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## Civilizational Policy Framework for the Protection, Documentation & Welfare of Persecuted Hindu Refugees from Pakistan, Bangladesh & Afghanistan

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## OPEN LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (PMO), GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**Subject: Civilizational Policy Framework for the Protection, Documentation & Welfare of Persecuted Hindu Refugees from Pakistan, Bangladesh & Afghanistan**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026**

**Respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji,**

Hindu Samman Foundation (HSF) submits this representation to the Prime Minister's Office regarding a long-pending civilizational, humanitarian, and strategic issue that directly concerns India's identity, constitutional duty, national security interests, and global reputation—namely, the protection, documentation, and welfare of **religiously persecuted Hindu minorities from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan**.

Since 1947, millions of Hindus, Sikhs and other Indic minorities in these regions have faced displacement, dispossession, forced conversions, abductions, temple destruction, and targeted demographic erasure. Entire districts that once had thriving Hindu populations today have negligible presence. Despite this, India does not have a **national policy, refugee framework, documentation pathway, or doctrinal guarantee** for those who seek refuge in the only civilizational homeland available to them—India.

Today, persecuted Hindu refugees from these countries live across India without legal identity, protection, or documentation. They are neither treated as “tourists”, nor as “citizens”, nor as “refugees”. This **legal vacuum produces humanitarian suffering, administrative confusion, and diplomatic ambiguity**.

This letter proposes a five-pillar **Civilizational Policy Framework** to address this historic gap.

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### PILLAR 1: NATIONAL REFUGEE POLICY FOR RELIGIOUSLY PERSECUTED HINDUS

India urgently needs a **National Hindu Refugee Policy** that recognizes:

- ✓ Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Afghan Hindus as **religiously persecuted minorities**
- ✓ Their displacement as **force majeure**, not voluntary migration
- ✓ India as their **natural civilizational asylum destination**

This policy should:

1. Establish a **Legal Refugee Category**
2. Issue **National Refugee Cards** under this category
3. Permit **work authorization, education, healthcare, banking**
4. Define **pathways to permanent residency & citizenship**

## 5. Allow **inter-State mobility** without harassment

This does **not** require UNHCR ratification or foreign intervention. India can legislate domestically based on:

- Civilizational responsibility
- Constitutional dignity
- Humanitarian norms
- Strategic clarity

## PILLAR 2: DOCUMENTATION & IDENTITY FRAMEWORK (AADHAAR + REFUGEE CARD)

A core issue is lack of identification, especially **Aadhaar**, which today requires:

- valid visa
- permanent address
- supporting documents

Persecuted refugees often possess none.

HSF requests creation of:

### A. Aadhaar “Resident-Refugee” Category

UIDAI can introduce:

#### “Religiously Persecuted Refugee – Resident Non-Citizen”

This allows:

- ✓ Aadhaar issuance
- ✓ Bank accounts
- ✓ PAN
- ✓ SIM cards
- ✓ Hospital admissions
- ✓ Insurance & pensions
- ✓ Ration access
- ✓ School admissions

without conferring citizenship.

### B. National Refugee Card (NRC-R)

The card should:

- ✓ serve as core non-citizen ID
- ✓ store biometric & documentary data
- ✓ enable welfare access
- ✓ enable lawful employment
- ✓ assist state and police verification
- ✓ create national statistical clarity

Aadhaar + NRC-R creates dignity, order and traceability.

## PILLAR 3: SOVEREIGN SECURITY & HUMANITARIAN RESPONSIBILITY DOCTRINE

India is the sole civilizational homeland for Hindus. For persecuted Hindus from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, India represents the **only realistic refuge**.

HSF proposes a **Sovereign Security & Humanitarian Responsibility Doctrine** declaring that:

## **Hindu minorities facing systemic religious persecution in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan have a natural civilizational right to seek refuge in India.**

This doctrine provides:

1. Moral clarity
2. Diplomatic leverage
3. Humanitarian leadership
4. Civilizational continuity

It is a **soft adaptation of Israel's global Jewish protection doctrine**, tailored to India—without militaristic language.

### **General Islamic Persecution Clause**

India must also reserve humanitarian flexibility to document and receive persecuted Hindus and Indic minorities from **other Islamic nations** where religious persecution is **officially instituted or socially enforced**, without naming specific states to avoid diplomatic friction.

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## **PILLAR 4: STATE CAPACITY ARCHITECTURE (MINISTRY + COMMISSION + REGISTRY)**

Policy must be backed by machinery. HSF proposes creation of:

### **A. Ministry (or Division) for Persecuted Refugees & Civilizational Assistance**

Mandate:

- ✓ refugee registration
- ✓ documentation & cards
- ✓ coordination with States
- ✓ housing and welfare planning
- ✓ international data exchange

This may start as a **Joint Secretary-level Division** under MHA if a full ministry is not immediately feasible.

### **B. National Commission for Persecuted Hindu Minorities**

Mandate:

- ✓ hearings
- ✓ data collection
- ✓ legal recommendations
- ✓ coordination with NHRC + MEA
- ✓ diaspora liaison

### **C. National Registry of Persecuted Hindus (NRPH)**

To document persecution of Hindus & Indic minorities in Pakistan, Bangladesh & Afghanistan (1947–Present), including:

- ✓ killings
- ✓ abductions
- ✓ forced conversions
- ✓ temple destruction
- ✓ mass exodus
- ✓ demographic erasure

This creates memory, evidence & future accountability.

## PILLAR 5: DIPLOMATIC & INFORMATION STRATEGY (MEA + I&B)

### A. MEA “Persecuted Minorities Desk”

Mandate:

- ✓ receive alerts from families abroad
- ✓ monitor persecution indicators
- ✓ coordinate safe passage for high-risk cases
- ✓ liaise with diaspora & NGOs

This is crucial for **Afghan and Bangladeshi Hindu & Sikh communities abroad**, especially those displaced to Europe (e.g., Germany, UK, Canada), who may seek eventual civilizational repatriation.

### B. I&B Awareness Mechanism

Mandate:

- ✓ periodic bulletins
- ✓ documentary storytelling
- ✓ diaspora awareness
- ✓ humanitarian visibility

This creates:

- ✓ national consciousness
- ✓ international accountability
- ✓ diaspora solidarity
- ✓ diplomatic pressure

## SECURITY & HUMANITARIAN LOGIC

This framework is not merely moral—it is strategic.

It:

- ✓ prevents illegal trafficking
- ✓ reduces vulnerability to cross-border radical networks
- ✓ prevents forced conversions abroad
- ✓ protects women from targeted abductions
- ✓ reduces foreign intelligence manipulation
- ✓ strengthens India's soft power among diaspora
- ✓ consolidates civilizational legitimacy

A Hindu refugee who returns to Pakistan, Bangladesh or Afghanistan out of despair becomes:

- a symbol of India's abandonment
- a target of persecution
- a diplomatic loss

India must prevent this outcome.

## HSF AS SUPPORTING INSTITUTION

HSF offers to support Government of India in:

- ✓ documentation & verification operations
- ✓ registry & data-building
- ✓ diaspora coordination (Afghan, Pakistani, Bangladeshi Hindus)
- ✓ humanitarian reporting

- ✓ legal & policy feedback
- ✓ community integration support

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## CONCLUSION

For 79 years, persecuted Hindus from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan have lived in India without:

- refugee policy,
- documentation pathway,
- civilizational guarantee,
- institutional protection.

This letter does not criticize any government or leader.

It simply proposes a **civilizational doctrine and humanitarian framework** aligned with India's identity, constitution and strategic interests.

India has both the **moral duty** and the **state capacity** to lead this effort for the coming century.

With deepest respect,

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