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To

Shri L K Advani,
Member of Parliament &
Leader of Opposition (Lok Sabha),
New Delhi.

Subject: Raising the limit of personal income tax for the Senior Citizens and removal of discrimination within the Senior Citizens category.

Sir,

BJP in its election manifesto had assured, if coming to power, to raise the personal income tax limit for all the tax payers in general and the Senior Citizens in particular. Though the party could not come into power, it is expected that BJP will do its best even while sitting in the opposition to sincerely pursue the issues as mentioned in its manifesto. In this context, we request that the issues related to personal income tax limits and other issues be raised in the coming budget session and pressed for settlement.

2. Apart from raising the personal exemption limit for payment of income tax for Senior Citizens to Rs 3.5 lakhs as promised in the manifesto, a discriminatory provision that deprives a large section of the Senior Citizens to avail of even the benefit of existing personal exemption limit needs to be removed. Though the **Government recognizes everyone with 60 years of age as Senior Citizens** and even allows benefits like Railway reservation, participation in various schemes including Senior Citizens' Deposit Scheme in Post Offices and Banks etc, the **benefit of higher limit of personal income tax for Senior Citizens is allowed only on attaining 65 years of age. This discrimination in the matter of availing the benefit of higher limit of exemption for personal income tax within the Senior Citizens' Category on age line needs to be removed by extending the benefit to all the Senior Citizens irrespective of their age.**

2. We have already requested the Union Finance Minister to consider the above issues. But we urge upon you to kindly take up our cause so that the hardships of the Senior Citizens in general and the pensioners in particular are redressed.

With kind regards,

Yours
sincerely,



(S Basu)

General Secretary

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Leader of opposition (Rajya Sabha)