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To,

Shri Srinivasa Kammath

National Focal Point - Human Rights Defenders & Deputy Registrar
National Human Rights Commission
Manav Adhikar Bhawan,
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New Delhi – 110 023
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Sub: HRD Alert - India – Urgent Appeal for Action – Assam: Arrest of Parimal Gore (Gond), member of CPI (ML) and Chief Convener of Bihali Revolutionary Youth Association, for sharing a Facebook post – Regarding

Dear Sir,

Greetings from Human Rights Defenders Alert - India!

HRD Alert - India is a forum of Human Rights Defenders for Human Rights Defenders. It endeavours to initiate actions on behalf of Human Rights Defenders under threat or with security concerns.

We are writing to express our grave concern over the arrest of Parimal Gore (Gond), a general member of Communist Party of India (M-L) and Chief Convener of Bihali Revolutionary Youth Association for sharing a Face Book post by the Assam Police.

Source of Information on the Incident:

The Coordinator of HRDA for the North East of India

Media Reports

The Perpetrators:

Personnel of Biswanath Police Station

Date of Incident:

May 8, 2017

Place of Incident:

Residence of Parimal Gore at Kuhiabari, Aragang, Bihali, Biswanath Chariali.

The detail of the incident

On May 6, 2017, HRD Mr. Parimal Gore had shared a post about Bipul Sharma who is related to Assam's Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and All Assam's Student's Union (AASU). The post was related to Sarbananda's Sonowal's case in the Guwahati High Court on the cancelation of the IMDT Act which has made his political footage stronger in Assam, entered into national politics by joining BJP leaving aside the regional sentiments. Again during the last assembly election tactfully using the regional sentiments as tool for coming into the state politics and formed the government. The post also covered the issues related to Hindu Bangladeshi, Silapathar incident, AASU and their leaders.

Based on the complaint filed by Mr. Biswanath and Mr. Pabhoi of AASU with the Superintendent of Police, regarding the May 6, 2017, facebook post shared by Mr. Parimal Gore, the Biswanath Police arrested him at around 12:30 PM on May 8, 2017 from his residence. Armed police in 7 vehicles came to his house in Kuhiabari Village, Aragang, Bihali, Biswanath District and arrested him in this case with FIR No. 125/17 under sections 120 (B), 153 (A) (a)(b), 505 sub section 2 of Indian Penal Code. He was produced before Magistrate on May 8, 2017 and then sent to the Biswanath jail for one week.

The post is in the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100004816565634&fref=nf&pnref=story>.

Appeal:

HRDA most respectfully appeals that this Hon'ble Commission to immediately take necessary steps and ensure that:

- Order an immediate, thorough, transparent, effective and impartial investigation into the above-mentioned incident of arrest of Mr. Parimal Gore;
- Take immediate action on the perpetrators, in this case the police personnel of Biswanath police station for arresting Mr. Parimal Gore and use all provisions of law to ensure that the HRD is not harassed and threatened by the police official in future;
- Urge that this complaint is not transferred to the State Human Rights Commission for disposal or routinely sent to the Commissioner of Police for investigation since this matter involves police officials in position;

- Ensures provision of reparation, compensation, apology to Mr. Parimal Gore for the psychological sufferings they are undergoing;
- Take steps to withdraw the cases filed against HRD Mr. Parimal Gore;
- Put an end to all acts of attack and harassment against all human rights defenders in Assam to ensure that in all circumstances they carry out their activities without any hindrances;
- More generally, ensure in all circumstances the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and with international human rights instruments ratified by India is strictly adhered to in the state of Assam.

Looking forward to your immediate action in this regard,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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National Working Secretary