

## OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NETWORK OF INDIA

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Dr Manmohan Singh Hon'ble Prime Minister Government of India South Block, Raisina Hill New Delhi - 110011

## Subject - Ban on Use of Asbestos products in India

Respected Sir,

Asbestos is a known carcinogen. Asbestos was once widely used worldwide, but it is now banned or restricted in more than 50 countries. According to WHO estimates, more than 107 000 people die each year from asbestos-related lung cancer, Mesothelioma and asbestosis resulting from occupational exposure. About 125 million people in the world are exposed to asbestos at the workplace.

Despite the fact that Asbestos is dangerous, the Asbestos industry has been on an expansion spree and increasing their capacity and production in India. False information is spread about the safety and controlled use of Asbestos whereas it has been cited by agencies like WHO and ILO that safe use of Asbestos is not possible and there is no safe exposure limit. The only way to prevent Asbestos related disorders is to stop using Asbestos.

Although India has banned the mining of Asbestos, it continues to import and use the deadly substance. India imported more than 350,000 metric tons of Asbestos in 2010 primarily from Russia, Canada and Kazakhstan.

No attempts have been made by the Government to identify and locate probable victims of Asbestos related disorders and there are no official statistics available. In India, a silent Bhopal disaster is happening every year.

- Kerala State Human Rights Commission had ordered the removal of all Asbestos Roofing sheets from schools in Kerala. However, no progress has been made in implementing the order.
- Hon'ble Supreme Court in 1995 had ordered compensation to Asbestosis victims, maintenance of medical records and personal protective equipment to all workers.
- International agencies like International Agency for Research in Cancer (WHO), Collegium Ramazzini, and International Labor Organisation have categorised all forms of asbestos as human carcinogens and have called for global phase out.
- The National Institute of Occupational Health has studied the working conditions and health of
  miners and mill workers in asbestos mines/milling factories of Rajasthan and Cuddapah-AP and
  have found cases of asbestos related diseases amongst the present and ex-workers.
- ITRC had studied working conditions in the asbestos mines and mills of Rajasthan and had found cases of asbestosis amongst men, women and children.

There is a body of evidence which unquestionably proves that asbestos (and its products) cannot be mined, manufactured and used safely anywhere in the world. The developed world, for instance Japan, UK, France, are facing epidemic with thousands of deaths every year due to asbestos related diseases. 75% of occupational deaths in Quebec-Canada (world's largest chrysotile asbestos mining area) are due to asbestos.

In commemoration of the December 2010 historic mission by Asian ban asbestos campaigners to Canada, we call upon the Indian Government to implement a comprehensive and total ban on the use of all asbestos fiber and asbestos-containing products throughout India within the next three years. During the phase-out period, we call on the authorities to:

- Identify and list all asbestos product manufacturing and allied industries across the country. (including those in the organised and unorganised sector)
- Quantify the import, export and use of asbestos in these industries
- Instruct the Ministry of Commerce to move asbestos import/export from OGL to restricted list
- Make an assessment of implementation of the 1995 Supreme Court order and take stringent action against all companies found to be guilty of non-implementation of the order.
- Constitute a multi-disciplinary committee to draw up an action plan for phasing out asbestos production and use in the country.
- Issue orders that state authorities must identify the number of workers (both unorganised and organised) engaged in asbestos handling, mining, manufacture and use.
- Work out mechanisms with the state governments for long term medical surveillance and health care
  of asbestos workers and their families
- Given the long term health impact of asbestos, create special government insurance and compensation schemes for at-risk workers, those who handled asbestos (the majority of these workers are in the unorganised sector and are not covered under ESI).
- Create a special compensation fund with contributions from the asbestos industry for long term
  medical care of asbestos victims. The creation of such a fund should not be misconstrued to
  legitimise the continuation of the asbestos industry, but should be seen as an affirmative action to
  take care of the long term medical care and economic rehabilitation of asbestos victims and their
  families.
- Undertake a thorough technical inspection of all asbestos mines, draw up a technically-validated closure plan and form monitoring committees, which include members of local communities, to oversee the closures
- Conduct environmental and health monitoring in areas surrounding derelict and active asbestos mines.
- Take legal action against mining companies which are found to be in violation of improper closure of old/abandoned mines or are still operating illegal mines
- Constitute a multi-disciplinary committee with representatives from government departments to assess reports commissioned from independent, technical and socio-economic experts on the operations of existing and abandoned asbestos mines which consider not only the technical aspects

India's Asbestos Time Bomb, a monograph written by leading experts which quantifies the country's asbestos scandal, is available online at: <a href="http://ibasecretariat.org/india">http://ibasecretariat.org/india</a> asb time <a href="http://ibasecretariat.org/india">bomb.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This mission undertaken by asbestos victims, occupational health and safety campaigners and trade unionists from India, Japan, Korea and Indonesia called on Canadian citizens to reject their Government's pro-asbestos policy. On December 9, 2010, there was a landmark press conference held in the Quebec National Assembly, the nerve centre of the Canadian asbestos heartland. Photos of the press conference can be viewed at

http://ibasecretariat.org/quebec mission 2010 arch events.php#e5 and Video clip can be viewed at http://www.assnat.gc.ca/en/video-audio/AudioVideo-33891.html?support=video

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> You can view the film "India's Asbestos Time Bomb" by visiting - http://worldasbestosreport.org/articles/iatb/iatb\_film.php

of mine closures and environmental management but also look into the medical, social and economic rehabilitation of labour.

- Constitute an inter-departmental committee to phase out asbestos manufacture and use in India; recommend safer alternatives; work with some of the CSIR institutions which are already working on developing alternatives to asbestos fibres which are easily and cost effectively available in India. If necessary give subsidies/incentives (in a time bound manner) to encourage the use of safer alternatives and create disincentives for continued use of asbestos.
- Set a three year time-frame for the complete phase out of all manufacture and use of asbestos.
- Recommend Ministry of Environment and Forests not to give environmental clearances to asbestos manufacturing units or their expansions.

In the background of the above, we humbly request you to take up the issues of asbestos related problems, its effect on human life, the conditions of its victims and their family members etc and take appropriate steps in this regard.

With Sincere Regards

## **List of Signatories**

S.No	Name	Country	Comment
1	Mr. Mohit Gupta	India	Ban use of Asbestos Now!!! Stop playing with people's life
2	Ms. Deepti Gupta	India	-
3	Prof Rory O'neill	UK	-
4	Mr. Mick Holder	UK	-
5	Mrs. Laurie Kazan-Allen	UK	India has consumed more than 7 million tonnes of asbestos, a substance known to cause cancer and other fatal diseases. While asbestos stakeholders profit from this trade, innocent human beings are exposed to asbestos fibres which may in due course lead them to contract incurable diseases. It is unacceptable for a country like Canada to promote the global asbestos industry. It is equally unacceptable for the Indian Government to stand idly by while millions of lives are put at risk.
6	Mr. Eric Jonckheere	Belgium	There is NO safe usage of asbestos.
7	Mr. Vincent Borg	UK	Asbestos has and is killing thousands in within the Uk and Europe given our historic use. It is now banned in the UK, but the asbestos deaths will continue to mount for many decades. Stop using asbestos in India before too many more are exposed and before it is so widely used that India will suffer the legacy for decades and decades.
8	Mr. Sylster Cronin	Ireland	-
9	Ms. Jessica Davis	UK	-
10	Ms. Hilda Palmer	UK	Stop killing your workers! Stop importing deadly cancer causing asbestos. It's that simple.
11	Ms. Helen Lynn	UK	-
12	Mr. Paul Mooney	UK	-
14	Mr. James Darville	UK	-
15	Mr. Anup Srivastava	India	-
13	Ms. Satinder Bains	UK	This ban is so necessary and important. We need to learn lessons from the terrible legacy asbestos has left globally and which continues to cause misery.
16	Mr. Paul Clyndes	UK	-
17	Mr. Bruno Melckmans	Belgium	Ban Asbestos worldwide
18	Mr. Marc Hindry	France	India is today the second largest user of asbestos (after China); please don not repeat the tragic mistakes European and North American countries made with asbestos.  No one needs asbestos and asbestos kills, so stop using it.
19	Mr. Jaspal Dhallu	UK	-
20	Mr. Sugio Furuya	Japan	-
21	Ms. Omana George	Hong Kong	Asbestos is a killer!
22	Mr. Sopheana Bronh	Cambodia	-
23	Dr. Barry Castleman	USA	India should not build with asbestos but should use safer materials as advised by the World Bank and the World Health Organization. Millions of people's lives depend on the government adopting a public health approach rather than letting this criminal industry flourish as it presently does in India.
24	Mr. Bill Lawrence	UK	I am appalled that the Indian government has not already banned the use of asbestos in housing construction materials as their are alternative and safer materials available. I am further concerned they have not stopped the importing of raw asbestos from all foreign nations and begun a phased closure of Indian asbestos mining operations. It is a grave error to allow asbestos products to be manufactured in your country on behalf of foreign companies banned from such production in their homeland
25	Ms. Linda Reinstein	USA	-
26	Mr. Anthony Whitston	UK	In the UK we have the highest incidence of mesothelioma world-wide as a result of exposure to asbestos. Given the asbestos tragedy in the UK there is no excuse for the government in India to allow the continued use of asbestos.
27	Mr. Yeyong Choi	South Ossetia	-
28	Ms. Natalie Woodward	UK	-
29	Mr. Thomas O'connor	USA	-
30	Dr. James Brophy	Canada	-
31	Mr. Jagdish Patel	India	-
32	Mrs. Alison Blake	UK	Don't turn a blind eye to this the way the generations in the past have done! People are dying and we can stop it NOW!!!
33	Mr. Billy Mcewan	UK	Asbestos is a killer
34	Mr. John Flanagan	UK	Do the right thing and ban asbestos!!

35	Ms. Kathleen Ruff	Canada	Protecting the health of the people of India is more important than making
			profits from asbestos.
36	Ms. Marie Hughes	UK	-
37	Mr. Frank Warne	UK	-
38	Mr. Paco Puche	Spain	-
39	Mr. Patrick Kinnersly	UK	Asbestos is a cheap material - but only if you ignore the cost in human life. To profit from it is to profit from illness and death. To permit this trade shames the government that does not act to ban it.
40	Ms. Sophia Mangera	UK	Asbestos is a killer and should remain banned!! It should not be used to make profit (for Western Governments and multinational companies) in the developing world or to sentence people to preventable death!QNK6
41	Mr. Bud Hudspith	UK	-
42	Mr. Gerard Seno	Philippines	-
43	Mr. Ducrou Frederique	France	-
44	Dr. Chris Gillham	UK	-
45	Dr. Yvonne Waterman	Netherlands	Asbestos kills. A responsible legislator should recognize this fact and legislate accordingly.
46	Mr. Matthew Kinnersly	Japan	A long time ago, using asbestos was a tragic mistake, but to use it now is a crime.
47	Mr. Jordan Mccullum	Canada	-
48	Ms. Akihiko Kataoka	Japan	-
49	Mr. Paul Filby	UK	If India wishes to be viewed as a progressive nation then its flagrant abuses and feigned ignorance of asbestos are an obvious obstacle.
50	Ms. Susana Mühlmann	Argentina	-
51	Mr. Bill Macmurray	Canada	-
52	Mr. Sreedhar Ramamurthi	India	-
53	Ms. Julie Kettle	UK	-
54	Ms. Irene Saavedra	Spain	-
55	Mrs. Pam Rouquette	UK	-
56	Mr. Apolinar Tolentino	Philippines	-
57	Dr. Ayesha Mangera	Australia	-
58	Mr. David Gee	Denmark	-
59	Mr. Alexander Prowse	UK	Ban Asbestos
60	Mr. Vu Nguyen	USA	-
61	Mr. Noel Colina	Philippines	-
62	Mr. Kunal Deb	India	
63	Mrs. Anne Lock	UK	Production ban may have won you plaudits, but now let us applaud your banning its importation to India. Make all your officials watch the film of the dire effects of this material and vote to stop its importation.
64	Mr. Brian Robinson	UK	-
65	Ms. Micheline Beaudry	Canada	-
66	Mr. Michael Walker	Australia	-
67	Mr. Alan Budd	UK	-
68	Ms. Amina Mangera	UK	-
69	Ms. Viv Talbot	UK	-
70	Mr. Joey Talbot	UK	-
71	Ms. Bernadette Moloney	Australia	The HO has shaded the series as a sefective of a series of selection.
72	Mr. Lindsay Fraser	Australia	The ILO has stated there is no safe level of exposure to any form of asbestos. You must act to protect you ctizens.
73	Ms. Jennifer Glass	Australia	-
74	Ms. Lee Suk-Koun	South Korea	-
75	Mr. Ashok Shrimali	India	
76	Mr. Alan Tanjusay	Philippines	Ban asbestos now or else we will have a sick India forever!
77	Mr. Mike Quiggin	UK	In Continued the Inner of Asia, 1919
78	Dr. Andrew Higgison	UK	In Scotland, the legacy of Asbestos disease and death is still with us, and is still increasing. Protect the people of India and do not visit this industrial atrocity upon them.
79	Ms. Claire Ferdinando	UK	My Grandad has recently been diagnosed with mesothelioma. Stop this now!
80	Mr. Richard Stephens	UK	-
81	Mr. Anton Page	UK	-
82	Mrs. Parbinder Kaur	UK	-
83	Mr. Joe O'neil	UK	-
84	Mr. James Cloughley	Scotland	-

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123 Mr. John Monaghan				It is banned in Canada. To sell it to other countries is uncontionable.
You owe it to the citizens of your country to protect them from deadly minerals like asbestos. If you won't ban it, please have it installed in all government buildings and your home to avoid being called a hypocrite.    125   Ms. Michelle Reynolds	-			
126 Dr. Mike Kelly  Dr. Mike Kelly  Australia  Dr. Mike Kelly  Australia  Australia  Dr. Mike Kelly  Australia  Australia  Dr. Mike Kelly  Australia  There is no excuse in this day an age to be exposing people to the horrendous consequences of this substance. I watched too many people suffering indescribably to see that risk perpetuated by irresponsible companies and authorities  There is absolute evidence of how asbestos kills people. It needs to be banned from production and banned from being exported to other countries. Do on to others as you would do on to yourself.  128 Ms. Rosalind Haining  Australia  A				like asbestos. If you won't ban it, please have it installed in all government
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135 Mr. David Tomkins Australia My father died of mesothelioma. It is a horrible death!	134	Ms. Madeleine Holme	Australia	-
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			Please don't subject tens or hundreds of thousands of Indian citizens to the same fate.
136	Mr. Theint Win	Thailand	-
137	Persatuan Sahabat Wanita	Malaysia	-
120	Selangor Friends Of Women	India	
138	Ms. Madhumita Dutta	India	All schools are singer and to be unable the constitution of the co
139	Mr. John Mcclean	UK	All asbestos is carcinogenic to humans. It's use should be banned universally and the planned, safe removal of asbestos from all buildings should be undertaken.
140	Ms. Karen Hockley	Australia	I've seen the effect asbestos has on humanity. It is a human & environmental time bomb ticking. In 30-40 years the real effects will be at their peak. Stop using this now!
141	Mrs. Hilde Van Regenmortel	Belgium	People over Profit!
142	Ms. Noemi Kronfeld	Belgium	-
143	Mr. Dimitri Thyssens	Belgium	-
144	Mr. Laurent Bourgeois	Belgium	Any effort to ban the use of this product that is know to cause severe health damage on the long term since the mid-'60 must be encouraged. Keep up the good work
145	Mr. Percy Pillai	Australia	-
146	Ms. Anne Donnellan	Australia	-
147	Mr. Paul Bastian	Australia	-
148	Ms. Kathy Chrisfield	Australia	-
149	Mr. Peter Birch	Australia	-
150	Mr. James Alexander	Australia	-
151	Ms. Maree Urbanovski	Australia	I say no to Asbestos in any country in the world
152	Ms. Alison O'gorman	Australia	People over Profit!
153	Mrs. Julianne Barclay	Australia	-
154	Ms. Gayle Burmeister	Australia	_
155	Mr. Ian Madgwick	Australia	
133	IVII. Iaii IVIaugwick	Australia	In 2011 there is no excuse to use a product that kills workers and families. Please
156	Mr. Tim Nelthorpe	Australia	put lives before profit.
157	Ms. Sujata Gothoskar	India	-
158	Ms. Monique Segan	Australia	-
159	Mr. Sanjeet Purohit	India	Looking to the disastrous effects of asbestos over the human effects, I urge that now its hih time that while learning the lesson from the various other countries, India also com forward in pro active manner and ban asbestos in our country.
160	Ms. Catherine Moore	Australia	-
161	Mr. Lars Vedsmand	Denmark	it is a disgrace that India is increasing the import of asbestos as there are less dangerous substitutes for all uses
162	Ms. Karolien Debel	Belgium	-
163	Ms. Jennifer Fakes	UK	Asbestos kills. Ban it now.
164	Mr. Shay Boyle	UK	-
165	Mr. Dave Knight	UK	-
166	Mr. Martin Pelz	Austria	-
167	Mr. John Bhend	USA	-
168	Mr. Jeremy Breen	Australia	-
169	Ms. Sophia Rutter	Australia	-
170	Ms. Danielle Wilson	Australia	A country as densely populated as India simply cannot afford an asbestos crisis like that which we have experienced here in Australia. We haven't even started to see the fallout from our rampant use of asbestos materials. For India to accept these imports is genocide but for Canada and its government it is simply cold blooded murder. I hope their cheque book is full and open.
171	Mr. Storm Willett	Australia	-
172	Ms. Sylvia Barrett	Australia	Please phase out the use of asbestos materials ,if you don't you will create a deadly legacy for future generations and bring death and misery to your people and cripple your health services.
173	Mr. Keith Mcguckin	Australia	Asbestos is a killer. It creates untold misery for all that come into contact with it.  Please consider the people of,India and totally ban its use in the sib continent
174	Ms. Robyn Newman	Australia	-
175	Mr. Tony Mullen	Australia	Asbestos kills slowly and torturously
176	Mr. Tony Borg	Australia	-
177	Ms. Sharon Maher	Australia	Its completely beyond belief that the Indian Govt. against ALL the evidence of the fatal effects os Asbestos allows the use of asbestos widely throughout India today. This must stop, do you not value life over profit?

178	Ms. Pippa Jaminon	Australia	-
179	Ms. Shabnam Hameed	Australia	-
180	Ms. LEANNE MELLING	Australia	-
181	Mr. Paul Roszak	Australia	This is a terrible crime against humanity. Canada is a disgrace for selling India asbestos. I should know because I was 13 years old when my father was only 35 when he was killed by Mesothelioma in 1983. 2 years ago my grandmother died from lung cancer. Last year my uncle died from pulmonary fibrosis. Asbestos is deadly in any form of exposure.
182	Mrs. Jayne Lawson	Qatar	-
183	Ms. Susan Hopgood	Australia	-
184	Ms. Yiota Paras	Australia	-
185	Mr. Andrew Mccarthy	Australia	-
186	Mr. Bill Marklew	Australia	Please listen to what the rest of the world is saying and note the progress other counties have made in combating this insidious material.
187	Mr. Dave Dilger	Australia	We need to convince the Canadians and other exporting nations to stop exporting it in the first place and get it listed in the Rotterdam Convention.
188	Ms. Marika De	Australia	Asbestosis is a terrible disease and causes unimaginable suffering. Please do all you can to remove this dreadful scourge.
189	Ms. Amanda Richards	Australia	-
190	Mr. Anup Kumar	Australia	Mr. Prime Minister, No one has the right to create risks for people's health especially in the face of such wide and proven effects of Asbestos. The least you can do is protect you poor people from the health risks. In any case neither your country nor any country can cure people from the diseases that Asbestos causes. Dont make them sick in the name of profits.
191	Mr. Ron Monaghan	Australia	-
192	Ms. Margaret Lee	Australia	-
193	Ms. Michelle Robertson	Australia	-
194	Mrs. Ann-Marie Gomez	Australia	-
195	Mr. Seth Unmack	Australia	-
196	Mr. Steven Pierce	Australia	-
197	Ms. Katherine Eames	Australia	-
198	Mr. Craig Darlington	Australia	-
199	Ms. Tricia Boulter	Australia	-
200	Dr. Peter Wilson	Australia	disgraceful that this is still going on I saw the doco about how Canada is gearing up to sell more of this powdered death - cannot believe a Western country would do this
201	Mr. Michael Popp	Australia	-
202	Ms. Danielle Mutton	Australia	-
203	Mr. Ross Burnell	Australia	-
204	Ms. Monica Kumar	UK	-
205	Mr. Kunal Deb	India	What would be your priorityprofit or life?
206	Mr. Matt Galbraith	Australia	-
207	Ms. Michelle Humphries	Australia	-
208	Mr. Pralhad Malvadkar	India	Slumdwellers in most of the urban India are under roof of Asbestos Cement.  Majority of them are not aware of the Hazards of Asbestos. However the things are changing and the even the workers of mines in remote tribal areas and of factories in the cities and their family members are becoming aware and organized to struggle for compensation as well as for ban on Asbestos in India.
209	Mr. Stewart De Lacy	Australia	-
210	Mrs. Poppy Lopatniuk	Australia	-
211	Mr. John Hillcoat	Australia	-
212	Ms. Sheung So	Hong Kong	-
213	Dr. Christine Furedy	Australia	It is urgent, desperately urgent, to stop the use of this deadly material and to gather the information needed to help all those affected by the fibres. All the measures listed in the petition must be seriously considered.
214	Prof Ira Klein	USA	-
215	Ms. Danielle Spink	Australia	-
216	Mr. Leigh Hubbard	Australia	Dear Prime Minister, in Australia I have worked with people dying from asbestos related disease. It is a terrible death and so unnecessary. There is not one product for which there is not a non-asbestos alternative (the last item made in Australia was brake shoes for cars but these are now all non-asbestos). I urge you to ban the import and use of asbestos as soon as possible in order to save thousands of lives - many of them very young people working in this despicable industry.

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217	Mr. Raghunath K. Manwar	India	regards, LH  In any case, asbestos should be banned. Now No more death due to Asbestos.
217	Mr. Manubhai V. Prajapati	India	In any case, asbestos should be banned. Now No more death due to Asbestos.  In any case, asbestos should be banned. Now No more death due to Asbestos.
	Mrs. Kanchana Rao	Australia	In any case, aspestos snould be banned. Now no more death due to Aspestos.
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220	Ms. Sandra Betts	Australia	-
221	Ms. Joelle PLUMEREL	Belgium	
222	Mr. Paul Cooper	UK	Too many have died
223	Mr. Peter Farrell	UK	-
224	Ms. Julia Free	UK	-
225	Mr. Alan Mansfield	Australia	-
226	Mr. Peter Remfrey	Australia	-
227	Ms. Sandra Hockley	Australia	
228	Ms. Joan Lichterman	USA	Asbestos needs to be banned all over the world, and India, in particular, should be fighting to ban it. So many western countries send its asbestos-laden waste to India, where poor workers and even children break it down with absolutely no health & safety protections. India is killing its people by allowing the asbestos trade to continue.
229	Mrs. Dorothy Wright	Italy	Asbestos should be banned worldwide
230	Ms. Helene Clodot	France	-
231	Ms. Annalise Moore	Australia	-
232	Ms. Melanie Demartinis	USA	-
233	Ms. Samantha Bond	Australia	-
234	Arumugam M. Muthu	Gujarat	-
235	Muthu K. Kullappa	Gujarat	-
236	Duraiswamy M. Muniyan	Gujarat	-
237	Payamalai C. Chinnathanbi	Gujarat	-
238	Mumunswami A. Ayakannu	Gujarat	-
239	Murgan A. Ayakannu	Gujarat	-
240	Mayvel S. Shiraman	Gujarat	-
241	Panneerselvam Periyaswamy	Gujarat	-
242	Jayaraman Raghupati	Gujarat	-
243	Ramlingam Manikan	Gujarat	-
244	Ganesham A. Ayakannu	Gujarat	-
245	Nihalsihgh R. Roshanlala	Gujarat	-
246	Mohanlala S. Shankarlal	Gujarat	-
247	Subramanium Swamy	Gujarat	-
248	Kannan R.	Gujarat	-
249	Nadesham C. Chinnakannu	Gujarat	-
250	Ganesham K. Puttiyappan	Gujarat	-
251	Priyaswamy Parihyan	Gujarat	-
252	Mrugeshan P. Pariyan	Gujarat	-
253	Shivakolandu R. Raman	Gujarat	-
254	Arumugam M.	Gujarat	-
255	Ramlingam N. N.Ramlingam	Gujarat	-
256	Shankar A. Ayalu	Gujarat	-
257	Muttuswamy C. Chinnaswamy	Gujarat	-
258	Udaykumar K. Kaliyan	Gujarat	-
259	Viyapury G. Govindam	Gujarat	-
260	Shailamuthu A. Arunachalam	Gujarat	-
261	Shekhar A. Arunagiri	Gujarat	-
262	Muthuswamy M. Muniyan	Gujarat	-
263	Krishna G. Govindam	Gujarat	-
264	Rajlingam M. Hanumantha	Gujarat	-
265	Ramkirpal	Gujarat	-
266	Karunanidhi M. Mrugeshan	Gujarat	-
267	Subramanium N. Narayanswamy	Gujarat	-
268	Kapildev U. Agan	Gujarat	-
269	Kashinathan P. Periyaswamy	Gujarat	-
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270	Arjunam M. Muthulingam	Gujarat	-
271	Motilal R. Ramkrishna	Gujarat	-
272	Madyalingam K. Kuttyapadan	Gujarat	-
273	Manikam S. S.Mani	Gujarat	-
274	Arunachalam T. Thangavelu	Gujarat	-
275	Arumugam T. Thangavelu	Gujarat	-
276	Bhaskar M. M.Baskar	Gujarat	-
277	Kaliyan P. Panjan	Gujarat	-
278	Jivanbhai P.	Gujarat	-
279	Swamydurai P. Pichamuthu	Gujarat	-
280	Dhanpat K. Yadav	Gujarat	-
281	Chatur Keshav Keshavbhai	Gujarat	-
282	Leela Chatur Chatur	Gujarat	-
283	Balsubramaniyam T. Thangavelu	Gujarat	-
284	Muthuswamy S. Sangaan	Gujarat	-
285	Dukhantiprasad	Gujarat	-
286	Banwarilal Periyaswamy	Gujarat	-
287	Ramprakash Ramchandra	Gujarat	-
288	Sarojdevi Hargut	Gujarat	-
289	Maruti H. Hanumanta	Gujarat	-
290	Shivram D. Durgaprasad	Gujarat	-
291	Gopalsingh R. Rupsingh	Gujarat	-
292	Nagendra Pandey	Gujarat	-
293	Mataprasad R.Tiwari R.	Gujarat	-
294	Mohanbhai M. M.	Gujarat	-
295	Brijmohansingh M. Mansingh	Gujarat	-
296	Kondapani Algappan	Gujarat	-
297	Mr. Ravindra Ganpat Mohite	Maharashtra	-
298	Mrs. Revati Ravindra Mohite	Maharashtra	-
299	Mr. Parag Ravindra Mohite	Maharashtra	-
300	Nishant Alag	Delhi	-
301	Vanitha Sreedhar	Delhi	-
302	B P Yadav	Delhi	-
303	Saleem	Delhi	-
304	Shashi Kishor	Delhi	-
305	Narendra Shukla	Delhi	-