

Some petitions are being heard by The Hon. Supreme Court of India, related to Freebies.

The Ex. Chief Justice of India, N.V. Ramanna leading a three judges bench said the court's primary concern is that largesse dressed as freebies should not bleed the national economy dry and put more and more burden on the taxpayer. The Ex. CJI had explained that the purpose behind the proposed formation of a committee was to collect the 'experience and wisdom' of the ordinary citizen, the rural poor and place the study before the Parliament as a background to debate on a law on freebies. "But we find that in this issue, all political parties are on one side..... **Everybody Wants Freebies, Everybody!** That was exactly why we wanted a neutral body to look into the issue," Chief Justice Ramanna said with grief. Expressing his apprehensions, the Ex. CJI also said that, "You cannot prevent a political party or an individual from making promises that are aimed at fulfilling this constitutional mandate, if elected to power." The growing political tendency to promise and give freebies is threat to India's long-term fiscal health and additionally those will ruin the economic fortunes of our future generations. Justice Ramana said what may seem like freebies to the urban population may provide for the welfare of the rural poor, therefore freebies cannot be classified into such 'water-tight compartments'. His observation is correct.



Hon. Ex. CJI Ramanna

Regrettably, these petitions are mostly focussed on pre-election irrational promises of freebies and do not focus much on the freebies given by an elected government, there are much broader issues.

Unfortunately there was irate political backlash, they were against Supreme Court's accepting the petition and equally against formation of a 'Committee'. Frankly speaking there can be no objection to the formation of the Committee. Now it is not known whether any committee will be formed or not. Nevertheless, with the cover of freedom of speech and expression, we humbly present our suggestions on the issue of Freebies, to whoever it may concern. We hope that the Committee (if formed) anyhow graciously views this representation. We also hope that Hon. Supreme Court of India will recognize people's fundamental right to know 'precise and comprehensive' about leaders and Hon. Court will order in favor of implementation of 'Reliability Score System' for alleviating many diseases of Democracy; problem of freebies is just one of them. India is the Mother of Democracy, presently the largest democracy, what happens here is be followed by many other countries.