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To,

**Hon'ble the Chief Justice
High Court, Allahabad.**

My Lord,

This is to bring to your kind notice that the entire Bar Association is at pains to learn about the clandestine manner in which Justice Yashwant Verma has been administered the oath of his office at Allahabad.

In due deference to our remonstrations against repatriation of Justice Verma to Allahabad High Court, the Hon'ble CJI had met the members of the Bar and assured that appropriate steps be taken to maintain the dignity of judicial system.

Just to recapitulate, after finding prima facie credible evidence against Justice Yashwant Verma, an In House enquiry has been setup & we are given to understand that the same is being conducted on a war footing so as to ensure that evidence is not tempered or destroyed. **Justice must not only be done, it should also seem to be done.** Administration of Oath to a judge is a quintessential event in our judicial system. Lawyers being equal stake holders in the institution, cannot be kept away. The High Court Bar Association passed a resolution saying therein that this oath is against the Constitution of India and therefore, the members of the Association do not want to be associated with unconstitutional oath. What we resolved, we spoke openly and not only this, we also sent copy of resolutions to everybody including your lordship. Thus, we failed to understand as to what is the "clandestine" in this oath. We are given to understand that the system is taking every step in fair and transparent manner, but why this oath is not notified to the Bar, is a question which again eroded the trust of people in the judicial system. We unequivocally condemn the manner in which Justice Yashwant Verma was administered oath behind our backs.

Subscription to oath has traditionally and continuously been conducted in open court. Keeping the lawyer fraternity uninformed may erode their confidence in this institution. We request our Hon'ble Chief Justice to protect the fundamental values and follow the traditions of this institution.

Also, we have been given to understand that the Majority of Hon'ble Judges were also not invited/informed in the aforesaid. Thus, legally and traditionally, the oath administered to Justice Verma is fallacious/unacceptable.

We, once again condemn the aforesaid events & request the Hon'ble Chief Justice not to assign any administrative or judicial work to Justice Yashwant Verma.

Regards.

Vikrant Pandey
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Hony. Secretary

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2. The Home Minister, Union of India, New Delhi.
3. The Union Law Minister, Union of India, New Delhi.
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5. All Hon'ble Sitting Judges at Allahabad and its Lucknow Bench.

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