His Excellency Mr Vikram K Doraiswami,

The Indian High Commissioner,

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Your Excellency,

I am deeply concerned at the continuing detention of activists arrested under the **Bhima Koregaon - Elgar Parishad case**, some of whom have been held for over 7 years without trial, under various provisions of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. One of the original 16, Father Stan Swamy, a Jesuit priest, died in jail in 2021, having been denied timely medical care.

Surendra Gadling, Mahesh Raut, Hany Babu, Ramesh Gaichor, Sagar Gorkhe and Jyoti Jagtap remain in jail.

Sudhir Dhawale, Arun Ferreira, Vernon Gonsalves, Shoma Sen, Rona Wilson, Gautam Navlakha, Sudha Bhardwaj, Varavara Rao and Anand Teltumbde are either on bail under very restrictive conditions or under house arrest, with charges remaining in place.

Human rights guarantees are enshrined within India’s constitution, yet the UAPA has been mis-used to detain these people indefinitely for their work defending the rights of disadvantaged people. There is no proper evidence linking them with the Bhima Koregoan events.

I urge the Indian government to:

* Drop all charges against the sixteen activists and immediately release those remaining in detention
* Pending their release, ensure that they are granted prompt, regular, and unrestricted access to legal support, medical care and other basic necessities
* Amend the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act to conform to international standards.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,