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Mr. Sanjeev Dayal, IPS  
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Dear

You must have already received copy of a letter addressed to various authorities in the State of Maharashtra including DGP (you) and CP Pune Satish Mathur written by Bhaskar Prabhu, Convener Mahiti Adhikar Manch and a leading RTI activist of the State and the country. We have been very concerned for a long time about the attacks, which often lead to murders, of RTI activists by politically connected individuals who think mostly of using muscle power to silence these activists.

This particular instance of Corporator Kailash Gaikwad of the Pune Municipal Corporation threatening a leading RTI activist of Pune Vijay Kumbhar is totally unacceptable and has to be treated with all seriousness by police officers of Pune and the State. To begin with proper investigation in this matter should be ordered and Kailash Gaikwad should be called and clearly told that if any harm befalls RTI activist Vijay Kumbhar he will be solely responsible. Mr. Vijay Kumbhar should be given all the information that he requires to ascertain whether the construction work being carried out by Corporator Gaikwad or others in Aundh area have obtained all permissions according to rules and regulations. In fact, we insist that the Municipal Corporation should provide all the information that he requires to ensure that good governance practices prevail.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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