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To,  
The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India  
South Block, New Delhi.

Sub:-To Set up National Development Board for Sindhis

Respected Sir,

With reference to the aforesaid matter, we have to adjure to as under:-

That Sindhi Samaj is a Progressive Community and has been largely contributing in the economic development of our country. After the unfortunate and ill-fated partition of our country in 1947 & the resultant circumstances, Sindhis from Sindh were overnight rendered homeless as the whole state of Sindh merged with Pakistan. Having lost everything including its motherland i.e. "THE SINDH STATE", today over 70 lac Sindhi Hindus of Sindhi Community are scattered in all over India and 30 lac Sindhi Hindus in all over world. They are all victims of the cruel partition of India which rendered them stateless & reduced them to political orphans in India. They now turn to you to redress their genuine grievances.

Sindhi have links is ancient Culture, and Traditional, which are required to be nurtured, and made known is the next Generation. We have been trying to do so, in whatever all the ways it is possible. However it is the need of the hour to put all the effects in a Systematic and organized manner.

This can best be achieved effectively if a Development Board is constituted as a national Body by union Government. With your positive approach, we are seeking your blessing to this matter.

The Board can set up a Book-Bank, Museum and Government Scholarship for Research and development of the Language, as also Cultured Traditions.



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We Further state that 30% Sindhis are still living below poverty line in Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh & other State across our country and most of the Sindhi families are still living in the military barracks occupied by them since time of partition in 1947.

We further state that 35% Sindhi's are still operating their small businesses in wooden cabins/ thelas are often declared illegal & removed by local municipalities or evicted from footpaths, rendering the already struggling Sindhis Jobless. They are still not the owners of their residential and business premises even after 67 years now. The Houses in the Refugee colonies are in dilapidated condition & need hygienic & basic amenities. The Kuchha(Temporary) wooden cabins required to be refurbished after Every 5 years. It is pertinent to note that the slum Act, whereas the colonies of Sindhis, popularly known as "Refugee Colonies" cannot enjoy such benefits in the absence of proper rules and regulations for the development of their colonies.

We therefore request to set up a National Development Board, under the relevant Constitutional provision, for the welfare and Development of Sindhi Community. The Board should be constituted along with an allotted budget of at least 100 Cores annually for the rehabilitation of above said poor Sindhis living under inhuman conditions in various States of our country. We hereby humbly request that a permanent and proper committee may be formed and setup consisting of officers from the government Department and our community representative to redress the acute problems of Sindhi Community. We state that Sindhi that Community is basically a business community as several leading business houses in India as well as abroad are owned by sindhis and thereby contributing to economic progress of our country. Such Big & Small businesses , traders , Exporters, Small scale industries & other establishment of Sindhis are paying thousands of cores of rupees as and by way of relevant taxes in various parts of our country every year. We further state that Millions of Dollars & other hard currencies are being brought in India every year by NRI Sindhis from all over the world in this way Sizeable amount is being contributed by Sindhis to Country every year, Hence above demand is justified in our humble opinion .



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We therefore request you Hon'ble sir, to kindly look into aforesaid matter and do the needful for the welfare and development of the Sindhi Community in order to ensure that these people could be able to live an honored & respectable life. The residential as well as commercial premises of Sindhis situated at different "Refugee Colonies" may be regularized so that they become the owners of the same.

We Sindhi Council of India as spoke person of our community on behalf of 100 Lakhs Sindhis of India and abroad earnestly request and pray that our above said demand may kindly be considered sympathetically & legitimate grievances of the community be redressed. It is also requested that suitable time may kindly be given to us at your earliest convenience so that a delegation of 21 members of prominent Sindhis from India & abroad may come to meet your good self personally in this connection and further explain our problems. We await your sympathetic and favorable response for which we shall always be grateful to your good self.

Thanking you,  
Yours Truly  
For Sindhi Council-of India

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