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Dear Shri Yogi Aditya Nath ji,

**Sub:** Speedy justice in the recent case of atrocities committed against veteran Col. VPS Chauhan

I am writing to you regarding the false case filed by the Noida Police after the wife of a senior officer of the district administration in Noidahad leveled false charges of molestation against ex-army officer Col Chauhan who was arrested on August 14, the day following analtercation between Col Chauhan and ADM over illegal construction by the ADM's family to which Col Chauhan objected.

After the wrongful arrest of Col Chauhan, it was soon found out through a CCTV footage that the victim in the case was Col Chauhan who was assaulted by seven men. To add to the insult, the police, without any basis, manhandled, handcuffed and arrested Col Chauhan at the age of 76, on false charges by the ADM and his family. To some relief, the District Magistrate Brajesh Narayan Singh took note of the CCTV footage and instructed police to file an FIR against the ADM of Muzaffarnagar, Mr. Harish Chandra and others involved in the matter.

You may be aware, Col Chauhan is a highly decorated soldier who had served with honourin the 1971 Indo-Pak war and capture of Siachen Glacier. His service to the country, even after retirement, where he trains the youth of UP to join the army, free of cost, commands utmost respect of every citizen in the nation. Such a proud ex-army officer became a victim of abuse of administrative power that caused deep injury to his self-respect. The entire attack appears to be a preplanned operation orchestrated under the influence of the said ADM.



It is extremely unfortunate that such a treatment was meted out to awell decorated ex-army officer. No amount of apology will restore the damage that was done to him and his family's reputation. Such incidents will have far reaching implications on the morale of the armed forces. Every army officer, whether serving or retired, deserves all the respect and cooperation from the government and the society at large.

In light of the above facts, I urge you to take strict disciplinary action against all the erring officers who, under the influence of the Additional District Magistrate arrested Col Chauhan, his young trainees, and the staff. Certain officials in government needs a proactive and a strict response. There must be a system which makes every police and staff accountable on failure to observe standard procedures and protocols. I trust you and your government will take appropriate steps to restore the honour and respect of Col Chauhan.

Yours Sincerely,

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