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The Rt Hon David Cameron MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Our Ref: PIB 121210-1
Your Ref:

Dear Prime Minister,

I have submitted to Number 10 Downing Street today a small selection of the petition launched by the Kesri Lehar (the Wave of Justice) Campaign.

Over a hundred thousand people have signed this petition, which will eventually be presented to Parliament as a formal Parliamentary petition by a number of MP's on a cross party basis.

The Kesri Lehar Campaign was launched by members of the Panjabi community in Britain in response to the continued adherence to the implementation of the death penalty by the Indian Government. The petition also highlights the concerns surrounding human rights abuses generally.

The campaign is calling upon the Indian Government to join with the many other countries across the world that have abolished capital punishment.

I know that the UK Government has consistently sought to exert its influence on the Indian Government to persuade it to abolish the death penalty.

We would urge that you lead the UK Government in a renewed effort to persuade the Indian Government to renounce capital punishment and address outstanding human rights abuse concerns.

Yours sincerely

John McDonnell MP
Chair – Parliamentary Group on Panjabi Community in Britain.