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To

The Honourable President of India

Rashtrapati Bhavan,

New Delhi

Subject: Request for taking immediate action of the intentional and planned security lapse by the Punjab Government with hand in glove with the so called protestors in the State of Punjab during the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 05.01.2022.

Respected Rashtrapati Ji,

We, the former Police Officers, having devoted our life time to serve in different capacities all over India, are surprised to the happening in the border State of Punjab when the journey of the Prime Minister on a scheduled visit was interrupted by a crowd of protestors blocking the road was not only a sheer lapse of security but a shameful open display of collusion of the state machinery with the so called protestors to embarrass and harm the Prime Minister. The gravity of the incident and its national and international repercussion forced us to approach yourself to take appropriate action. The stoppage of the carcade of the Prime Minister of the Country for approx. 15 to 20 minutes in a planned manner on a flyover/ bridge, demonstrates poor law and order in Punjab and threatens the democracy in our country

The Prime Minister was scheduled to visit Punjab on January 05, 2022 to pay tribute at National Martyrs Memorial, Hussainiwala and to attend other programmes including laying of foundation stone of various developmental projects there. The Prime Minister of the Country is provided the SPG security as per the settled protocol wherein the MHA coordinates with the State Police, which is primarily responsible for the travel and security within the State and has to provide secure passage on all the routes, and roads as per the settled protocol.

The Media reports clearly show that it is not only a casual approach displayed by the State Government but there appears to be a clear involvement of the State functionaries which has resulted in this horrific incident of security breach. The State was well aware of the alternate routes, which were planned in the security coordination for the Prime Minister's journey.

We are approaching yourself for the reason that it has never happened in the history of this nation that the State agencies are making one or the other excuse and there are contradictory statements even at the level of the Chief Minister, regarding the route of the Prime Minister which has been blocked by the so called protestors. If it is not understood that how the protestors were aware of the route, the information of which otherwise is shared only with the State Police officials and the so called

protestors were present in huge numbers, that too on a bridge/ flyover which obstructed the convoy of the Prime Minister, which resulted into the serious security lapse.

The videos on television channels and in the print media clearly show that no Senior Police Officer was present on the spot. Rather surprisingly the police officials instead of making efforts to remove the so called protestors, were only enjoying tea, which betrays their intentions.

By evening, we were more surprised as the video clips which were shown in the Media, clearly indicate a bigger conspiracy which requires detailed and fair investigation. This is one of the gravest Security lapses in the history of this Country committed through conspiracy and collusion.

Even certain tweets from various verified accounts of particular party shows the intention and irresponsible behavior of the State Government which is quite worrisome and alarming for the Indian democracy.

The question is not particularly of the party which is ruling. It is already a very sensitive State which is close to the International Border with Pakistan and it has been reported in the media in the past, regarding terror acts supported by the Countries across border to disturb the peace of Punjab. The recent IED Blast at District Courts at Ludhiana and an involvement of an Ex-cop of the State of Punjab and others show

the seriousness of the matter and the security situation in the State of Punjab.

The State of Punjab is preparing for the elections and various senior leaders from other parties are also going to visit Punjab and even the local leaders will be holding public meetings and rallies. It is the duty of the State Machinery to ensure security of all the leaders and elections be conducted in the most safe and secure environment.

We, the Former Police Officers, request your honour to take immediate action on this matter having serious bearing on the National Security and state responsibility of maintain law and order in a border state going for election in a few month.

With highest regards

Yours Faithfully

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