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Dear Ms Qureshi

Bhima-Koregaon – Open letter to the Prime Minister of India

Today, key Dalit organisations and representatives of Dalits in the UK and supporters have published the attached open letter to the Prime Minister of India. Organisations call on Mr Modi to take action against the perpetrators of the violence against the Dalits marking the 200th anniversary of battle of Bhima-Koregaon. The letter also highlights our deep and continuing concerns about the increasing violence against Dalits, Tribal and minority people, the failing access to justice, and threats to freedom of expression in India.

We request the APPG takes up the deep concerns raised in the letter to Mr Modi with our Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary with a request that they take up the matter with the Prime Minister of India.

We also request members of the APPG to please raise the concerns highlighted in the open letter in both houses of Parliament. We will be happy to meet the APPG to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Santosh Dass', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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