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**Further information on UA 231/92 (ASA 20/28/92, 10 July 1992) - and follow-up(s):
ASA 20/39/92, 20 July 1992 - Illegal Detention**

**INDIA: Rajendra Sail, human rights activist
and 89 individuals**

Amnesty International has learnt that Rajendra Sail, organising secretary of the People's Union for Civil Liberties, has been released on bail. He was arrested on 2 July 1992 after an incident in Bhilai on 1 July when police opened fire on a crowd of striking demonstrators, killing 16 people. On his release, Rajendra Sail criticised the government for not having the "moral courage" to face the reality of the situation, in ordering an inquiry by a District and Sessions judge rather than a high-level investigation into the incident.

Amnesty International has no further information about the 89 people arrested in Raipur, Madhya Pradesh on 2 July after the above mentioned incident in Bhilai on 1 July.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters

- welcoming the release of Rajendra Sail;
- urging that the 89 people arrested in Raipur on 2 July 1992 be immediately released if they are not to be charged with a recognisably criminal offence;
- urging that a full, independent and impartial inquiry be held to investigate the incident which occurred on 1 July 1992 in Bhilai and that its results be made public;
- urging that if an independent inquiry finds the police to have been responsible for carrying out extrajudicial executions, they be brought immediately to justice and that the families of those who died in the incident be granted adequate compensation.

APPEALS TO:

1. Mr Sunder Lal Patwa
Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh
Office of the Chief Minister
Bhopal
Madhya Pradesh
India

**Telegrams: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India
[Salutation: Dear Chief Minister]**

2. Kailash Chawla
Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh
Office of the Home Minister
Bhopal
Madhya Pradesh
India

Telegrams: Madhya Pradesh Home Minister, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India
[Salutation: Dear Home Minister]

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COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

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Minister of Home Affairs
4 Krishna Menon Marg
New Delhi
India

Peoples Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL)
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Shankar Nagar
Raipur 492007
Madhya Pradesh
India

and to diplomatic representatives of India accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 10 September 1992.