*Respected Prime Minister*

I write to you in connection with the fast unto death begun on 05 April, 2011 by the venerable and respected Shri Anna Hazare. Anna Hazare has fought wars for and defended this nation against its enemies and is now leading another war against another enemy – that of Political and bureaucratic corruption. As you are aware, hundreds of thousands of Indians have come out in support of his leadership on the critical issue of Corruption in Government and the need for an institutional mechanism to oversee Government and weed out the Corrupt.

The issues that are being raised by him needs to be addressed by you personally to prevent a further escalation of the issue with potentially disastrous consequences. I feel that time is fast running out and unless urgent measures are taken to stem the tide, things could well get out of control. I strongly urge your immediate intervention as only that will cause the 73-year old Gandhian to end his fast.

The importance of including representatives of the civil society in the Group announced to draft the Jan Lokpal Bill is obvious because of the complete lack of credibility of the political system that is supposed to be representative of and representing the civil society. Given the loss of credibility with the recent scams, the demand for civil society involvement in the drafting of this legislation – which is meant to be the principal weapon in the fight against corruption – is both inevitable and desirable.

I earnestly request you to urgently reconstitute the Group to make it truly national and representative by giving equal representation to the government and the civil society leaders. The political side should be representative of both the ruling and opposition sides to ensure maximum consensus. In my view, a positive gesture from the government would be to accept the draft bill prepared under the guidance of Anna Hazare as a starting point.

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An immediate announcement by the government on the reconstitution of the Group would undoubtedly diffuse the current tension and pave the way for a more measured consideration of the vicious problem.

I keenly look forward to your immediate intervention on this issue.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rajeev'.

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