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*Resp. Pradhan mantri ji,*

A delegation of the Federation of Indian Students of Australia led by its founder Shri Gautam Gupta visited my residence to apprise me with a number of issues affecting the Indian students living in Australia.

I have been informed by this organisation that 1447 cases have been registered against Indians by State of Victoria alone in the past one year or so. The organization claimed that in most of these cases Indians were falsely implicated by the police.

The members expect the Government of India to play a proactive role and take certain concrete steps to ensure safety and security for all Indians living in the country

I believe that the concerns expressed by the organisation are genuine and need to be addressed on a priority basis. The Australian Prime Minister Mr Kevin Rudd is on the official visit to India these days and the Government is discussing wide range of issues with him. Therefore I urge the Government to raise the issue of the security and safety of Indian students during its meetings with the Australian Prime Minister and ask him to introduce safeguards to curb rampant discrimination and violence against the people of Indian origin.

I also express my concern at the manner we are progressing with the Free Trade Agreement with Australia. The BJP believes that we must include welfare and Labor rights as an integral part of the Free Trade Agreement with Australia and create a level playing field for Indian business and industrial sector.

*With regards,*

*Rajnath Singh*  
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To,  
**Dr. Manmohan Singh,**  
**The Prime Minister,**  
**Government of India,**  
**South Block,**  
**New Delhi.**