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## Humanitarian Representation on Welfare & Settlement Support for Pakistani Hindu Refugee Families Residing in Delhi

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### OPEN LETTER TO THE CHIEF MINISTER, GOVERNMENT OF NCT DELHI

**Subject:** Humanitarian Representation on Welfare & Settlement Support for Pakistani Hindu Refugee Families Residing in Delhi

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

**Respected Chief Minister Smt. Rekha Gupta Ji,**

Hindu Samman Foundation (HSF) has been working on-ground with Pakistani Hindu refugee families residing in Delhi. These families are religiously persecuted minorities who fled Pakistan for their safety and dignity. They live peacefully, contribute economically through self-employment, and form part of the broader Hindu civilizational community seeking refuge in India.

Over the past years, HSF has documented urgent humanitarian, welfare, and administrative challenges in multiple refugee settlements across Delhi. With utmost respect, we submit this representation requesting State-level measures that fall under the jurisdiction of the Government of NCT Delhi. This representation does not concern Central subjects such as citizenship, immigration status, or national refugee policy.

#### 1. REFUGEE SETTLEMENTS IN DELHI

HSF currently serves the following settlements:

- **Bhatti Mines, Chattarpur** (oldest settlement; primarily labour-class families)
- **Majnu Ka Tila** (faced demolition orders; stay obtained from Hon'ble Supreme Court)
- **Signature Bridge Cluster** (Yamuna floodplain exposure)
- **Adarsh Nagar Cluster** (adjacent to garbage dump; disease-prone conditions)
- **Rohini Sector 11 & Sector 25** (crowded refugee clusters)
- **Sultanpuri** (families in rented accommodation; extreme poverty and livelihood insecurity)

Each settlement faces distinct hardships requiring localized interventions.

#### 2. LIVELIHOOD & EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT (STATE DOMAIN)

Most families depend on pushcarts and informal vending for survival. However:

- There are **no designated vending/market zones** near camps
- **MCD removes or confiscates carts**, causing economic distress
- **Refugees lack work identity documentation**, so employers refuse to hire

**HSF Requests:**

1. Creation of **designated vending/market spaces** near each settlement
2. Provision of **temporary vending licenses** under humanitarian category
3. Issuance of **State-level work/refugee identity cards** (HSF can support documentation)

These measures would prevent economic collapse and forced return to Pakistan.

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### 3. HEALTHCARE & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (STATE DOMAIN)

Medical support is the most critical issue. Refugees report:

- Denial of treatment in government hospitals due to lack of ID
- No medical insurance coverage
- High disease prevalence during seasonal changes
- Inability to afford diagnostics, medicine, and surgery
- Women and children suffering without specialized care

#### HSF Requests:

1. **Primary health dispensaries** inside each settlement staffed with:
  - General Physician
  - Gynaecologist
  - Paediatrician
2. Inclusion in **State medical aid schemes** for high-cost treatments
3. **Periodic medical camps** for elderly, disabled and chronic patients

This is essential for preventing avoidable deaths and disease outbreaks.

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### 4. FOOD SECURITY & RATION (STATE DOMAIN)

Many families in these refugee camps report **food scarcity**.

#### HSF Requests:

- Provision of **free ration** under humanitarian grounds
- Or issuance of **temporary ration cards / State food coupon system**

Food security directly reduces the rate of refugees returning to Pakistan out of despair.

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### 5. PENSIONS & SOCIAL WELFARE (STATE DOMAIN)

Delhi Government already supports:

- Elderly citizens
- Widows
- Disabled persons

Refugees include large numbers of:

- Elderly without support
- Widows with dependent children
- Disabled individuals

#### HSF Requests:

- Inclusion in **Old Age Pension, Widow Pension** and **Disability Support** schemes

Currently HSF provides private pensions, but scale requires State partnership.

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## 6. HOUSING TENURE & DEMOLITION PROTECTION (STATE DOMAIN)

Settlements across Delhi face insecurity:

- **Majnu Ka Tila** faced demolition despite long habitation
- **Signature Bridge** has no disaster contingency
- **Adarsh Nagar** suffers from hazardous surroundings
- **Bhatti Mines** lacks upgrading framework

### HSF Requests:

1. **Suspension of demolition actions** against refugee clusters
2. Allocation of **settlement spaces** until national refugee framework emerges
3. Permission for **pucca construction** for safety and dignity

Demolition drives often trigger reverse migration to Pakistan.

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## 7. EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN (STATE DOMAIN)

Many children above age 10 are **denied admission** due to documentation barriers.

### HSF Requests:

- **Special admission window** for refugee children
- **Documentation flexibility** using State-issued ID / affidavits
- **Transport assistance** for distant schools where seats exist

Education prevents generational poverty and exploitation.

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## 8. ELECTRICITY ACCESS & SUBSIDY (STATE DOMAIN)

Most settlements lack formal electricity connections. A few have **temporary commercial meters** at approximately **₹10/unit**, far higher than subsidized domestic slabs.

This burdens already impoverished households and restricts:

- Study hours for children
- Medical equipment for elderly
- Livelihood operations (charging machines, lighting)
- Food storage during summers

### HSF Requests:

1. Formal **domestic electricity connections** in refugee settlements
2. Inclusion under **subsidized domestic tariff slabs**
3. **Cluster connections** where individual documentation is unavailable

Affordable electricity is a fundamental welfare requirement.

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## 9. WATER, SANITATION & CLEAN ENVIRONMENT (STATE DOMAIN)

Refugee clusters request:

- **Regular waste removal** (especially Adarsh Nagar)
- **Relocation of garbage dumping away from homes**
- **Free water supply access**
- **Mobile toilets or sanitation units** where needed

These are standard urban services critical for public health.

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## 10. RECOGNITION & HUMANITARIAN HANDLING (STATE DOMAIN)

HSF requests the Government of NCT Delhi to:

- **Recognize Pakistani Hindu refugees as “religiously persecuted minorities”** at State level
- **Issue humanitarian identity cards** for welfare and employment access

This recognition has no political cost and ensures bureaucratic clarity.

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## 11. WHY THIS MATTERS TO DELHI & INDIA

When refugees return to Pakistan due to poverty or lack of support:

- They face renewed persecution
- India’s humanitarian reputation suffers
- Future asylum seekers lose hope
- Delhi loses a peaceful, cooperative population

If Delhi becomes a model sanctuary city, refugees will stabilize rather than reverse-migrate.

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## 12. HSF AS A PARTNER

HSF is prepared to assist the Delhi Government in:

- Documentation & verification
- Welfare scheme distribution
- Health & livelihood camps
- ID card processing
- Field reporting & monitoring

State social welfare funds may be channelled through structured cooperation with HSF for efficient on-ground implementation.

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## CONCLUSION

HSF is a non-political humanitarian organization. We do not campaign, criticize or endorse any party. Our purpose is to protect persecuted Hindu families living in Delhi with dignity and basic welfare.

With utmost respect, we request the Government of NCT Delhi to consider the above State-level humanitarian measures.

**With respect,**

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