PRESS RELEASE

Shri Randeep Singh Surjewala, Media Incharge, AICC; Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao, Working President, Karnataka PCC and Shri Saleem Ahmed, former National President, NSUI have issued the following statement to the press today:-

Latest and perhaps the most scandalous expose of **'corruption'** in recent times has uncovered the ugly malice of a diabolical system mired in **'usurpation of money through ill gotten means'.** A sordid tale has unmasked as to how **political power and public office is misused** for collecting money through devious means and **'sharing of the loot'** at the highest level.

A video of the **shameful and sinful conversation dated 13th February, 2017** between Union Cabinet Minister, Shri Ananth Kumar, responsible for running the Parliament and Karnataka BJP President, Shri Yaddyurappa is now available. This disgraceful conversation took place in a Bangalore meeting of BJP, which was also addressed by Union Cabinet Minister, Shri Sadananda Gowda and sets a new record in revealing the blatant misuse of political power and public office. We produce before you an extract of the live video conversation with English subtitles.

Based on the contents of the video, let the people of India 'see, judge and decide'. They not only 'eat' but 'make others eat too' – 'खाते भी हैं, खिलाते भी हैं'. To top it, they brazenly speak about it publicly and get caught on video.

Truth stands exposed before people of India. <u>On behalf of 125 crore Indians, we ask</u> <u>Shri Narendra Modi and Shri Amit Shah to answer the following questions</u>:-

- 1. Union Cabinet Minister, Shri Ananth Kumar has admitted that he has paid money. Who took money from Shri Ananth Kumar? How was this money generated and where did it go? How much money was given and where was it used? Is this not corruption?
- 2. Former BJP Chief Minister, Shri Yaddyurappa has admitted that he has paid money. Who took money from Shri Yaddyurappa? How was this money generated and where did it go? How much money was given and where it was used? Is this not corruption?
- **3.** Are Shri Ananth Kumar and Shri Yaddyurappa telling the truth? If it is not true, whether Shri Narendra Modi and Shri Amit Shah will ask both of them to resign and register an FIR against them?
- 4. What is the conspiracy of 'lighting a small spark to spread a wild fire' being spoken about in the conversation between Shri Ananth Kumar and Shri Yaddyurappa? Whether BJP leadership is hatching another 'machiavellian conspiracy' to usurp power by any means and continue the conspiracy (in their words) uptill the elections?
- 5. Faced with an imminent defeat in the five election-going States, is the BJP leadership using the agency of CBI/ED/Income Tax as mere pawns in their game of deception so that completely unfounded and fake allegations can be leveled against political opponents?