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## Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Sri Amritsar

### Demand for release of Sikh prisoners

#### Proforma

Name:.....Father/Husband Name:.....

Address:.....

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To,  
**President of India.**

Through:  
**Governor, Punjab.**

Respected Sir,

I am a resident of India as per the above details and I want to bring to your notice that injustice is being done to many Sikhs lodged in different jails of the country by not releasing them even after completion of their sentences. Rajiv Gandhi's murder convicts were sentenced the capital punishment as per the law of the country, but they have been released. The murder and rape convicts in Bilkis Bano case have been released by the Gujarat government. Police officers accused of killing Sikh youths in fake police encounters convicted for life imprisonment by the CBI courts have been released early, but on the other hand, even the notification issued by the Centre government for the release of some Sikh prisoners in 2019 on the occasion of the 550th Parkash Gurburb (birth anniversary) of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, has not been implemented fully. This is a violation of human rights. Due to the negative attitude of the government towards the release of the Sikh prisoners, there is a lot of resentment in the Sikh community and this is causing mistrust towards the government. The only charge of the Sikh prisoners is that they had chosen the path of struggle in protest against the military attacks on many Gurdwaras including Sachkhand Sri Harmandar Sahib and Sri Akal Takht Sahib by the then Congress government besides the Sikh Genocide in November 1984 and the repression of innocent Sikhs. The Sikh prisoners had no criminal background. They took these steps because their religious sensibilities were hurt severely with the then government's excesses.

The Sikh community is saddened that the cases of Sikhs who have served in jails for nearly three decades are being deliberately neglected by the government. Not releasing the Sikh prisoners who have served twice sentences than life imprisonment is also against the Constitution.

Being a part of the movement started by the Sikh community for the release of Sikh prisoners, I request your intervention to immediately release the imprisoned Sikhs lodged in different Indian jails.

**Signature:.....**