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Excellency

Sub: Removal of KPSC Chairman Mr T Sham Bhatt I. A. S., Retd

I am drawing your attention to the recent news reports about bribes being sought by IAS officer Shri Sham Bhatt, during his tenure as Commissioner of BDA. Media has extensively covered these reports.

As you are no doubt aware corruption in Government agencies like BDA have become the main reason for the decline of our Bengaluru. Instead of serving the people of our city and making their lives and neighbourhoods better, some of these Government agencies have institutionalized corruption and serve the interests of who are in them only. BDA in particular is an agency that has gained infamy due to the rampant corruption as witnessed in recent raids conducted by Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB). BDA is responsible amongst many things for the sad state of Bellandur Lake, the infamous Steelflyover and the recent attempt at creating an RMP at behest of builders that would have made Bengaluru unlivable and that was defeated only because of Intervention of courts and citizen groups. All because a culture of unchecked corruption has been allowed to grow in Bengaluru with no one being held accountable.

Mr Bhatt who is now clearly accused of and complicit in corruption is currently serving as Chairman of Karnataka Public Service Commission. KPSC is an important constitutional body that recruits public servants, who are expected to serve the state and its people. It is unacceptable that a person accused of corruption is deciding the future of bureaucracy in our proud state. If the career of a Government servant is born due to corruption, it can only be expected to grow as they progress in their career.

You are no doubt aware the appointment of Mr. T Sham Bhatt as Chairman of Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) had been mired with controversy. It can be recalled that during the appointment of Mr. T Sham Bhatt there were several petitions to you to stop



his appointment to KPSC. There are several allegations of corruption against Mr. T Sham Bhatt tenure as commissioner of Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) and CEO of Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) and many complaints before Karnataka Lokayukta.

Institutions like KPSC are the backbone of future governance for the people of our state and having these being presided over by corrupt officials is unacceptable to all the people of our state. I request your intervention in this matter and immediate removal of Mr Sham Bhatt from KPSC and investigation of charges and prosecution at the earliest so that a real earnest attempt at fighting corruption in Bengaluru can begin.

Yours Sincerely,

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