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To
Shri Prithviraj Chavan,
Chief Minister,
Government of Maharashtra

Sub: Lift all cases leveled
against Prof G. N. Saibaba

Dear Sir,

All India Forum for Right To Education (AIFRTE) condemns the shocking abduction on May 15th 2014 by the Maharashtra Police, and the subsequent arrest and suspension, of Delhi University's Prof. G. N. Saibaba of the Dept. of English, Ramlal Anand College.

Prof. Saibaba has been a public critic of the state's oppressive policies towards the down-trodden and dispossessed. He has been a staunch opponent of the Operation Green Hunt strategy adopted by the state in the name of resisting Maoist movements. **Prof. Saibaba's statements and political stance are well within the rights and liberties of citizens as enshrined in the Constitution of India.** Yet his home was raided and personal belongings confiscated by the police in September 2013. When this failed to yield any cause for further action against him, the Maharashtra Police have resorted to downright illegal actions which must be unequivocally condemned and cannot be treated as acceptable in a democratic country.

It is specially deplorable that the abduction took place on the university campus as Prof. Saibaba was returning from Daulat Ram College after examination evaluation duty. This emphasizes the alarming deterioration in the University environment which is no longer conducive to the free and fair pursuit of learning.

The criminal action of the Maharashtra Police is further aggravated by the fact that Prof. Saibaba is 90% disabled, bound to a wheelchair, and also a heart patient suffering from several medical complications.

As his wife has publicly stated, he is being denied adequate living conditions and is also being denied proper care and medication.

If the police require any information from Prof. Saibaba for their investigations, they must remain within constitutional requirements and engage with him at his home. He has never refused to answer their queries, and given his physical condition, cannot credibly be said to be a “flight-risk” requiring incarceration. The police action is therefore clearly mala fide and unconstitutional.

AIF-RTE demands that

- **Prof. Saibaba be unconditionally released with immediate effect and be assured of full protection against any further harassment or illegal acts of intimidation by the agencies of the state.**
- **University authorities revoke the hasty and unjustified suspension from service of Prof. Saibaba.**

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