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on the punitive treatment of political and human rights activists in parts of
India

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Written declaration on the punitive treatment of political and human rights activists in parts of India

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas Devinderpal Singh Bhullar has been incarcerated in India for 11 years, following deportation from Germany on 17 January 1995 in a move declared illegal by the Court of Appeal in Frankfurt,
 - B. whereas he had earlier fled Panjaab due to intense political persecution,
 - C. whereas he has been subjected to torture whilst in Indian custody and faced a contentious trial, resulting in a death sentence,
 - D. whereas Amnesty International and other human rights groups have raised concerns about Devinderpal's draconian treatment by India's authorities,
1. Calls on the Commission and the German Government to press for an immediate withdrawal of the death sentence imposed on Devinderpal, and to demand a full review of his case in accordance with international law, under monitoring by UN observers;
 2. Calls on the Commission and Council to demand that India cease its punitive treatment of political and human rights activists in Panjaab, Kashmir, Nagaland and other areas of major political unrest;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the Government of Germany and the Government of India.