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Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Farmers' protests in India

The ongoing and increasingly worrying situation of those farmers currently protesting in India has caused significant concern across the world. Images in media reports of paramilitary police attacking elderly farmers with batons have been particularly shocking.

The situation that the agricultural sector in India faces, because of the introduction of a series of Government measures, constitutes a complete overhaul of one of India's largest industries, implemented in a matter of months. This has been done with little or no consultation, in a way that disproportionally affects certain communities and that is already having disastrous consequences.

These measures were first introduced as emergency ordinances over the summer but have, very swiftly and without proper scrutiny, been passed into law. This is causing particular concern in the states of Punjab and Haryana, where some of the most damaging effects will be felt.

I believe this is a matter of great importance and impacts many communities, not only in India but here in the UK. It is vital that the UK Government is known to both understand the situation as it unfolds and to express our concern at the impact this is having on the many Indian and UK citizens and their families.

I have attached a briefing on the current situation which I hope will be helpful in illuminating the significant concern that many feel about this issue.

Yours sincerely

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