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Jagtar Singh Johal

Thank you for contacting me about the case of Jagtar Singh Johal, reports of which are very concerning indeed.

Consular staff in India were made aware of allegations of mistreatment through Mr Johal's legal representation. The Government's priority is to inquire about these specific allegations with Mr Johal in private.

The Foreign Secretary raised the case with the Indian Minister of External Affairs on 23 November and Consular officials continue to reiterate with the Indian Government our request for a private meeting with Mr Johal.

I am assured by Rory Stewart, Foreign Office Minister, that the UK Government takes any allegation of torture seriously.

The FCO will work very closely to investigate the matter and the UK will of course act as appropriate, if a British citizen is being tortured, in a manner which avoids putting an individual (or any other person that may be affected) at risk.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

Craig Whittaker MP