

APPEAL BY CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR A CEASEFIRE AND PEACE TALKS BETWEEN GOVT. AND MAOISTS

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We are deeply concerned that the Government of India might use air power against its own citizens. We condemn violence in all its forms, and by all parties, and are of the strong opinion that no resolution of any issue can be achieved through military means. There must be dialogue so that the basic issues that affect citizens such as food, health, education, and employment can be addressed. Above all, there can be no peace without justice.

We demand a ceasefire between the Government of India, the respective state governments and the CPI (Maoist), and peace talks. The Government must initiate talks. The Maoists must respond. We, as citizens and concerned people are willing to help in whatever way possible.

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