his life. Pakistan could have been pres-

surised to send him to India or abroad

for life-saving treatment, but Sarabjit

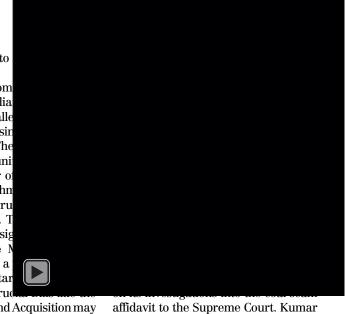
belonged to a country which Pakistan

had already taken for granted. When it was most required, India didn't have a leader who could stand up to Islamabad. Just a day earlier, on April 30. the Congress waited with bated breath for the Supreme Court verdict on the Government-tampered CBI affidavit on the coal scam. The party, usually keen to defend the Prime Minister, had gone into a shell. At its daily briefing, all they would say is: "The matter is sub judice." Eventually the court's decision to defer the substantive part of its hearing—it asked the CBI to file another affidavit explaining who all had changed

what in its report—to Congress some time.

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Right to Food and Land Acquisition may be postponed to the Monsoon Session in wanted a sense of how much blame



2004 MAY

Manmohan, the architect of India's liberalisation, is sworn in as Prime Minister after being nominated by Sonia.

"It'll be my endeavour to do my best and come up to the expectations and trust of the people."

DECEMBER

2005

Foreign Minister **Natwar Singh** named by the UN Volcker Committee for getting illegal payoffs in an Iraqi oil-for-food scam

"There is no proof. Just tables and names of Congress and Mr Singh. Anyone can write any name."

Impact Foreign Minister Natwar Singh sacked.

JULY

2009

Singh blunders in ioint statement with Yousuf Geelani, mentioning alleged Indian hand in unrest in Balochistan.

"We cannot wish away the fact that Pakistan is our neighbour. We should be good neighbours."

Mpact Lets Pakistan off the hook for 26/11 attacks.

AUGUST

2010

CAG report on 2G spectrum says **Telecom Minister** A. Raja signed and approved majority of the questionable allocations.

"I sometimes feel like a high school student-going from one test to another."

| Impact CBIappointed JPC probe in progress.

OCTOBER

Scam found in 2010 CWG preparations with embezzlement of up to Rs 8,000 crore being investigated by the CVC.

"Those found guilty should face severe and exemplary punishment."

Impact ED, CBI and CVC are probing on directions of Supreme Court.

JULY

2011

Government arrests Anna Hazare, who sits on an 11-day fast that becomes a national anticorruption event.

"To err is human but to accuse me of conniving in corruption is a charge I firmly repudiate."

