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Dear Maneka Ji,

Subject: Urgent request for a proper and swift investigation into the unnatural death of Gazhal Yadav on 31 January 2017

This is to bring to your urgent attention a tragic incident involving the death of an eight-year old girl, Gazhal Yadav due to the criminal negligence of the authorities of her school, DPS World School, NOIDA Extension, and of her parents' efforts in making sure that justice is done to her and that that persons responsible are held accountable for her untimely death.

The case has raised a serious concern regarding the physical safety of our children in educational institutions and the lack of proper child safety guidelines outlining the responsibilities and the accountability of the schools in our country.

While the school has been trying to maintain that Gazhal died a natural death, her parents claim that she died because of an injury sustained in school during the Taekwondo/Karate class that was aggravated by the delay in providing her medical attention. According to the parents, the events of the day indicate that it was an unnatural death and that the school management is complicit in covering-up the real reason for the death of an otherwise healthy eight-year-old girl.

As you are aware, I consider issues relating to safety of children as deeply important and so also the crimes committed upon them.

I have also written a letter to the SP Greater Noida (Rural), Ms Sujata Singh asking her to conduct the investigation swiftly and in a proper, fair and impartial manner. (Letter enclosed)

I urge that your office also take an interest in this tragic matter given that the safety of our children and their welfare is our primary duty, and help Gazhal's parents in ensuring that justice is done.

Sincerely,

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR

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