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On the evening of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in Delhi's Talkatora Stadium Shri Narendra Modi addressed a large gathering of lawyers. The gathering was organised by eminent lawyer and Rajya Sabha MP Shri Ram Jethmalani. On the occasion, Shri Modi addressed various issues pertaining to the legal fraternity and emphasized on the importance of our judiciary especially in providing justice to the poorest of the poor: "We are living in a democracy and there is immense trust in our judicial system. Yes, the issue of delay can be there but the entire world admires and respects our judicial system." He added that after the Almighty, if there is any place where the people turn to for justice, it is the judiciary, thus highlighting the importance of the judiciary.

In his address, Shri Modi called for giving importance to Human Resource Development in the legal field, adding that only being a law graduate is not enough. Similarly, he called for encouraging forensic science education even in the legal faculties considering the changing nature of crime and laws. He further opined, "We all know about BPO. But, we need to think towards LPO- Legal Process Outsourcing. India is the best place for it and our youth are very skilled." Shri Modi talked about the initiatives of the Gujarat government such as providing E-library facilities right upto the Taluka level.

Shri Modi responded to the unfortunate comment on the Supreme

Court and the Election Commission made by Union External Affairs Minister Shri Salman Khurshid. He pointed that the Foreign Minister of India is supposed to enhance the prestige of India across the world but his statements did the opposite. Shri Modi called for respecting Institutions, saying it is the hallmark of a democracy.

Shri Ram Jethmalani praised Shri Narendra Modi on the occasion and said that he has in his mind selected Narendra Modi as the PM of India. He recalled his early days in India and how he came to this country as a refugee and went on to build his legal career with the blessings of people. MDMK leader Shri Vaiko who was also present on the occasion showered praise on Shri Modi and affirmed that there is a tremendous Modi wave across India and that is evident in every village, town, hamlet and city. "Unprecedented results await us. Congress will be routed, will not even cross 100 and the BJP will cross 272 on its own," said Shri Vaiko.

Several lawyers and representatives from various Bar Councils of Delhi were also present.