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To

Ms. Vijaya Bharathi Sayani
Acting Chairperson,
National Human Rights Commission,
Manav Adhikar Bhawan,
Block-C, GPO Complex, INA,
New Delhi -110 023
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Respected Madam,

Subject: Requesting to initiate suo moto proceedings in the case of arrest of student activist of Kerala Students Union who were staging a peaceful protest at Deputy Director of Education office in Kozhikode on June 16, 2024.

We are writing to you to your kind attention that on June 16, 2024, students of Kerala Students Union (KSU) staged a protest at the office of the Regional Deputy Director of Education in Kozhikode on behalf of students who secured full A+ grade in Class Xth Examination. The students who did not get the seat in Class 11th also participated in the protest.

The KSU activists reached the protest site at 10.15 am, and they informed the Regional Deputy Director the reasons for the protest and started the sit-in protest. The Kozhikode police forced the students to move out of the office campus and then detained the protesting student activists. The police arrested KSU District president V.T. Suraj, State committee of KSU Arjun Poonath and district vice presidents of KSU M.P Ragin, Fayis Naduvannur and Fauvad Suveen.

The incident has been reported widely in the media and a link is shared here for your reference - [KSU activists stage protest demanding justice for full A+ holders - The Hindu](#)

We believe that attacked on the journalist is an act of reprisal against his activism.

We urgently appeal to you to exercise Section 12 (a) of the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2019, and take *suo moto* cognizance of this incident and initiate an independent inquiry through NHRC's investigation wing. We hope and expect that the NHRC will intervene in this case impartially and in a time bound manner.

Yours Sincerely,

(Henri Tiphagne)
National Working Secretary