

[INSERT ADDRESS]

[INSERT DATE]

Dear [INSERT NAME],

**RE: Withdrawal of security detail from Narendra Nayak**

I write to you in my capacity as [INSERT ROLE] of [INSERT NAME OF ORGANISATION] in order to bring to your attention the case of **Narendra Nayak**, the President of the Federation of Indian Rationalist Associations whose 24-hour security detail has been removed due to his inability to assume the cost.

[INSERT NAME OF ORGANISATION] understands that Mr Nayak has been the beneficiary of a state-funded security detail since 2016 owing to the persistent and ongoing threats to his life due to his furtherance of humanist and rationalist principles. However, on 4 March this year, Mr Nayak was informed by letter that he would henceforth be required to assume the cost of his protection detail. As a retired teacher, Mr Nayak could not possibly be expected to have the means necessary to cover such costs.

Article 21 of the Constitution of India, imposes a duty on the State to protect human life. As such, [INSERT NAME OF ORGANISATION] dismayed to learn that Mr Nayak's security detail was withdrawn on 30 March 2023 due to his inability to assume the costs associated.

In light of the very real and grave danger that rationalists in India face combined with the unreasonableness of the State's new requirement that Mr Nayak cover the cost of 24-hour security himself, we ask that [INSERT NAME OF OFFICE] takes urgent action to urge the relevant authorities to reinstate the protection detail assigned to Narendra Nayak immediately, and remove any requirement that he pay for it himself.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

[INSERT SIGNATURE]

[INSERT NAME & TITLE]