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Mr Narendra Damodar Das Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister
India

Dear Hon'ble Mr Narendra Damodar Das Modi ji,

In response to the Centre's move to give Rs five lakh each to the victims of 1984 anti-Sikh riots the Punjab unit of BJP called for compensation for similar victims of the terrorists' bullets.

The Institute of Sikh Studies appreciates this demand by the BJP. In order to realize the same, there is need to accurately establish the total number of innocent people killed by terrorist/ mobs/ security forces in the period 1984 to 1994 and to make these detailed figures public. This would be the first step in the process of compensating next of kin of the victims.

Almost as many people were admittedly killed in Punjab per year for the next 10 years as were killed in the Delhi riots in 1984. A memo submitted to the Punjab Governor in 1986, the Punjab Civil Service Officers Association averred that around 2 lakh persons had been killed.

The death of even a single man should not pass unnoticed. How grave then is the death of lakhs! Such an investigation is indeed necessary.

A census in the matter will uphold the banner of human rights in the State which claims to be governed under rule of law and justice.

We are in receipt of a monumental assessment by an organisation called "Movement Against State Repression" (copy enclosed). This may help as a coordinator factor in this regard.

With regards,

(Birendra Kaur)

Copy to: 1. Sh Rajnath Singh, Home Minister, India
2. S Parkash Singh Badal, Chief Minister, Punjab