

Date: March 20, 2008

State Minister for External Affairs
Mr. E. Ahmed
South Block
New Delhi

Re: Indian migrant workers in the United States, recruited for Signal Company

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

We are families and representatives of the migrant Indian workers. We are extremely concerned about the condition of the Indian workers who were recruited under taken to the United States to work for Signal Company.

We would like to discuss with you the following actions:

1. Cancellation/suspension by the Government of India, of visas for the concerned US recruiters, till there is a system by which they are required to observe Indian and US labour laws and are accountable to the Indian judicial system and government.
2. Meeting of the Indian Ambassador in the US with workers and representatives in Washington DC.
3. Government of India impress upon the Department of Justice in the US to grant temporary visas with work permit to the Indian workers in the US so that they can fight their case from there, legally.
4. Quarterly consultation with Indian workers and their representatives in the US, with the Indian Ambassador.
6. Government of India communicate in writing to the US Department of State that they are seriously concerned for the prosecution of Signal and US recruiters through due process of law, and intends to monitor the prosecution to ensure effective justice.

Thank you for meeting with us. We look forward to your speedy intervention.

Sincerely,
Sandeep
Binoy
Rajiv Agarwal
Anannya Bhattacharjee
Ashim Roy
Arathi PM