

It is creating intense structural violence in the society. Indeed people perceive all of us in government as thieves and the earlier you redeemed our image by bringing us to book, the better. What you stood for under 4th June and 31st December are more urgent to-day than at any other period in the history of this country. Changing procedures now without going to the root of the matter would not do us credit. Do not let us tarnish your hard won image by our misdeeds.

Let me add the important fact that the process of divestiture of state owned enterprises raises serious issues of transparency, conflict of interests and related matters which lend themselves to perceptions of corruption and impropriety. As a member of the Committee it is my duty to bring this to your notice. The Law itself faces issues of unconstitutionality which I wrote about in December, 1997. The process of divestiture in its present form does not serve the national interest. I am absolutely uncomfortable being associated with that process in its present form.

Let me say finally that my continuation in Government is useful only when I can realise my principles, and ideals within the context of group legitimate aspirations and goals. I therefore write the foregoing with full knowledge of what I am doing and with the willingness and ability to accept the consequences. But I am satisfied I am doing so because I feel I owe you a personal responsibility, and respect for the journey we have travelled together to implement the revolutionary ideals to which I am convinced we are both committed.