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**TO  
THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE  
OF HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE  
AT ALLAHABAD, U.P.**

**Date: 26-04-2020**

**YOUR LORDSHIP:**

1. That I am a Member of Parliament from Ghazipur U.P. and during lockdown period I am confined to my official residence 22, Janpath, New Delhi. As a democratically elected representative of the people of Ghazipur it is my duty to hear the grievances of my electorate. I am addressing the present letter on behalf of my electorate for enforcement of their Fundamental Right emanating from Article, 14, 21, 25 of the Constitution of India.
2. That My Lord is aware that there is lockdown in the entire Country since 23rd March and everyone is sincerely following the guidelines of lockdown issued by Central Government or State Government. As per Guideline issued by the Government, the prayers and gathering in the Mosque or any other religious places were/are prohibited and it was/is accepted by everyone. Since 23rd March 2020 five time prayers [Namaz] are not being offered at any mosques "Masjid" ; however simply "Azaan" was/is allowed in every Mosque throughout State of U.P. and other parts of Country.
3. However all of sudden from 24th April 2020 onward, even the "Azaan" from Mosque is prohibited by the local Administration and the Police. When the people asked for written order if any, the Police said that they have only received an oral order from the District Magistrate Ghazipur , UP and if anyone dared to make Azaan from the Mosque, he would be booked under "National Security Act". Several FIRs have been lodged against some Imams of the Mosques without any rhythm or reason.

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4. The people of my Constituency contacted me and wanted my help against this draconian action. I have tried to contact several authorities including District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police. There is no response. everyone is talking about some oral order but its source and authority is not disclosed. No written order for banning "Azaan" is being shown. I have exhausted all my remedies but the U.P. Administration is hell-bent and not hearing anything.

5. My Lord is aware that Ramadan is the Month of prayers and people pray for love, peace, prosperity and universal brotherhood. This time everyone has decided to pray from their respective home. However the five time "Azaan" is give to alert the people about the time of prayer especially the time of "SAHREE" and "IFTAR". In most of District of U.P. there appears to be no ban order.

6. Under these circumstances I am approaching your Lordship with a prayer that the Fundamental Rights of the people of Ghazipur may be protected and the U.P. Administration may forthwith be directed to allow the "Azaan" by only one person "Moazzin" from the respective mosques of the District of Ghazipur. This letter may kindly be treated as PIL and necessary orders may be passed on urgent basis to restore and protect the Fundamental Rights of the Citizen of my Constituency. For this act of kindness I shall ever be grateful.

Yours sincerely

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