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**To**

**Shri Rajnath Singh ji,**  
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**Respected Shri Rajnath Singh ji,**

In light of the Corporatization of the Ordnance Factories, various untoward steps have been taken that directly violate the rights of employees. The latest of these issues pertains to vital facilities of health and education that employees and their families avail.

It is learnt that that post corporatization, 29 hospitals and dispensaries located in various parts of the Country that cater to the medical needs of employees and their families residing within 8kms of the Ordnance Factories, are now detached from the Ordnance Factories and kept under the Directorate of Ordnance (C&S). It is understood that a proposal of the Ministry of Defence to merge the Ordnance Factory Hospitals with CGHS under the Ministry of Health has been rejected. Further, the future of the 23 Ordnance Factory schools with over 11,000 students, is unclear. As the employees are Central Government Employees, they are eligible for free medical treatment and the right to education for their children, in accordance with existent laws and Government rules. Given the unprecedented and arbitrary changes occurring with the Ordnance Factories, these recent events have caused great fear and confusion amongst employees.

I, therefore, request you to kindly reconsider the decision and attach the Ordnance Factories Hospitals with the Ordnance Factories itself or continue to function under the Directorate of Ordnance (C&S) and not to handover these hospitals to any other agencies including private concerns. Further, the future of Ordnance Factory Schools must also be assured and the same must function either under Ordnance factories or under the Directorate General of Ordnance (C&S). The rights of employees must not be affected to suit corporate or any other ulterior interest that may be driving such decisions.

Yours sincerely

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