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To,
The UN High Commissioner of Human Rights
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for
Human Rights (OHCHR)
Palais Wilson
52 rue des Pâquis
CH-1201 Geneva, Switzerland.

Honorable Chairman Madam, My indigenous brothers and sisters who are joined in the mission to save the mother earth.

I am very much thankful to chairman madam who provided us an opportunity to present our thoughts, problems, issues, position of indigenous people on this platform. But it is also sad that tribal human rights have to be presented in the world's largest organization!

Chairman Madam, it very sad say that the Indian Government is saying that there is no Indigenous people in India but in reality we the Indian Indigenous People are having 105 million populations. This is the biggest blunder of the government of India. See the controversy United Nations declared Right of Indigenous People on 13th September 2007 and the Indian Government sighed on it. In India, there are 705 ethnic groups officially recognized as "Indigenous," although there are several ethnic groups that are also considered Indigenous, but are not officially recognized. India has several laws and constitutional provisions, such as the Fifth Schedule for Central India and the Sixth List for certain areas of northeastern India that recognizes the rights of indigenous peoples to land and self-government, but their implementation is far from being satisfactory. India voted in favor of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on the condition that after independence all Indians are indigenous. Apart from this, the meeting of the UN general assembly which took place in 2 May 2019, there were 10 Points on Reparation and Reconciliation presented for indigenous people's human rights

but of them not a single point neither accepted nor implemented by the government of India.

Chairman Madam, Indigenous person is not considering as a human being here in India. For example Dr. Payal Gavit committed suicide in Mumbai because she was doctor from the indigenous community which was not acceptable to other communities.

If movement is done for its own rights, shoot them as Naxalis and robbed their natural resource by considering them as Maoists. Recently more than 4,00,000 innocent indigenous people are imprisoned in various jails. Threaten is being created in the country by Mob Lynching (For Example: The Case of Tabrez Ansari in Jharkhand).

In the Indian Constitution, indigenous have been given the 5th and 6th schedules, but they are not respected. This is the largest violation of constitutional provision. The government snatched natural resources and natural life of indigenous people and giving only 2 kilograms of rice and wheat on the name of charity which resulted into massive malnutrition in indigenous communities in the India. Their dignified life also been snatched. Article 21 is not feet in the indigenous perspective. It says that No right to life but dignify the life. It is affecting on culture, dialect, customs, rituals, craft, art, livelihood of indigenous people. On the name of Unity the government erected Statue of Liberty in Gujarat and more than 70 indigenous villages displaced. As a result identity of indigenous people is in danger. This is the biggest legal violation. In recent time indigenous people have no rights as compare to other communities in India. Indigenous people life or life style, dialect is not been taught in Indian education system.

Our little girls who are studying in Ashram Schools (Residential school) are suffering from Sexual exploitation by governing authority which are mostly granted by government, but is not taking adequate legal actions of on it. The Supreme Court said in the February 13, 2019 verdict that 1127446 indigenous families and other forest dweller has to be evicted from forest which is abolishing the right of house, livelihood and life. Indigenous community is illiterate community and the court demanding land record from them. This is totally injustice to the people who are living there since millions of eras. Why the government has no rehabilitation package for them? Is indigenous person is not a citizen of India?

Every day in the schools of India the vow or oath taking from the textbook that "India is my country and all the Indians are my brothers and sisters, "are indigenous people out of them? Country, States, Court are also not respecting them. Where does the indigenous to go?

Thank You.

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