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**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: SHAKOOR BHAI**

Thank you for contacting me about Mr Shakoor, who was imprisoned in Pakistan in 2015.

I know that Foreign Office Ministers are aware of his case and that they regularly raise their concerns about the protection of minority communities in Pakistan, including the misuse of the blasphemy laws.

The British Government strongly condemns the persecution of all minorities, including the targeting of people based on their beliefs. These concerns are reflected in the latest update to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office annual human rights report.

The Foreign Secretary, Boris Johnson, visited Pakistan in November and raised religious tolerance and the importance of safeguarding the rights of all Pakistan's citizens.

The Government continues to urge Pakistan to honour in practice its human rights obligations, including those related to religious minorities, and to uphold the rule of law, and I will continue to urge the Government to press Pakistan to adequately protect its minority communities.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Quin".