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Respected Chief Minister,

**Sub: Recent Incident of killing of Army Officers' kin and the State's obligation towards families of soldiers**

This is with reference to the shocking and brutal killing in village Karewari, Sonipat of Shri Jagbir Singh and 25 year-old Anil Chhikara, father and brother of Major Sushil Chhikara of the elite National Security Guard.

Even as the bereaved family is trying to come to terms with their loss, I am aghast, as is the entire Nation, at this criminal act in broad daylight. It is even more shocking as it has laid bare the apathy and inaction of the Police that did not act on Major Chhikara's call asking for protection for his family in the village after his father reported the threats to him. Had they acted upon his complaint, this unfortunate incident would not have occurred.

As you know, the men and women of our Armed Forces serve the Nation and secure our borders while leaving behind their parents, wives and children at home in cities, towns and villages – confident that they are safe under the care of the State. However, this incident has woken us to the kind of threat and danger our soldiers' families face in their homes itself.

I had, on the day the incident was reported in media, reached out to Major Chhikara and offered all my assistance.

I firmly believe it is the States' obligation to protect and care for the families of those who Serve the Nation. This is the least we can do to reciprocate the service and sacrifices our soldiers and their families make for us.



I would urge you to ensure that the culprits of this heinous crime are brought to book at the earliest and all families of serving soldiers in your State are looked after while their sons and daughters guard us.

Sincerely,

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