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Further information on UA 169/94 (ASA 20/13/94, 28 April 1994) - "Disappearance"  
/ Fear of torture

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Amnesty International has recently learned that Sherpal was produced in court on 18 May 1994. It appears that he was illegally detained by police for one and a half months during which time he was subjected to severe beatings. When he became ill, the police set him free but he stayed hidden and did not return home for fear of being arrested again by police. On 21 April a Public Interest Writ Petition was filed in the Supreme Court by a human rights activist concerning Sherpal's "disappearance". The Supreme Court ordered the Director General of Police, Uttar Pradesh, to investigate and Sherpal was subsequently traced and produced in court. Sherpal has returned to his family.

Amnesty International is requesting details of the action taken against the police personnel responsible for the torture and illegal detention of Sherpal.

No further action by the Urgent Action Network is requested. Thanks to all who sent appeals on Sherpal's behalf.