

WHAT THEY SAY



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What does Anna mean to you?

Anna is a true patriot. What he has done nobody has done in the past two decades. At 74 he has the energy and is protesting against Government and we are with him.

Anna is important for us. What he has done is a victory of our democracy. It will also help poor and needy. The entire lot of politicians is made up of thieves and is destroying the nation. People are frustrated now.

Presently India is very corrupt. Anna ji is acting like a catalyst in removing corruption. From past 7 days I am here to support him. What we are witnessing now, the coming generations will not witness. India will improve.

Anna is someone who deserves our total support.

What is your view regarding country's corruption today?

Corruption starts from us. We all are responsible for it. We need to change ourselves first. And also Government has to take initiative to remove it. But Government earlier had not even tried to minimize it.

Corruption is very bad. It is affecting the society very badly. It is causing serious damages to the chances of the honest.

Wherever we go today either in public or private offices we have to face corruption. In order to get our license, passport, ration card or anything we have to pay bribes. So it is everywhere.

Corruption has today spread in every corner of India. And we Indians whether we are politicians or common citizens are responsible.

Do you think team Anna sometime has been too unreasonable?

This is much required. We are not taking initiative. Anna has done what we wanted to do. Anna's fast has forced the government to think about corruption. He has taken the initiative and has become the face of the nation.

Anna ji fighting for truth. I know Anna is right and we trust him. I am a social activist and fighting since 1976.

Government methods have been wrong. A 74-year-old man has to fast for the future of the youth and this country. It is a shame. This same Government which could not bend earlier, is bending today. Shame.

No, Anna is right. His demands are right. We trust him.

Is there anyone politician according to you presently can end corruption in public life?

I don't think so any politician is willing to remove it. I think while seeing all this from now on good leaders will emerge and make India free from problems like these.

Presently no politician will do this. "Aaj ke neta, neta nai hai leta hai." Anna is politician for all of us. Gandhiji is our Babuji and now Anna is Babuji for all of us. People like Anna are very rare. Anna is neta for our Jan Lokpal bill.

I don't think there is any politician today. But yes if Atal Bihari Vajpayee was PM today he would have supported Anna without hesitation. Corruption has been given us by politicians. They are at the root of this disease. Past scams are examples.

I think Rahul Gandhi is the kind of person who will work for the people without asking for bribes. He is honest and not like others.

Do you think there should be fast track courts to deal with corruption today?

Yes, there should be and the cases should have timeline so that they should not remain pending in the courts.

Yes courts should be there. In fact such courts should be there in every district, every tehsil and every village I say. All corrupt ones should be taken to court.

Yes, there should be fast-track courts. It is in the hands of the Government to set them up fast. Then we can complain about the bribes we are asked to pay.

Yes there should be such courts.

What does Lokpal mean to you?

Lokpal gives power to the public. We can question every politician from now.

It is very good and for the betterment of all of us.

I know about the Jan Lokpal. I think Anna's draft is more effective. Jan Lokpal is related to corruption in public life today.

It is bill to remove corruption from India.

Do you think corruption can go away by introducing bills or as a nation be in the change we wish to see in the world?

People are now frustrated and want to work to remove it. I think now Government has acted and also we should put our effort to it.

Yes bills will keep a strict check on politicians.

I think if corruption can be removed among public authorities, no corruption will remain among the people. Anna is a role model. Much to learn from him.

Bills as well people's contribution would help in removing corrupt people and corruption from our country.



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Annaji is a role model. He teaches us how to stand for the nation to bring a revolution. He inspires us and makes us feel that we can usher in good changes into our country, for a better future. If a 74-year-old man can do this for us then why can't we?

He is a symbol of truthfulness for me. He is the destroyer of wrong doings in the country.

For me he is someone who shows the way by leading or advising us. He is a guide who made a path for us and has inspired us to do something for the nation.

Annaji has started this movement against corruption for us. He has touched upon the consciousness of the people.

I am a house wife and every day I face corruption. From getting my passport or license to the domestic goods, everywhere it is very much prevalent. So I think when Lokpal Bill will become an act, it will help us to some extent.

As a student I have experienced personally like when I got my license made I had to pay extra money to get it done. When I got my passport made I had to give money. And it is like that. If you won't give the money then they won't do your work quickly.

Corruption has spread everywhere. Everywhere we have to face it. We pay our taxes and these politicians use our money for their own benefit. We are affected.

We have become a very corrupt nation and we need to reform very quickly.

Not at all, I have read all clauses and I found all of them very correct. Now the lower bureaucracy is under the ambit of this Lokpal bill. I think Team Anna is completely reasonable.

Not at all, they are completely reasonable. They all are the educated people like Kiran Bedi, Arvind Kejriwal, Prashant Bhushan. They all know the system and the laws completely and I think their bill will seriously help us.

What Team Anna is doing is remarkable. I don't think they are being too unreasonable.

Not at all. Without Team Anna's help, all this would not have been possible. They were fantastic.

(Laughed) any politician? Nobody, today they can't even speak in front of their own people. I think they all just want the chair of power. Nothing else. After getting this they forget for what purpose they are on this chair.

Today nobody, but I think Abdul Kalam could do something but he is not in politics now. And personally I want Kiran Bedi to be the Prime Minister of the nation.

No one. All politicians do only that work that brings them personal benefit. They have become incapable of thinking about the country first.

No one, they all are corrupt (*koi kam to koi jyada*).

Yes there should be fast track courts to deal with corruption because criminals should be punished as quickly as possible.

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There should be fast track courts so that they deal with the corruption within a limited time duration.

Lokpal for me is an act to some extent deal with corruption. Earlier I didn't know about anti-corruption law but now we will take advantage.

Now I know that there is a law against the corruption and I will definitely look forward to it.

As Kiran Bedi said give this cap of Annaji to the corrupt person. Lokpal will make the corrupt think many times before they ask for bribes.

Lokpal law will be helpful for us because then Government employees will do their work properly without expecting extra money from us.

We are also the part of it because we give money to the people to do our work as soon as possible. So we have to change ourselves first and I think this campaign will bring this change.

Bill will help us at great extent but corruption can't be completely removed by this bill. But yes it can be reduced. To get rid of the corruption we have to change ourselves first.

Yes. This is most important thing we have to change ourselves. And today I can see people are changing.

To get rid of corruption we need to be the change we wish to be.

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