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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO INFORMATION

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Dear Mr. Bhushan:

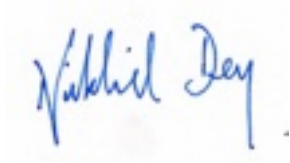
The Gazette notification for the Joint Drafting Committee (JDC) for the Lokpal Bill issued on April 9, 2011 states that “The Joint Drafting Committee shall commence its work forthwith and evolve its own procedure to prepare the proposed legislation” (emphasis added). The Prime Minister in his statement on the same day said, “The fact that civil society and Government have joined hands to evolve a consensus to move this historic legislation augurs well for our democracy [...] I hope that the process of preparing this legislation will move forward in a constructive mode so that after consultation with a wide spectrum of stake holders the legislation is placed before the cabinet” (emphasis added).

Since then the JDC has met three times. Yet no clarity has emerged regarding the process. We will be glad if the following information is provided:

1. What are the Terms of Reference and the procedure defined to prepare the draft for the Jan Lokpal Bill?
2. What is the process of public consultation that will be followed by the Joint Drafting Committee? If there is a schedule of public meetings, please provide date, time, location and subject if applicable
3. When will the official website to provide information about the Joint Drafting Committee be opened? If not, the reasons thereof.
4. What is the process of public dissemination for the proceedings of the meetings, including decisions, resolutions, minutes, documents and other background material used in the meeting

5. What is the process by which the public can provide feedback and comments to the Joint Committee?

Thanks and regards,



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