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In the Special General Body Meeting of the Advocates Association Bangalore, held at HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA Hall No.1 on 24-3-25 at 1 30 pm to discuss the issue of CASH HAUL IN JUSTICE YESHWANT VERMA S house at Delhi and the meeting called for Accountability in Judiciary and further to discuss growing concerns of corruption in Higher and trial Judiciary and other issues, after detailed deliberations, the General Body took into consideration the following issues:-

A) The incident at Delhi has shaken the confidence and faith of the public in the Judiciary and has eroded the credibility of the Judiciary and this has consequently shaken the foundation of the system of rule of law in the country.

B) Corruption is becoming deeply entrenched and there are growing concerns of it becoming widespread in all the courts at all levels including the Karnataka high court and Trial Courts across the state.

C) In this situation the Supreme Court collegium can no longer stand as a helpless witness and has to raise to the occasion and take radical steps to fully Eradicate Corruption in Judiciary. Major changes in the system have to be initiated by the Supreme Court.

In pursuance of the above and after taking into consideration all issues the following resolutions were passed for implementation by the Advocates Association Bangalore :

1. Instead of investigating AGAINST JUSTICE YESHWANT VERMA, the Advocates Association, Bangalore is shocked and pained to see the decision of the collegium to reiterate the transfer of Justice Yeshwant Verma to

Allahabad High court. This is the greatest injustice. This shows that there is no zero toleration for corruption.

2. The Association has resolved that no work be allotted to the judge till investigation is complete.
3. The Bar is concerned and shocked at the two standards employed in case of investigations. For the common man FIR is lodged with investigation under Prevention of Corruption Act but for Judges there is only civil investigation and transfer. This is dual standards and the apex court must direct proper investigation by an independent body or agency. The Supreme Court must not only declare the lofty principles of law of equality but must also show through its conduct that the Rule of Law is the same for the common man as well as a Judge. It must uphold the principle that "All are Equal before the eyes of law", and even a Judge is subject to the law equally.
4. Judges of higher judiciary and all high courts against whom there are allegations of corruption must be transferred from their parent High Court to other high courts.
5. Judges at all levels including Supreme Court and High Court and their family members must declare their assets and liabilities in public every year as public servants and the same must be published in the website of the Supreme Court and the relevant High Court.
6. The general body noted the unduly huge number of matters are made as part heard by Hon'ble Justice K. Natarajan of the High Court of Karnataka. It is resolved to demand that Hon'ble Justice K. Natarajan immediately releases all Part Heard matters or Further Hearing matters before him which are in substantial number failing which a boycott of his court will be called. The Chief Justice of Karnataka should direct the release of these matters before the Hon'ble Justice K. Natarajan. Further steps will be taken in this regard to further intimate the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and the Collegium if the matters are not released.



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7. A MASSIVE PROTEST OF LAWYERS THROUGH A CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL IN DARKNESS WOULD BE HELD ALL OVER KARNATAKA AND AT THE GOLDEN GATE OF THE HIGH COURT TO BRING TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE JUDICIARY THAT THERE IS A NEED TO DISPEL THE DARKNESS AND BRING LIGHT TO OUR JUDICIARY. THIS WILL BE HELD PROTESTING :
 - i. Against the instances of corruption in judiciary
 - ii. Against the corruption in the Registry of Karnataka High Court to get matters posted
 - iii. Against the failure of the vigilance department of the High Court of Karnataka to curb corruption in trial court and inaction by the High Court of Karnataka to dismiss errant trial judge from service.
8. The Advocates Association, Bengaluru resolves to intimate the Chief Justice of India and the collegium judges to take immediate steps to improve the accountability and administration in Karnataka Judiciary and to take all measures to set right the administration. Great displeasure was expressed by the members on the state of administration in Karnataka High Court on posting of matters corruption in the Registry and collapse of general administration in High Court.
9. In so far as the statement on honey trap of judges by a minister on the floor of the house is concerned the Advocates Association, Bangalore expressed deep concern and requests the Chief Justice of Karnataka to look into the veracity and truth of these allegations by writing to the speaker of the house and placing the same before the Full court of Karnataka high court.
10. A Complaint or Grievance committee must be constituted to go into all such issues of corruption in trial and higher judiciary and the same to report to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Karnataka high court.
11. It was resolved that the Vigilance Department of the high court of Karnataka has completely become defunct and is not able to curb corruption in trial

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judiciary. It is demanded to change the Vigilance Dept Registrar & Personnel and Corrupt and non-transparent judges in the trial courts in Karnataka must be identified and reported to Chief Justice of Karnataka by Local Bar Associations. The vigilance dept must swing into action and report such judges to the high court and they must be dismissed from service.

12. The collegium system is not turning out to be a proper and efficient system to curb corruption in judiciary and to bring accountability of judges. There are many instances of Nepotism in appointments made by collegium and this is reducing the faith of advocates and public in the system. Drastic modifications are necessary to bring transparency in appointment of judges and accountability of the Judges.

13. It was also unanimously resolved by the General Body that the Karnataka High Court Collegium must compose of Karnataka High Court judges to ensure representation of Karnataka State in the state High Court Collegium.

The above resolutions were passed unanimously and the Advocates Association Bangalore hereby notifies the same to the members.

THANKING YOU,