To, Hon'ble Hina Jilani Chairperson, HRC, Pakistan Other members of HRC OF Pakistan

SUB:-PETITION TO SAVE RIGHT PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN AND TO STOP HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST HINDUS AND TO ISSUE DIRECTIONS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY AT ALL HINDU TEMPLES TO SAVE TEMPLES IN PAKISTAN

Hon'ble Sir,

I am an practicing lawyer in Supreme Court of India and social activist. Since long I have come across many news from different news publications, social media and electronic media in respect of *damaging Hindu temples and idols of Hindu* Gods in Pakistan. In the recent incident on 4th Aug'2021 taken place in Punjab Provenance of Pakistan Rahim Yar Khan District Hundreds of People carrying sticks, stones and bricks attacked a Hindu Temple and destroyed Hindu Ideals. This incident did not take place first time on in the month of Dec'2020 an angry mob demolished a Hindu temple in Karak District of Pakistan and there are many other incidents in which Hindu temples in Pakistan targeted and destroyed due to which Hindu's who are residing in Pakistan can't perform their religious belief and even having fear of their life being a Hindu religion follower, Since the Hindu community has been given minority tag, the Constitution of Pakistan, in Article 25 (1), guarantees that "All citizens are equal before law and are entitled to equal protection of law." Article 5 provides that "adequate provision shall be made for the minorities to freely profess and practice their religions and develop their cultures,"; Article 33 declares that it is the state's responsibility to discourage parochial, racial, tribal, sectarian, and provincial prejudices among citizens "

Even <u>Article 20</u> of the Constitution, which enshrines every citizen's "right to profess, practice and propagate his religion" and that "every religious denomination and every sect thereof shall have the right to establish, maintain and manage its religious institutions", is "subject to law, public order and morality,", therefore Constitution of Pakistan has given right to every citizen including minorities to practice religion with dignity and maintain and manage its religious institution of a country depicts its principles that how the citizens of a country will live their life, the rights and duties of the citizen of a country and therefore the governments are duty bound to protect their Constitutional rights.

For last many years, gross violation of Human rights of minorities in Pakistan had been reported and Pakistan has been repeatedly slammed by the international community for not taking stringent measures to protect its minority communities.

In the recent time, incidents of damaging Hindu temples are increasing significantly which has also been creating negative image for Pakistan at International level. Pakistan government has been vowing to protect the **Hindu Temples** on numerous occasions but the rising number of incidents reported regarding damaging of Hindu Temple surely are evident of the fact that Pakistan Government has failed to secure the rights of Hindus which has been duly granted by their Constitution.

by writing this letter petition, I humbly pray to the Hon'ble court :-

a) Direct the Government of Pakistan to depute at least two police personals at every Hindu temple in Pakistan and

- b) Direct the Government of Pakistan to make strict laws to save Hindus Temples
- c) Direct the Government of Pakistan to rebuilt every temple destroyed or damaged by the mob or anti social elements till date and

Links of some relevant news reports are attached with this petition.

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Some of the link which provide incidents of damaging Hindu Temples in Pakistan :-

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/pakistan/hindu-temple-demolishedin-pakistans-khyber-pakhtunkhwa-province/articleshow/80029459.cms

https://scroll.in/article/754708/these-temples-in-pakistan-are-now-madrasas

https://www.indiatoday.in/world/pakistan/story/100-year-old-templedemolished-in-pakistan-angry-hindus-asks-govt-to-arrange-tickets-to-india-123121-2012-12-03

https://www.nationalheraldindia.com/international/pakistan-demolisheshanuman-temple-hindu-homes-in-karachi