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- 1. Very few citizens have the stature, integrity, commitment & lifetime record of service & sacrifice to be the nation's conscience keepers.
- 2. Justice Verma was a true conscience keeper. We lost a titan. All his life he upheld liberalism, constitutionalism, humanism & integrity.
- 3. He was a great Jurist, humanist, & champion of probity in public life & judicial & police reform
- 4. Justice Verma brought passion, clarity, resolve, pragmatism, balance, depth & integrity to every public issue he touched.
- 5. Based on evidence, he was willing to change his views as in respect of appointments to higher judiciary. He realized need for reform.
- 6. Varma's fight for probity was never self-serving. He turned the search light inwards & fought for probity & competence in judiciary.
- 7. Justices Verma, Venkatachaliah & Krishna Iyer have been the greatest jurists of India for 30 yrs & conscience keepers of the nation.
- 8. All three led exemplary lives. All three lead austere lives. All three decided not to work for any mortal, or company after retirement.
- 9. All three worked only for the President, People & Constitution even after demitting office; never seeking any monetary return.
- 10. Lok Satta is privileged to have known justice Verma very closely for a decade. He co-chaired Lok Satta's RoundTable on Lokpal in Delhi in Apr 2011.
- 11. At LokSatta's request Justice Verma worked with Justices Venkatachaliah & Krishna Iyer & they unanimously recommended key judicial reforms.
- 12. After year-long deliberations the three eminent jurists proposed a National Judicial Commission (NJC) for appointing judges.
- 13. They also recommended Indian Judicial Service (IJS) with the authority and prestige of IAS for subordinate judiciary.
- 14. Creation of independent Lokpal/Lokayukta & CBI/ACB, strong law to confiscate properties of the corrupt were recommended by Justice Verma.
- 15. Anticorruption institutions, police reform, NJC, IJS and sensible law on sexual violence these are the need of the hour
- 16. These reforms to improve public life in India will be the truly fitting tributes to the memory of

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late JusticeVerma. Let us work for them

- 17. Our deepest condolences to JusticeVerma's family members, who stood solidly with him all his life at enormous personal cost and privation.
- 18. When great human beings work tirelessly for society, often the family pays a heavy price. Our salute to all family members of these heroes.

Lok Satta Party pays its tribute to the GLORIOUS SON OF INDIA