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The Hon'ble Chairperson
National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
5th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan,
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Subject: Petition seeking urgent intervention in the caste-based murder of Kavin Selva Ganesh in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, and arrest of police officers named in the FIR

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am filing this petition as a concerned citizen regarding the brutal murder of Mr. Kavin Selva Ganesh, a 27-year-old Dalit software engineer from Arumugamangalam in Thoothukudi district, Tamil Nadu, which took place on July 28, 2025, near KTC Nagar in Tirunelveli.

As reported in *The Hindu*, *Indian Express*, and *Times of India*, Kavin was hacked to death with a sickle by Mr. S. Surjith, the younger brother of a woman he had been in a long-term relationship with. The motive, as established by the victim's family and acknowledged by the FIR, was caste-based opposition to the relationship. Surjith belongs to the Maravar community (Most Backward Class), while Kavin belonged to a Scheduled Caste.

Importantly, the accused's parents – Mr. Saravanan and Ms. Krishnakumari, both serving as Sub-Inspectors in the Tamil Nadu Armed Police, have been named as co-accused in the FIR for their alleged role in inciting caste hatred, threatening the victim, and possibly abetting the crime. They were suspended from duty but have not been arrested even days after the incident, despite widespread protests and the victim's family refusing to accept the body.

The FIR includes provisions under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 2015 and relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

The victim's mother, S. Tamizhselvi, a school teacher, filed the complaint. CCTV footage was reportedly collected by police, and multiple media outlets confirm threats made by the accused family in the past. The State has announced compensation, but the family has categorically rejected the financial aid and demanded justice instead.

This murder is a clear case of caste-based honour killing, aggravated by the fact that state police officers are accused of involvement, creating serious questions about systemic caste bias and abuse of police authority.

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In light of the above facts, I humbly request the National Commission for Scheduled Castes to:

1. Take suo motu cognizance of the case under Article 338 of the Constitution of India.
2. Visit the family of the deceased in Thoothukudi district and initiate an independent fact-finding inquiry.
3. Summon the concerned police officials and administrative officers for an explanation regarding delay in arresting the accused officers.
4. Ensure arrest and prosecution of all the accused, including the Sub-Inspector couple, as per law.
5. Recommend witness protection for the victim's family, if necessary.
6. Direct the Tamil Nadu Government to file periodic status reports with the Commission.

Enclosed herewith are copies of:

- News articles from *The Hindu*, *Indian Express*, and *Times of India* which includes public statements by the victim's parents and Proof of FIR registration

Your prompt intervention in this matter will not only help secure justice in this case but also act as a deterrent to caste-based atrocities in Tamil Nadu and beyond.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,

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