

# Guilty in 2G scam will be punished, India's PM says

Indian Prime Minister urges opposition not to disrupt parliament

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New Delhi Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday broke his silence on the Rs1,760 billion (Dh142.38 billion) telecom scam rocking the nation by promising action against anyone for any wrong done.

"There should be no doubt in anybody's mind that if any wrong thing has been done by anybody, he or she will be brought to book," Singh said while addressing a function in the capital yesterday. This was his first comment on the 2G spectrum scandal that has washed out the first two weeks of the ongoing winter session of parliament.

Singh also appealed to the opposition to let parliament function saying his government was not afraid of discussing any issue, without indicating if his government was willing to accept the opposition demand for the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the telecom scandal.

## **Affidavit filed**

At about the same time Singh was addressing the leadership summit organised by *Hindustan Times*, a national daily newspaper, his office filed an affidavit with the Supreme Court rejecting charges of inaction on the part of the prime minister in dealing with a request to sanction prosecution of the telecom minister A. Raja who stepped down from the post on Sunday.

An 11-page affidavit was filed on behalf of Singh by V. Vidyawati, director in the Prime Minister's Office.