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To

Chief Secretary,

Government of Haryana,

Haryana Civil Secretariat,

Chandigarh.

Through E-mail

A NOTE OF CAUTION

Sir,

There is a lot of speculation in news papers that Shri Ajay Chautala, who is undergoing imprisonment in Tihar Jail, on being convicted under Prevention of Corruption Act, and who was granted furlough for two weeks only yesterday, may attend swearing-in-ceremony of new Ministry in Haryana today, as his son, Mr. Dushyant Chautala, is being sworn as Deputy Chief Minister. Hence, this note of caution.

Let me state that if Mr. Ajay Chautala attends the proposed swearing-in-ceremony, that will be insult of democracy; it would also be a slap on the face of rule of law. A convict is a convict, whatever his relationship with Deputy Chief Minister. He has no right to attend swearing in ceremony of new Government. Mere furlough does not wash away his conviction on corruption charges. His participation in swearing-in-ceremony of new Ministry will disgrace the ceremony itself. It would put a question mark on the sanction/grant of "furlough" itself. This letter may be treated as "protest" in case Shri Ajay Chautala is invited to, and he attends the swearing-in-ceremony today. In that situation, I may move the Hon'ble High Court for seeking cancellation of his furlough itself.

Meanwhile, please acknowledge receipt.

Yours Sincerely,

(H.C. ARORA)

ADVOCATE