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17 February 2017

Dear Ms Singh,

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

I write to you regarding the death of eight-year-old Gazhal Yadav, Grade II student of DPS World School, NOIDA Extension on 31 January 2017. As you are well aware, an FIR on the same with Case Crime no. 0052, has been filed at Ecotech III Police Station on 3 February 2017. The crime alleged is the death of Gazhal Yadav due to negligence of school teachers and authorities punishable under IPC 304 A.

The details of the FIR state that Gazhal Yadav was brought dead to the hospital by school personnel after she complained of a headache. While the school personnel at the hospital claimed that the child had died a natural death, the parents have questioned this pointing that the events of the day indicate 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. They believe their child's death occurred due to an injury sustained in school during the Taekwondo/Karate class that was aggravated by the delay in medical attention.

It is clear that a crime has been committed, the child Gazhal Yadav has died an unnatural death and it is expected that the Police will conduct a proper, fair and impartial investigation into the circumstances under which this child died. It must also be ensured that the ownership of the school will not come in the way of justice for the parents of Gazhal Yadav.

The parents, who are devastated by the untimely death, have approached me to ensure justice for their deceased child.



I consider issues relating to safety of children as deeply important and so also the crimes committed upon them. I have assured the parents of Gazhal Yadav that I will follow through and ensure that a thorough investigation is conducted into the circumstances leading up to their daughter Gazhal's death.

I request you to, therefore, keep me informed about the progress and outcome of the investigation at the earliest.

Sincerely,

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