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Written statement* submitted by the Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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On behalf of my organization, this is to inform the esteemed Human Rights Council that in India there is no justice dispersed to minorities, which is against para 27 of Vienna Declaration of 1993.

It is indeed a matter of grave concern, that minorities in India face discrimination and violations, even in government departments. District Court of Delhi granted anticipatory bail to the main culprit of 1984 Sikh genocide Sajjan Kumar, in a case pertaining to murder of two Sikhs Sohan Singh and Avtar Singh. The Indian court allowed the anticipatory bail plea to Sajjan Kumar, accused of instigating a mob to kill Sikhs, on the condition of furnishing personal / surety bonds of just Indian Rupees 100,000/-.

My organization views this as a murder of justice. A system where only the rich and powerful get what they want, while killers are allowed to roam free, the public safety especially that of the already vulnerable minorities, is indeed at grave risk. The Indian justice system has repeatedly failed to provide relief to poor / minority victims over decades. It is of course an abhorable reality and a condemnable practice right under the nose of the government, which regrettably choses to look the other way, for the want of so called political expediencies.

I request this Council to play its role in alleviating the miseries and Human Rights violations against Indian minorities based on caste, creed and political motivations.

Thank you.
