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Respected Rajnath Ji,

I am writing to you to bring to your urgent attention the sad fate of the 29-year-old Sreejith, from Parassala in Trivandrum district of Kerala who is on a sit-in protest in front of the Government Secretariat, for the past 765 days seeking justice against the police officers who allegedly murdered his brother.

His younger brother Sreejeev died while in police custody after the Parassala police arrested him in connection with a mobile phone theft. He was taken into police custody on May 19, 2014 and died after 2 days on 21 May from alleged torture, in the Trivandrum Medical College hospital.

It may be noted that the Kerala State Police Complaints Authority held a preliminary probe and found that the Circle Inspector (Mr Gopakumar) and Additional Sub-Inspector (Mr. Philipose) were guilty of misconduct involving brutal physical assault on Sreejeev while he was in custody.

However, initial investigations by Kerala Police allegedly depending on forensic evidences could not find any evidence of custodial torture.

The Kerala Government, succumbing to public demand has ordered for CBI probe on the death. Now, the police probe is at a standstill as the government decided to go for a CBI probe, but the CBI, despite collecting the primary details, are not sure whether to take over the investigation or not.

The family of Sreejith who is now on strike comprises of his mother, sister and a younger brother Sreeju, who met with an accident and suffers from physical disabilities. Sreejith, - the lone bread winner for his large family, had intensified his protest by going on an indefinite hunger strike – which he has started 12 days ago and is determined not to end it unless the truth behind the custodial death of his brother is exposed with a thorough and impartial CBI investigation.



In the wake of the issue raising immense public interest on humanitarian grounds, I solicit your urgent intervention in the matter by way of expediting the CBI investigation and enquiry of the alleged 'custodial death' of Sreejeev.

Yours Sincerely,

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