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To,

The Honourable Chief Minister,  
State of Maharashtra,  
Mumbai.

**Subject:** Request to shift Prof. G.N. Saibaba (tested Covid positive) immediately to a good private Hospital having necessary medical facilities for proper treatment- Regarding

Honourable Sir,

Prof. G.N. Saibaba, 90% physically challenged person who was wrongly implicated and undergoing sentence in Nagpur Central Jail for more than three years, has tested positive for COVID-19 in the Jail itself. The test was performed at the request of family members as Dr. Saibaba informed us on his telephone call that he was facing severe symptoms of the virus. This is a serious attack on a Dr. Saibaba, who suffers from 19 health ailments and has serious co-morbidities, including heart and kidney issues that can lead to further complications under Covid-19. **Currently, he has a very high fever with low oxygen levels which might drop further if he does not receive treatment or is in stressful environments. He has severe headache, constant breathlessness, frequent bout of hiccups, blocked nose and throat with severe joint and muscle pains.**

Out of the 25 prisoners tested along with Dr. Saibaba in the jail, 10 tested positive, indicate that a breakout in Nagpur Central Jail is more than likely. In circumstances like this Dr. Saibaba must immediately be shifted from the jail premises. Being 90% physically challenged, Dr. Saibaba was assigned two helpers, both of whom tested negative for Covid. Currently, because of this he has no helpers to take care of daily needs or help him in emergency situations and has been kept in isolation. **The Government Medical College Hospital, Nagpur is not an optimal place to shift him as it is overflowing with patients and may intensify the infection further. Dr. Saibaba, due to his pre-existing conditions**

**that put him at high Covid risk, has low immunity and is prone to contracting other diseases at GMCH.** The GMCH is not friendly for wheelchair bound people. Our concern and fear is about his heart problem (Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy with left ventricular dysfunction) along with Hypertension which can be aggravated due to COVID-19, leading to fatal outcomes. Due to his vulnerable at-risk condition, we had earlier applied for bail and prisoner transfer requests, which were rejected by the Honorable court.

**We request your Highness to shift him to a good private hospital in Nagpur that has all the necessary medical facilities for proper COVID-19 treatment and suitable for a physically challenged patient in the next 24 hours.** He needs urgent care without which his safe recovery would not be possible due to the pre-existing co-morbidities. I request your highness to treat this matter as most urgent and to save the life of Dr. G.N. Saibaba.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

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