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Shri Ram Nath Kovind Honourable President of India Rashtrapati Bhawan New Delhi

Your Excellency,

This is to congratulate you on your assumption of office as our Head of State, President of our Republic and the Protector of our august Constitution.

With you as Head of State we expect that the letter and spirit of our Constitution will be protected and the diversity of our people's religious, cultural and ethnic uniqueness will be preserved as well our flora's and fauna's multiplicity celebrated.

We hope that under your able leadership and your influence on the government the relentless attacks on, murders and lynchings of, people from the largest religious minority, Dalits and tribals would cease and the continuous campaign of persecution of the weak will stop.

The noble makers of our august Constitution have given us a marvellous document to govern ourselves by, but we find that our society and part of our polity are still mired in some of the old prejudices against minorities, Dalits and tribals. That is why we still see these groups subjected to frequent rapes, murders, lynchings and regular humiliation, despite the Constitution.

With you at the helm we hope that the dignity of the Constitution will be protected at all costs and the weaker groups will get a respite from persecution and the opportunity to live with dignity as equal citizens.

We hope that by asking for implementation of our Constitutional guarantees we are not asking for the moon as the protection of life, limb, honour and dignity of citizens is the first priority of the state.

With regards and good wishes for a happy, fulfilling tenure in the Rashtrapati Bhawan,

Yours truly,

Dr. Mohammad Manzoor Alam

Chairman, Institute of Objective Studies