

INTERVENTIONS BY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

ON BEHALF OF

BALKAR SINGH

The Canadian High Commission in New Delhi has maintained regular contact with senior Indian officials concerning Balkar Singh. In addition, they have maintained regular and ongoing contacts with Mr. Singh's relatives in India and had frequent discussions with his lawyer. As well officials in Ottawa frequently raised the case with the Indian High Commissioner and were in frequent contact with Mr. Singh's family here in Canada.

The following is a listing of the formal occasions when Mr. Singh's case was discussed with senior Indian officials both in Canada and in India but does not include numerous phone contacts with Indian authorities on behalf of Mr. Singh.

Nov 08-87	Canadian High Commission (CHC) requested details of Mr. Singh's arrest from the Ministry of External Affairs(MEA).
Nov 10-87	High Commission spoke with senior officials in the MEA on the case.
Nov 13-87	Case discussed with MEA.
Nov 19-87	Formal request for consular access sent to MEA.
Nov 20-87	Follow up on formal request with MEA.
Nov 24-87	MEA confirms consular access will be granted.
Nov 26-87	Canadian officials including doctor visit Balkar Singh.
Nov 27-87	Formal protest of mistreatment of Balkar Singh lodged with MEA. Promise of investigation provided.
Dec 01-87	Case discussed with Director General, Punjab Police and Punjab Governor Ray.
Dec 03-87	Indian High Commissioner to Canada called in on instructions of SSEA and protest on mistreatment made.
Dec 04-87	MEA repeated promise that investigation would be conducted.
Dec 11-87	Case raised again in meeting with MEA.
Jan 07-88	High Commission received request from Balkar Singh for another consular visit.