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## HINDU RIGHTS ACTION FORCE

Shri L.K. Advaniji

Leader of Opposition

Lok Sabha New Delhi

6th December 2007

Dear Shri Advaniji,

Re: MALAYSIAN INDIANS COLONIZED FOR 200 YEARS AND REMAIN TO BE PERMANENTLY COLONIZED

GROSS VIOLATIONS OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS BY MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST ETHNIC INDIAN COMMUNITY

HINDRAF LAWYERS AND SUPPORTERS PERSECUTED ON A CRACKDOWN TO SILENCE THE VOICE OF POOR AND OPPRESSED.

About 200 years ago the British Government had forcibly taken people from the South India particularly Tamil Nadu as indentured labourers to work on rubber plantations in Malaya and had exploited them for 150 years.

Since independence in 1957 the Malaysian Government which is practically ruled by the UMNO Government has grossly violated the rights of the Minority Indian community and had oppressed suppressed and marginalized these community in all aspects of life.

- 1) Displaced rubber planters who had for generations (200 years) contributed to the economy of the country are not paid any compensation/ alternative employment programs/training to enable them to take up new jobs. They remain manual labourers, poor, the underclass oppressed and suppressed. Whereas the Government pays millions of Ringgit to Malay planters who had merely contributed 35 years in the plantation sector.
- 2) The Government has failed to assume responsibility of Tamil schools. These schools mostly are not fully funded and they are in dilapidated condition without basic facilities. Not a single Tamil school has been built since independence, however the number has dwindled from 888 schools in 1957 to 523 currently whereas the Indian population has increased threefold.
- 3) About 10,000 Hindu Temples has been demolished since Independence. The Government claims that these temples are sitting illegally on Government land hence the need to demolish. The real truth has successfully been concealed from the public. These temples had actually existed from the British colonial days and are as old as 150 years. As the Government has been acquiring land under the Land Acquisition Act these existing temples are ruthlessly demolished without being provided an alternative site. Hindus are stripped of their dignity and self respect by this act.
- 4) University places are limited for deserving Indian students though they are qualified for University entry and courses of their choice. The Government favours the Malay students who are allocated about 80% of seats in University.
- 5) Indian students who pursue medical courses at Universities in India and Indonesia are targeted and their degrees are not recognized on most occasions especially when they had completed their courses.

6) Job opportunities in the Government are limited and only about 5 % Indians are in the Government service compared to about 60 % at time of independence.

The above are only certain aspects of Human Rights violations.

- Lately HINDRAF has vigorously taken up issues of Human Rights violations against the Minority Indian community. November 25th 2007 saw a large number of Indians totaling more than 100,000 people joining HINDRAF to submit a petition to Her Majesty The Queen of England.
- The peaceful gathering on 25th November 2007 was a historic event because never before such large numbers of Indians have come out united to voice their support on Human Rights issues affecting minority Indian community in Malaysia.
- The Government has since persecuted and harassed all 5 lawyers involved in HINDRAF and its supporters. Three of our Lawyers have been charged with sedition for speaking the truth and about 26 of our supporters have been charged with attempted murder.
- These are malicious, vindictive, racially and politically motivated prosecutions deliberately intended to instill fear on the people and our well wishers.

We now most humbly write to you to urgently initiate the following actions:

- a) Engage in a dialog directly with the Malaysian Prime Minister with the view of finding a permanent solution to our predicament;
- Send a fact finding mission to Malaysia to enquire and satisfy yourself of the truth of the above allegations;
- c) Initiate debate on trade embargo on Malaysia at the Lok Sabha;
- d) Urge Malaysia to stop the harassment and unfounded criminal charges leveled against HINDRAF leaders and its supporters and the threat to use the Draconian Internal Security Act:

On behalf of minority Malaysian Indians we thank you for your attention to our plight and look forward for a favourable response from your good self.

Yours in Service

Waytha Moorthy

Chairman