

To

Sh. Ram Nath Kovind,  
The President of India,  
New Delhi.

**Subject: Application to seek release of Twenty Two (22) life convicts Sikh Political Prisoners under Article 72 of Constitution of India on the eve of 550<sup>th</sup> Parkash Gurburab of Guru Nanak Sahib Ji.**

His Excellency,

1. That we the undersigned are well wishers of mankind and always stood in the service of humanity as preached to us by Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji.
2. That 550<sup>th</sup> Parkash Gurburab of Guru Nanak Sahib Ji is being celebrated in India and other parts of the world with great enthusiasm and with a quest to spread Guru's message of love, peace, equality and treating all human races as one. We honestly believe that the teachings of Guru Nanak Sahib Ji can build up the spirit of universal brotherhood and fill the gap of mistrust.
3. That the Twenty Two (22) life convicts Sikh Political Prisoners have been convicted to life imprisonment in different cases and are languishing in different jails. **(Detailed List is attached herewith Annexure-I)**
4. That all these Twenty Two (22) life convicts Sikh Political Prisoners have good conduct in jails as well as during parole availed by them and 12 prisoners have completed more than 20 years incarceration.

5. That the Article 72 of The constitution of India says,

**72. Power of President to grant pardons, etc., and to suspend, remit or commute sentences in certain cases:-** (1) The President shall have the power to grant pardons, reprieves, respites or remissions of punishment or to suspend, remit or commute the sentence of any person convicted of any offence-

(a) In all cases where the punishment or sentence is by a Court Martial;

(b) In all cases where the punishment or sentence is for an offence against any law relating to a matter to which the Executive Power of the Union extends;

(c) In all cases where the sentence is a sentence of death.

(6) That on 02-12-2015 the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its landmark Judgement 'Union of India versus V. Sriharan @ Murugan & Ors.' made it clear, "The right to claim remission, communication, reprieve etc. as provided under Article 72 or Article 161 of the Constitution will always be available being Constitutional Remedies untouchable by the Court."

(7) That it is pertinent to mention here that 4 police officials released from judicial custody even after 2 to 4 years incarceration who had been awarded to life sentence by Special Court of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) at Patiala (Punjab) in a murder case of false Police encounter, **(Copies of release attached herewith Annexure-II)** but on other side life convict Sikh Political Prisoners

have not been released even after the long incarnation of 20 to 30 years. These double standards produce estrangement in the mind of Sikhs.

### PRAYER

It is therefore prayed that the sentence of all these Twenty Two (22) life convicts Sikh Political Prisoners may please be cancelled (remit) under Article 72 of the Constitution of India on the eve of 550<sup>th</sup> Parkash Gurburab of Guru Nanak Sahib Ji, in the interest of justice and equality.

Date: 22-09-2019

Submitted By:

We the citizen of India and servant of Mankind

Enclausure:-

a) As per Annexure-I

(1) ADV. AMAR SINGH CHAHAL

b) As per Annexure-II

(2) PROF. BALJINDER SINGH 9888001888

(3) GURCHARAN SINGH

(4) PRIN. CHARANJIT SINGH

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Copy to:-

1) Prime Minister of India, New Delhi

2) Home Minister of India, New Delhi

3) Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court New Delhi.

4) Chairman National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi