



## Press Release

### **India Corruption Study 2010 by CMS to be released on April 29 at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library**

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**New Delhi, 27 April:** The report of CMS India Corruption Study 2010, seventh in the series during last one decade, will be released on April 29, 2011, 04:30 pm at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti Bhavan by Admiral (Retd.) R H Tahiliani, former Chairman, Transparency International India, chaired by Ms Mrinal Pande, Chairperson, Prasar Bharti.

It will be followed by CMS National Lecture "Creating a caring, compassionate community" to be delivered by Mr Kiran Karnik, former President, NASSCOM.

India Corruption Study 2010 is the seventh edition of studies undertaken by CMS on corruption concerning citizen availing public services and fourth round in the last five years. The present round for 2010 covered around 10,000 households in rural areas of twelve major states from different geographical regions of India. The four public services covered in this round are public distribution system (PDS), school education (up to class 12th), water supply services and hospital services. These are the services the government claims giving high priority. To bring out a comparative picture, the present report has compared with ICS 2005 round data of only rural households of the eleven states, covered during the round. Tripura was not visited during ICS 2005. This round of CMS India Corruption Study (2010) brings out that compulsions of corruption are not confined to urban or "deep pockets". The rural and the poor are as much affected of the menace.

The report carries foreword by two prominent crusaders against corruption, Ms Aruna Roy and Dr Jayaprakash Narayan. In her foreword Ms Roy writes, "The poor fight against corruption, and become victims of the arbitrary use of power. This seventh edition of studies undertaken by CMS (the first came out in 2000) has come at a time when a big campaign has raised its voice against corruption. But this report represents a large section of India, very specifically the poor, the subjects of Bharat who seldom find space in Indian media. By covering PDS, Schooling, Water supply and Hospitals, this report looks at the fundamental concerns of the poor. The bribe paid by these households merely to survive, brings into sharp focus a set of concerns that should engage the interest of the media, as the fourth estate, to fight the system on their behalf."

Dr Narayan writes, “Despite great emphasis being laid on Bharat Nirman, Right to Education, National Rural Health Mission, and food security in recent years, the quality of services is appalling low, and corruption is unacceptably high. Hundreds of billions of rupees are spent on these programmes, but the poor are not benefiting adequately. Policy makers and administrators would do well pay close attention to ICS 2010 data and act quickly to set things right.”

### **About CMS India**

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