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Hon'ble Chief Justice of India
Supreme Court of India
Tilak Marg, New Delhi 110201

RE: Urgent Appeal to stop death of innocent patients from ongoing "doctors' strike"

Hon'ble Chief Justice of India:

I'm writing this on behalf of our charitable organization to seek your kind and immediate intervention in order to stop the needless death of innocent patients as a result of ongoing "doctors' strike" in different hospitals across Uttar Pradesh (U.P.). According to published reports, at least 30 patients have already died due to disrupted services from the continued strike by doctors in various hospitals in UP over the last few days with 8 patients dying from lack of treatment only yesterday (Annexure-A).

It may be pertinent to mention in this regard that a public interest litigation (PIL) was filed in 2012 by our organization (PBT) before this Hon'ble Court seeking to prevent a 1-day long nation-wide "doctors' strike" called by Indian Medical Association (IMA) (SC W.P. Civil No. 253/2012; *People for Better Treatment vs. Secretary, IMA & Anr.*). After hearing our application, a Vacation Bench of this Hon'ble Court was pleased to pass an Order dated 25th June, 2012 with specific observation in regard to "doctors' strike" as reproduced below:

"Mr. Krishnamani (Sr. Advocate appeared on our behalf) points out that doctors are not expected to go on strike and any such strike will cause serious difficulties to the patients for whom their services are

