CITIZENS' CENTRAL COUNCIL

Chairman
SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI

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Dear Shri Duggal,

In the last few weeks the nation has been able to repulse the challenge to its freedom and honour. Our cause was just and our people were united and determined, but our success was mainly due to the exemplary courage and quality of our valiant fighting officers of our Army, Navy, Air Force and the Border Security Force. They have proved that only through sacrifice can liberty be safeguarded.

While our heroes have earned the gratitude of present and future generations, you have to bear the shock and desolation of losing your dear one. This void in one's life can never be filled. I can understand your sorrow. I am writing this to pay tribute to the martyr, to offer my deepest sympathy to you and to assure you that you are not alone. The people of the entire nation share your sorrow.

The Union and State Governments have drawn up some schemes in the hope of easing your path a little in this moment of sore trial. Should you have any particular difficulty, or if there is a delay in your getting the benefit of these schemes, please write to me. Even while waiting for the implementation of these schemes, you should feel free to write about your immediate problems. It is the function of the Citizens' Central Council to help families of jawans and officers who have sacrificed their lives for the country.

Yours sincerely,

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