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Respected S. Jaishankar Jee,

Subject: Urgent Appeal for the Release of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji from Custody of Qatar Authorities

I would like to bring attention of your goodself on a pressing issue affecting the Sikh community in Qatar. For the past eight months, two 'swaroops' of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, the living Guru of Sikhs have been held in custody by Qatar Police in Alwakrah Police Station, Doha. This situation has caused profound distress among Punjabis both in Qatar and around the world.

The ongoing detention of these sacred texts, which are being treated as case properties, is deeply troubling. Despite continuous efforts by the Sikh 'sangar' to secure their release, no progress has been made. It is imperative to understand that, according to Sikh tenets, Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji is revered as a living Guru, and any act of disrespect or detention is considered sacrilegious.

In light of this, I humbly request your goodself to take immediate action by engaging with the Qatar government to facilitate the prompt release of the two holy 'swaroops'

Furthermore, I kindly request that your goodself to direct the Indian Embassy in Qatar to actively pursue this matter with Qatar authorities, ensuring that all necessary steps are taken for the release of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. It is also crucial that the Embassy reassures the Sikh community in Qatar of its commitment to protecting their right to worship freely.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

With warmest Regards

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