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*FOLLOW-UP TO MEDICAL LETTER-WRITING ACTION*

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**Jugataram  
INDIA (Rajasthan)**

**Keywords**

Theme: ill-treatment in police custody/mutilation

Earlier this year, Amnesty International reported on the case of a young man who had his penis severed by police officers in the state of Rajasthan after being taken into custody in February. The Indian authorities have now responded to some members by stating that charges have been brought against three police officers and that Jugataram is receiving medical attention at government expense. The government do not, however, mention the nature of the charges, although *The Times of India* reported in May that the four had been charged with criminal conspiracy to illegally detain Jugataram and that his arrest and mutilation appeared to have been motivated by personal grievances. It does not appear that the police have been charged with the torture and mutilation of Jugataram.

Very few prosecutions are brought against police in India despite the high level of abuse in custody and the few cases brought are frequently lengthy and fraught with delays.

Letters could be sent to the addresses below:

- asking whether the charge of illegal arrest is the only one brought
- urging that all aspects of the case are promptly and fairly heard, that those responsible are brought to justice and that Jugataram is awarded financial compensation for the damage suffered

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