

**VISIT OF HON'BLE JUDGES TO SEMINAR ORGANISED BY MR. P.H.PAREKH WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF FOREIGN POLITICAL ORGANISATION WITHOUT PERMISSION OF GOVT. OF INDIA**

Confederation of Indian Bar has been floated by Mr. P.H. Parekh, just to have an association of Senior Advocates who pose themselves to be close to the Judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and different High Courts. After inviting the Hon'ble Judges in their function, these office bearers charge very hefty professional fees from clients as against the Supreme Court Rules.

The Confederation of Indian Bar is not registered with any authority in India. Normally an organisation is supposed to be registered with the Registrar of Societies.

The Confederation of Indian Bar alongwith Bar Council of Rajasthan, Rajasthan High Court Advocates Association, Jodhpur, Rajasthan High Court Lawyers Association (supported by Conrad Adenauer Foundation ( a German political organisation) is organising a seminar on "Access to Justice for the Socially and Economically Disadvantaged" on April 2-3, 2011 at Jodhpur which is being inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Singhvi, Judge, Supreme Court of India and presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Mishra, Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court. The different working sessions are being chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Verma, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Ganguly, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S.Thakur, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Gyan Sudha Misra, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Swatanter Kumar, Judge, Supreme Court of India. Mr. P.H.Parekh had taken financial support from Conrad Adenauer Foundation ( a German political organisation) which he has mentioned in his brochure that "We thank Konrad Adenauer Foundation for their help which has enabled us to keep registration fees at nominal rate". As per Indian law, no individual or organisation can receive financial support from any foreign organisation without the clearance of Govt. of India and if some body violates the same, he is liable to be prosecuted. The said information was provided to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and his other companion Judges of the Supreme Court of India vide letter dated 28.3.2011 in which it was requested that the Hon'ble Judges should not attend such seminar which has received financial support from foreign Political organisation contrary to Indian laws. An RTI application was also filed on 28.3.2011.

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Mr. Parekh also claims that the Confederation of Indian Bar is registered organisation. However, after making enquiries with the office of Sub Registrar of Societies, Delhi, it has come to notice that the said Bar Association is <sup>not</sup> registered.

Mr. Parekh invites the Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court in functions just to show his proximity with them to the litigants and has accumulated large number of cases and then appear before them personally and some times engages other senior advocates alongwith him.

## International Institute of Human Rights Society

Mr. PH.Parekh floated International Institute of Human Rights Society in 1989. He made Mr. Justice E.S. Venkataramaih as President and Mr. P.P. Rao as Treasurer.

I hasten to inform you that he always remains the Secretary General and he has put the following important judges and law officers as office bearers of this organization :

2000 :

Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.S. Anand, Chief Justice of India : President  
Mr. Soli Sorabjee, Attorney General of India : Vice President

2005

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Santosh Hegde, retired Judge, SC : President  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.H.Kapadia, Judge, Supreme Court : Vice-President

2006

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.H.Kapadia, Judge, Supreme Court : President  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir, Judge, Supreme Court : Vice President

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.H.Kapadia, Judge, Supreme Court : President  
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Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.H.Kapadia, Judge, Supreme Court : President  
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Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.H.Kapadia, Chief Justice of India : President  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir, Judge, Supreme Court : Vice President

As per rules of the said Society, the Registered office of the Society is Chamber 134, Lawyers Chamber, Supreme Court which has been allotted to Mr. P.H.Parekh and from the said chamber he is entertaining the clients, cases are filed before Hon'ble Supreme Court from his company Parekh & Co. and he is putting this address in all his invitation cards and letter heads addressed to the Hon'ble Judges and his clients. He is appearing before Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.H.Kapadia, Chief Justice of India, who is his President in International Institute of Human Rights Society and before Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir, Judge, Supreme Court of India who is his Vice President in International Institute of Human Rights Society. In the case of Jaya Prada (with Mr. Amar Singh), he got the well settled law reversed which was decided in the case of G. Viswanathan Vs. Hon'ble Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly & another, 1996 (2) SCC 353 from the Hon'ble Supreme Court (Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir (Vice President, International Institute of Human Rights Society and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Cyriac Joseph). Justice Altamas Kabir and Justice Cyriac Joseph in the Judgement dated 15.11.2010 passed in case of Amar Singh & Jaya Pradha ( Writ Petition (Civil) Nos. 317/2010 and 343/2010, wherein Mr. Pravin H. Parekh had appeared) though referred the matter to a larger bench but simultaneously not following the Judicial Discipline, held that the principles of G. Viswanathan case shall not be applied in Amar Singh's case and in a way Over Ruled the earlier judgement without even waiting the outcome of reference to a larger bench. Both Mr. Amar Singh and Ms. Jaya Pradha are continuing as Members of Parliament on the basis of the said judgment dated 15.11.2010 as against the already settled law laid by Hon'ble Supreme Court in G Viswanathan case.

To name few cases in which he appeared before Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.H. Kapadia, Chief Justice of India and President, International Institute of Human

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Whether the Hon'ble Judges should attend any function organised by any unrecognised Bar Association (non registered and where there is no election like Confederation of Indian Bar)

Whether the Hon'ble Judges should participate in any function which is funded by foreign political organisation like Konrad Adenover Foundation, Germany.

Whether it is appropriate that the Hon'ble Judges should have registered office of their organisation in a chamber of the lawyer who appears before them and publicise their closeness.

(J.N.Taneja)

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Enclosures :

RTI dated 31.3.2011 to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India

Letter dated 30.3.2011 to PM & Law Minister of India for Transparency and Accountability in Bench and Bar

Letter dated 25.1.2011 by Forum for Integrity, Transparency & Accountability in Legal Profession (FITALP) addressed to Hon'ble CJI & other Judges, Supreme Court.

Representation on administrative side dated 28.3.2011 addressed to Hon'ble CJI & Judges, Supreme Court requesting not to allow Judges to participate in seminar organised by Mr. PH Parekh with the financial support of a foreign political organisation without clearance of Govt. of India.

Invitation Letter of Mr. PH Parekh

Website information about Konrad Adenauer Foundation about its foreign political organisation.

Brochure of Conference stating that foreign political organisation is financial supporting the conference.

Registration documents of International Institute of Human Rights Society.S

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y Ajmer Singh in New Delhi

THE CODE of conduct for judges states that close association with individual members of the bar, particularly those who practice in the same court, shall be eschewed.

A piquant situation has arisen in the Supreme Court as a senior advocate regularly appears before judges — who are also office bearers of an organisation of which this former apex court bar association (SCBA) president is the secretary general.

A Supreme Court advocate J.N. Taneja, has made a written complaint to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Union law minister, alleging that senior advocate Pravin H. Parekh appears before the same judges who are office bearers of the International Institute of Human Rights Society.

Chief Justice of India (CJI) S.H. Kapadia and Justice Altmas Kabir are president and vice-president of the International Institute of Human Rights Society respectively, while Parekh is the permanent secretary general of this body.

Taneja, in his letter, has also attached list of various Chief Justices of India and Supreme Court judges — who have been office bearers of the human rights society from the year 2000 onwards.

The names mentioned in the list included former CJI A.S. Anand, Justice Santosh Hegde, CJI Kapadia and Justice Kabir. CJI Kapadia has been the president of the institute from 2006 onwards, according to the complaint.

Taneja has requested the Prime Minister to have this matter enquired into and stated that it is not proper for judges to allow Parekh to appear before them and vice versa.

The institute's registered office, as mentioned before the Registrar of Societies — 134, Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court compound — is also the personal chamber of Parekh. This address is also mentioned on Parekh's personal letterhead, on which he has issued invitation letters to many, including senior judges. The cases filed by Parekh before the court also mention the same address.

The litigants can get influenced by this, alleged the complainant.

Justice R.S. Sodhi (ret'd) said the judges have to isolate themselves and stop being members of such institutes. They should be out of this as judiciary is already under tremendous gaze for allegations, right from nepotism to favouritism. The lawyers make judges chairman and president of such organisations just to get close to them, he said.

Former law minister Shanti Bhushan, however, stated that conflict arises only if some power is exercised or influence wielded; here the purpose of the institute is promotion of activities related to law.

In the meantime, the record of SC proceedings of November 10 and 11, 2010, accessed by MAIL TODAY revealed that Parekh's name figures in the list of advocates (WP343/10) in the case of Jaya Prada vs Union of India and Amar Singh vs Union of India (WP 317/2010). These cases were heard by Justice Kabir and Justice Cyriac Joseph.

Similarly on January 10, 2011, Parekh appeared for respondents in a case, CIT Mumbai vs Pankaj Mehta, before the CJI and other judges. And on February 25, 2011,

Parekh again appeared for respondents (Commissioner of Income Tax vs Chandravadan K. Bagdia) before CJI, Justice K.S. Panicker Radhakrishnan and Justice Swatanter Kumar.

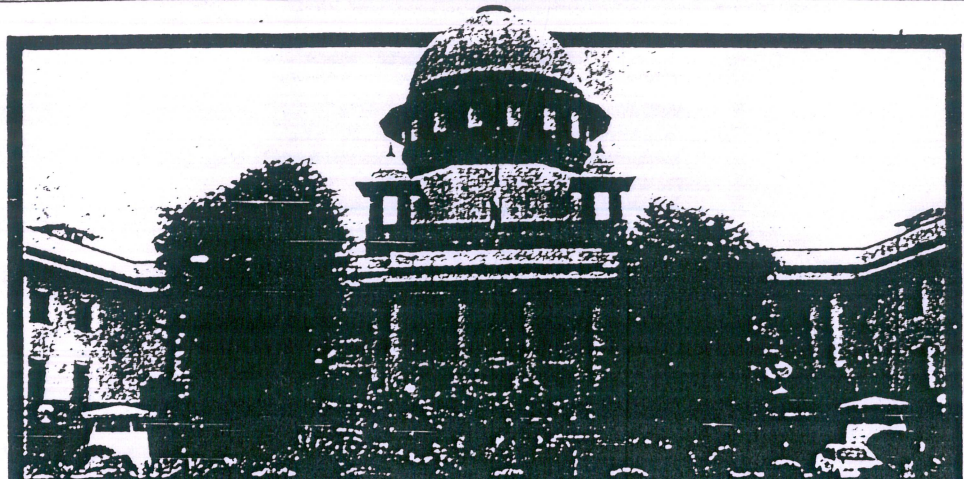
Parekh, when contacted, said there is no conflict of interest as bar and bench are two wheels of a chariot and have to work together.

"This institute was founded by Justice R.S. Pathak, former CJI and I am the secretary general for the last 20 years. The purpose is judicial reforms and promo-

tion of human rights," he said.

"There is no question of influencing as no one can take a favour from a judge, they are made of sterner stuff. Yes, judges have been members of this institute and I have been appearing before them but no judge has ever objected," Parekh said.

The restatement of values of judicial life or the code of conduct doesn't bar judges from becoming members of a society or association connected with the law but it asks to shun association with those who practice in the same court.



# SC judge-lawyer link raises query

## NAMES TO PONDER ON



S.H. KAPADIA  
CHIEF JUSTICE  
OF INDIA



A.S. ANAND  
FORMER CHIEF  
JUSTICE OF INDIA



SANTOSH HEGDE  
SUPREME COURT  
JUDGE



ALTAMAS KABIR  
SUPREME COURT  
JUDGE

31.3.2011

Ms. Smita Vats Sharma  
Additional Registrar/  
Central Public Information Officer  
Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi.

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31/3/11

Sub: Application under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Re: Participation of Hon'ble Chief Justices and Hon'ble Judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the programmes organized by Mr. P.H. Parekh, Senior Advocate, President, Confederation of Indian Bar

Madam,

It has been brought to my notice that Mr. P.H. Parekh, Senior Advocate, has floated an organization called "Confederation of Indian Bar" with a purpose to develop his relations with the Hon'ble Chief Justices and Hon'ble Judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and different Hon'ble High Courts by posing that it is a association of all bar associations in India and also posing that it is a registered organization under the Societies Registration Act. My enquiries have revealed that the said organization of Mr. P.H.Parekh is not registered organization. My further enquiries have further revealed that Mr. Parekh invites Hon'ble Judges in ordinary functions and then appears before them in the cases.

By this application, I seek information relating to the above as follows:

- 1) Whether the aforementioned information received by me is correct? If yes, what are the names of the Hon'ble Judges with the date and time and name and venue of the function and the names of speakers in that function?
- 2) Whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Hon'ble Chief Justices of India and Hon'ble Judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court were/are aware that the said "Confederation of Indian Bar" is not registered organization under the Societies Registration Act.
- 3) Whether Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.N.Aggarwal, Judge, Supreme Court of India given an adverse opinion in writing on the issue of designation of Mr. P.H.Parekh as Senior Advocate. The exact wording of the opinion may kindly be disclosed.
- 4) The names of the Hon'ble Judges who given positive vote for designating Mr. Parekh as Senior Advocate and whether they ever participated in the programmes of Mr. Parekh as President of Confederation of Indian Bar and as President of Supreme Court Bar Association.

Mr. Parekh

- 5) Whether it is appropriate for the Hon'ble Chief Justices and Hon'ble Justices of Supreme Court of India to participate in the programmes of Mr. P.H. Parekh as
- 6) President of Confederation of Indian Bar which is not registered under the Societies Registration Act.
- 7) Whether it is correct that Condition No. 6 of the Code of Conduct of 1999 for the Hon'ble Judges of Supreme Court of India and High Courts interalia states "A Judge should practice a degree of Aloofness consistent with the Dignity of his office."
- 8) Whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court is aware Konrad Adenauer Foundation which is a German Political organisation is financially supporting Mr. Parekh which is empowered to have office in India and support any individual or group of individuals.

The information sought does not fall within the restrictions contained in Section 8 and 9 of the Right to Information Act and it pertains to your office.

This is to certify that I, J.N. Taneja, Advocate, resident of 6/13, Third Floor, Geeta Colony, Delhi -31, am a citizen of India.

A fee of Rs. 10 has been deposited by way of Indian Postal Order. A copy of the Postal Order is enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely,

*J.N. Taneja*

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Advocate,  
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ADVOCATE  
SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
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GEETA COLONY, DELHI  
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30.3.2011

To

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,  
New Delhi

Hon'ble Union Minister for Law & Justice,  
New Delhi.

Sub: Representation for Transparency and Accountability in Bench & Bar

Hon'ble Sir,

I am sorry to point out that Mr. P.H.Parekh, 134, Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi has floated an organization titled International Institute of Human Rights Society (having registration No. 19933 with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi) having its office at 134, Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court Compound, New Delhi. Needless to mention that he always put sitting Hon'ble Judges/ Chief Justices of Supreme Court of India as President / Vice President of International Institute of Human Rights Society with ulterior motives of to procure legal work and also to garner votes for the elections of the Supreme Court of India in which he always contests for the post of President.

I hasten to inform you that he always remains the Secretary General and he has put the following important judges and law officers as office bearers of this organization :

2000 :

Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. S Anand, Chief Justice of India  
Mr. Soli Sorabjee, Attorney General of India

President  
Vice President

2005

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Santosh Hegde, retired Judge, Supreme Court  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.H.Kapadia, Judge, Supreme Court

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2010

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.H.Kapadia, Judge, Supreme Court : President  
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I may submit that Mr. Parekh used his influence in getting himself designated as senior advocate from the Hon'ble Supreme Court inspite of the fact that Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.N.Aggarwal, Judge, Supreme Court has given his negative report about him.

I may further point out that Mr. Parekh also prints "Human Right - Year Book" every year and also print his chamber No. 134, Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court, New Delhi and distribute it widely to the lawyers and litigants with a purpose to inform them his proximity with the Hon'ble Judges.

Not only this, he is appearing before the same judges with whom he is office bearers of International Institute of Human Rights Society. He is not only appearing before those Judges but also getting favourable judgments in favour of his clients. What I feel that it is proper neither for the Hon'ble Judges (who are office bearers with him) also to allow Mr. Parekh to appear before them nor for Mr. Parekh to appear before them.

I may point out that the Forum for Integrity, Transparency & Accountability in Legal Profession (FITALP) through its President Mr. A.P.Sharma, vide his letter dated 25.1.2011 addressed to Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.H.Kapadia, Chief Justice of India and all other Hon'ble Judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India had pointed out all above illegalities being committed by Mr. Parekh and also requested Hon'ble CJI and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir to resign from their respective posts of President and Vice President in the said organization. But till date, it appears that the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir have not resigned as President and Vice-President of FITALP respectively.

In the circumstances, I request you to get the matter looked into and take all necessary steps to see that people should have faith in our judicial system.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,



(J.N. Taneja)  
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**'FORUM FOR INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY IN LEGAL PROFESSION'  
( FITALP )**

(Established: 28<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2009)  
Supreme Court of India Premises, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 (India)

**MOST URGENT**

*Ajay Pratap Sharma  
Advocate, Supreme Court of India  
President, FITALP*

*New Delhi*

*Life Member : Bar Association of India  
Senior Member : Delhi High Court Bar Association  
Member : Indian Society of International Law  
Member : Supreme Court Bar Association*

*Dated: January 25, 2011*

*No. FITALP / 1*

*Hon'ble Mr. Justice SH Kapadia  
CJI ( Administrative Jurisdiction )  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi*

- 1. TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY IN LEGAL PROFESSION – IN BENCH & THE BAR BOTH**
- 2. "RESTATEMENT OF VALUES OF JUDICIAL LIFE (CODE OF CONDUCT) ADOPTED IN THE CHIEF JUSTICES' CONFERENCE IN DECEMBER 1999 " adopted in Chief Justices Conference**

*Kindly refer to Forum's letter of even no. dated 6.12.2010 addressed to Hon'ble CJI with copy to Other Hon'ble Judges of Supreme Court and others on the above subject along with copy of the above Code Of Conduct of 1999, especially emphasizing the Importance and Necessity of condition no. 3 of the Code to reaffirm the People's Faith in Impartiality of the Judiciary as " ..Justice must not merely be done but, it must also be seen to be done.." Further, the FORUM was confident that since the Hon'ble CJI is at the helm of affairs of whole Judicial system, he will ensure the Compliance of the above Code of Conduct of 1999 in letter and spirit.*

*The FORUM which stands for Integrity, Transparency and Accountability in Legal Profession – which includes both Bench and the Bar, was shocked and surprised to see that inspite of FORUM's letter dated 6.12.2010, Mr. PH Parikh, who is Secretary General of ' International Institute of Human Rights Society ' constituted by Mr. Parikh, issued Invitation Card from the side of Hon'ble Mr. Justice SH Kapadia, the CJI in the capacity of the President of ' International Institute of Human Rights Society ', for celebrating Human Rights Day on 10.12.2010 in India International Centre, with request to " ..Kindly Join us for High Tea..". The Executive Committee consists of 10 senior Advocates who are practicing in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and are APPEARING in the Court of Hon'ble Mr. Justice SH Kapadia, the CJI and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir, who has been made Vice President of the said Society of Mr. PH Parikh.*

*It may also be brought on record that, Mr. PH Parikh widely circulated the Invitation Card sent by the Hon'ble CJI and also, ' Human Rights Year Book ' – edited by Pravin H Parikh '*

Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir as Vice President and 10 other senior Advocates of the Supreme Court – may be with malafide intention to publicly show his closeness to the Hon'ble CJI & Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court, when Condition no. 6 of the Code of Conduct of 1999 specifically provides that, "A Judge should practice a degree of Aloofness consistent with the Dignity of his office.."

It is also on record that Mr. PH Parikh has made several organizations and is frequently holding Seminars and Lecture Series and inviting the Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court to preside to publicly display his closeness, without informing the Police Commissioner and IB for making Adequate Security arrangements and thereby incurring the Security Risk for the Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court as outsiders, civilians and personal friends and clients of Mr. PH Parikh are invited as Honorable guests of Mr. Parikh.

The Hon'ble CJI will kindly appreciate that, the above is Not in Consonance with conditions no. 1, 2, 3 & 6 of the above Code of Conduct of 1999 and therefore, the FORUM strongly feels that, to Establish the Highest Sanctity of the Code of Conduct, the Hon'ble CJI and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir may consider for Resigning from the post of President and Vice- President respectively of the Society of Mr. PH Parikh.

A. P. Sharma

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Copy forwarded to :

1. All Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India- through Secretary General.
2. Mr. AIS Cheema, the Secretary General, Supreme Court of India- For Immediately bringing this to the Notice of Hon'ble CJI & All Hon'ble Judges of Supreme Court of India

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A. P. Sharma

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28.3.2011

Ms. Smita Vats Sharma  
Additional Registrar/  
Central Public Information Officer  
Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi.

28 MAR 2011

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Sub: Application under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Re: Visit of Hon'ble Judges of Supreme Court of India to Jodhpur to attend Seminar

Madam.

It has been brought to my notice that about 5 Hon'ble Judges of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India have consented to attend "All India Seminar on Access to Justice for the Socially and Economically Disadvantaged" to be held at Jodhpur on April 2 -3, 2011 organised by Mr. P.H.Parekh, Senior Advocate. They have so consented despite the fact that Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Income Tax enquiries are pending against Mr. Parekh.

By this application, I seek information relating to the above as follows:

- 1) Whether the aforementioned information received by me is correct? If yes, what are the names of the Judges who are going to attend the seminar?
- 2) Whether the participation of the Hon'ble Judges in the Seminar will lower down the status of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and whether it will hamper the investigation conducted by the Income Tax Department and the CBI? Whether the participation will have an effect of influencing the investigators?
- 3) Whether the Hon'ble Judges have given their consent to Mr. P.H. Parekh since he is contesting for the post of President of Supreme Court Bar Association and their participation will show his proximity and closeness with them which will help him garner votes?
- 4) Whether the participation of the Hon'ble Judges in the seminar amounts to undue influence of voters of Supreme Court Bar Association as the election process has started and the Implementation Committee of SCBA is in action?
- 5) Whether the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court is also attending the said Seminar, whose name has not been mentioned in the letter written by Mr. Parekh to all members of SCBA on his personal letter head (copy attached)?

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- 6) Whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court is aware that Mr. Parekh is organising the said conference with financial support of Konrad Adenauer Foundation which is a German Political organisation as is evident from the website of the Foundation? A copy of the web page titled "About Us" obtained from the website of Konrad Adenauer Foundation is attached).
- 7) Whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court is aware that neither Mr. Parekh, nor his other accomplices (who are assisting him in organising this conference), nor his organisation, Confederation of Indian Bar have obtained requisite permission from the Ministry of Home Affairs of Government of India before taking financial assistance from the Foreign Political Organisation as is a requirement under law? The brochure of the seminar categorically states that financial assistance has been received from Konrad Adenauer Foundation. A copy of the brochure is attached.
- 8) Whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court is aware that Mr. Parekh/his organisation, Confederation of Indian Bar has taken 'foreign contribution' to fund the conference which is barred under the Indian laws ?

The information sought does not fall within the restrictions contained in Section 8 and 9 of the Right to Information Act and it pertains to your office.

This is to certify that I, J.N. Taneja, Advocate, resident of 6/13, Third Floor, Geeta Colony, Delhi -31, am a citizen of India.

A fee of Rs. 10 has been deposited by way of Indian Postal Order. A copy of the Postal Order is enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely,

J.N. Taneja

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Advocate,

6/13, Third Floor, Geeta Colony,

Delhi -110031.

Encl: As above.

28.3.2011

Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India  
Supreme Court of India.  
Bhagwan Das Road.  
New Delhi.

**Sub:** Representation of Administrative side on the visit of Hon'ble Judges of Supreme Court of India to Jodhpur to attend Seminar

Hon'ble Sir/Madam,

It has been brought to my notice that about 5 Hon'ble Judges of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India have consented to attend "All India Seminar on Access to Justice for the Socially and Economically Disadvantaged" to be held at Jodhpur on April 2 -3, 2011 organised by Mr. P.H. Parekh, Senior Advocate. They have so consented despite the fact that Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Income Tax enquiries are pending against Mr. Parekh.

I am of the opinion that if the Hon'ble Judges attend the Seminar, it will lower the status of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and will hamper investigation conducted by the Income Tax Department and the CBI. It will also have an effect of influencing the investigators.

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Mr. P.H. Parekh is organizing the seminar and inviting the Hon'ble Judges of this Court to flaunt his proximity and closeness with the Judges at the public function where he has invited his clients and all Supreme Court Bar Association members. He does so to procure legal work and also to garner votes for the ensuing elections of the Supreme Court of India in which he is contesting for the post of President. A copy of the letter written by him on his personal letter-head to all Supreme Court Bar Association members inviting them to the so called seminar is attached herewith. This letter contains the names of the Hon'ble Judges who have agreed to attend the seminar. Participation of the Hon'ble Judges in the seminar will amount to undue influence of voters of Supreme Court Bar Association as the election process has started and the Implementation Committee of SCBA is in action. As per the said letter, it is apparent that the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court has not been invited to attend the said Seminar.

Moreover, Mr. Parekh is organising this seminar with financial support of Konrad Adenauer Foundation. The foundation is a German Political organization. This is mentioned on the website of the Foundation itself. A copy of the web page titled "About Us" obtained from the website of Konrad Adenauer Foundation is attached. Moreover, Mr. Parekh, his accomplices (who are assisting him in organising this conference) and his organisation, Confederation of Indian Bar have not obtained requisite permission from the Ministry of Home Affairs of Government of India before taking financial assistance from the Foreign Political Organisation as is a requirement under law. The brochure of the seminar categorically states that financial assistance has been received from Konrad Adenauer Foundation. A copy of the brochure is attached. Moreover, Mr. Parekh and his organisation, Confederation of Indian Bar having taken 'foreign contribution' to fund the seminar have violated the provisions of Indian laws. This statute bars him and his organization from taking foreign contribution.

I humbly request you to take notice of the malpractices done by Mr. P.H. Parekh and see that no Hon'ble Judge participates in the seminar so that dignity of the judiciary is protected.

Yours sincerely,

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Advocate,

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Delhi -110031.

Encl: As above.

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## ABOUT US

### Welcome

Freedom, justice and solidarity are the basic principles underlying the work of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS). The KAS is a political foundation, closely associated with the Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU). As co-founder of the CDU and the first Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Konrad Adenauer (1876-1967) united Christian-social, conservative and liberal traditions. His name is synonymous with the democratic reconstruction of Germany, the firm alignment of foreign policy with the trans-Atlantic community of values, the vision of a unified Europe and an orientation towards the social market economy. His intellectual heritage continues to serve both as our aim as well as our obligation today.

In our European and international cooperation efforts we work for people to be able to live self-determined lives in freedom and dignity. We make a contribution underpinned by values to helping Germany meet its growing responsibilities throughout the world.

We encourage people to lend a hand in shaping the future along these lines. With more than 70 offices abroad and projects in over 120 countries, we make a unique contribution to the promotion of democracy, the rule of law and a social market economy. To foster peace and freedom we encourage a continuous dialog at the national and international levels as well as the exchange between cultures and religions.

Human beings in their distinctive dignity and with their rights and responsibilities are at the heart of our work. We are guided by the conviction that human beings are the starting point in the effort to bring about social justice and democratic freedom while promoting sustainable economic activity. By bringing people together who embrace their responsibilities in society, we develop active networks in the political and economic spheres as well as in society itself. The guidance we provide on the basis of our political know-how and knowledge helps to shape the globalization process along more socially equitable, ecologically sustainable and economically efficient lines.

We cooperate with governmental institutions, political parties, civil society organizations and handpicked elites, building strong partnerships along the way. In particular we seek to intensify political cooperation in the area of development cooperation at the national and international levels on the foundations of our objectives and values. Together with our partners we make a contribution to the creation of an international order that enables every country to develop in freedom and under its own responsibility.

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung has organized its program priorities in India into **five working areas**:

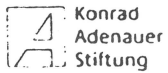
1. Social Changes, Civil Society, Political Parties, Rule of Law





2. Economic Reforms, Small Medium Enterprises
3. Bilateral Relations, International Relations, Security Policy
4. Poverty Alleviation, Integrated Rural Development, Panchayati Raj Institutions
5. Media, Public Relations

In implementing its project and programs the Foundation cooperates with Indian partner organisations, such as Think tanks, Government and Non Governmental Institutions. More informations about the KAS-Partner's can be seen via the link Partner



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## FROM THE ORGANIZER'S DESK

The Confederation of Indian Bar held an All India Seminar on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010 which was inaugurated by Her Excellency Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, President of India. Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.H. Kapadia, Chief Justice of India presided over the inaugural session. Hon'ble Smt. Meira Kumar, Speaker-Lok Sabha delivered the Valedictory Address. There were 14 working sessions which were presided over by Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court.

In one of the working sessions, 'Access to Justice for Socially and Economically Disadvantaged' Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Singhvi delivered a passionate Presidential Address calling upon adopting concrete steps for socially and economically disadvantaged. Justice Singhvi said ".....Unless we are able to create a mechanism where the grievances of poor, down trodden are redressed, the future is going to be bleak." The audience very much appreciated and it was decided to have a two-day seminar to be organized on this very topic.

Therefore, the Confederation of Indian Bar have joined hands with Bar Council of Rajasthan, Rajasthan High Court Advocates Association and Rajasthan High Court Lawyers Association to organize this seminar.

We are extremely grateful to Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Ganguly, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Verma, Hon'ble Dr. Justice B.S. Chauhan and Hon'ble Ms. Justice Gyan Sudha Misra, Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India for having agreed to preside over the four working sessions.

We request Hon'ble Judges, members of the bar, law teachers, law students and all stakeholders to participate in this seminar.

We thank Konrad Adenauer Foundation for their help which has enabled us to keep registration fees at nominal rate.

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