

Petition submitted to Haryana chief secretary to stop persecution of Dr Ashok Khemka

An online petition, signed by over 18,000 people, seeking to stop prosecution of Dr Ashok Khemka, was handed over to Haryana chief secretary. Dr Khemka is the IAS officer, who dared to question land deals of Robert Vadra, the son-in-law of Sonia Gandhi



Anish Aggarwal, an activist from city handing over the petition to stop persecution of Dr Ashok Khemka to Chief Secretary Haryana, Mr SK Choudhary

Citizens across the country who have launched a signature campaign asking Haryana government to stop prosecution of Dr Ashok Khemka, on Monday submitted the signed petition to SK Choudhary, chief secretary of the state. Anish Aggarwal, an activist and a concerned citizen met the chief secretary at his office and handed over the signed petition on behalf of over 18,000 people from India and abroad.

Over 18,000 people from India and abroad have signed an online petition at Change.org started by Sucheta Dalal, managing editor of Moneylife and founder-trustee of Moneylife Foundation.

“We will be handing over the copy of signature campaign to Haryana chief minister, the governor of Punjab and Haryana as well as the Prime Minister in the coming few days,” Aggarwal said.

Dr Khemka dared to question the land deals of Robert Vadra, Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law, with the powerful realty giant DLF, which magically transferred into humongous profits from Mr Vadra.



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When that happened, the Haryana government did not stop at mere transfer. It wants to crush and victimize Dr Khemka. The Haryana chief minister served Dr Khemka a charge sheet for "having caused damage to the reputation of Robert Vadra and that of DLF," and also for "illegally" cancelling the land deal. It also started an investigation into Dr Khemka's role as the MD of Haryana Warehousing Corporation, designed to harass and intimidate him. In an unprecedented move, the state government has ordered an audit by State Auditor General targeted only at him.

Aggarwal, a concerned citizen of Haryana, who was helping Change.org, reach out to the public, said, "Dr Ashok Khemka has remained dedicated to the task of serving the people of India in line with the ethics of the elite service that he joined. But that has not gone down well with our politicians. He has been transferred 44 times in 22 years - and thrice in 2012 alone."

At Moneylife Foundation's [4th anniversary celebration](#), Dr Khemka spoke about how people remain mute spectators even when they see someone being bashed in public.

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