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16 November 1995

Further information on UA 213/95 (ASA 20/26/95, 7 September 1995) and follow-up (ASA 20/27/95, 21 September) - Fear of "disappearance" / Fear of torture

INDIA Jaswant Singh Khalra, human rights activist

On 15 November 1995, the Supreme Court of India ordered the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate the "disappearance" of Jaswant Singh Khalra. The order followed persistent denials by police officials that Jaswant Singh Khalra was taken into custody on 6 September. The CBI has been ordered to report to the Supreme Court within three months. The Supreme Court also ordered the transfer of the Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran, who is alleged to have been involved in the abduction of Mr Khalra.

Amnesty International continues to fear for the safety of Jaswant Singh Khalra.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- welcoming that a CBI inquiry has been ordered into the "disappearance" of Jaswant Singh Khalra;
- reiterating concern for the safety of Jaswant Singh Khalra;
- urging the government to ensure that police officials fully cooperate with the inquiry and that it is completed within the three months laid down by the Supreme Court.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 31 December 1995.