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Dear Chief Minister,

I wish to express my concern about Chandrasekhar Azad, a prominent Dalit rights activist from Uttar Pradesh. He has been held in administrative detention since 3 November 2017 and could be detained for up to one year without charge or trial.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Chandrasekhar Azad from administrative detention, and accord him a fair trial in accordance with international human rights standards. Please ensure that he is not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment.

Lastly, I call on you to end the use of administrative detention under the National Security Act or any other law in force.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,