## Question for written answer P-000197/2016 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Siôn Simon (S&D)

Subject: VP/HR - Extradition of Paramjeet Singh

In 2000 Paramjeet Singh was granted asylum in the United Kingdom for fear of persecution in India because of his political activities. I represent the West Midlands, which Paramjeet calls home. Whilst in the UK Mr Singh was arrested in connection with a murder which not only happened in India, but 10 years after Paramjeet left the country. The West Midlands police investigated the case and in 2010 released him without charge.

However, Interpol has issued a 'red wanted' notice at the request of the Indian Government in relation to the murder in 2012.

While he was on a family holiday in December 2015 in Portugal, the authorities arrested this man and he is currently being detained there. The Indian authorities have been given until 26 January 2016 to produce an extradition request.

Does the Vice President / High Representative agree that Mr Singh should be returned to the UK, where he currently has indefinite leave to remain?

Will the EU raise this issue with the Indian Government and seek to put this issue to rest?

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