

Press Release

United in defiance – Political Parties boycott transparency

Following Central Information Commission's (CIC) notice (F.No.CIC/SM/C/2011/001386) of 3rd November 2014, wherein notice was sent to 6 Political Parties viz. INC, BJP, BSP, NCP, CPI & CPM for the non-compliance of CIC's 3rd June 2013 decision (where these 6 parties were declared "public-authorities" and hence brought under RTI), the hearing was held today.

All 6 political parties were conspicuously absent from the hearing. This defiance was very much in-line as how 3 earlier CIC notices, that had already been sent to these parties in relation to the implementation of the 3rd June 2013 order, were treated by these parties. *(The details of these 3 notices in attachment no. 2)*

The co-petitioners in the case Mr. Subhash Aggarwal and Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) requested the Commission for penalties to be imposed on these parties (under section 20 of the RTI Act). Both the petitioners also held in their respective prayers before the bench of CIC that they should be provided exemplary compensations (under section 19 of RTI Act). *(Please find the detailed submission attached with email)*

The CIC bench hearing the matter reserved its judgement.

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