



## NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF INDO-CANADIANS

(A Registered Not-for-Profit Organization)

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Honorable Minister Mary Ng  
16 Esnapark Drive  
Markham Ontario

**Subject: Contributions of Indo-Canadians and their participation in Candian polity.**

Honorable Minister Ng:

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you the feelings of the Indo-Canadian community. We would like to bring to your attention the following:

- While Indo-Canadians constitute 1.3 million and contribute to advancement of the Canadian society, their contributions fall short of desired recognition. For example, the federal cabinet and many provincial governments have no representation from all sections of the diverse Indo-Canadian community proportionate to their size or on merit. A reasonable participation of Indo-Canadians in the government is the need of the time.
- A greater business, cultural and economic relationship is needed with a friendly country like India that shares history and democratic ideals with Canada as a commonwealth country
- Multi-culturalism, as being practiced, is promoting divisions and radicalism in the Canadian society, which is inconsistent with the chersished value of a 'Just Society'. For example, terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir, an integral part of India: CRA suspends, fines major Islamic charity over concerns it may have 'provided resources' to armed militants<https://globalnews.ca/news/4490892/cra-suspends-fines-major-islamic-charity-over-concerns-it-may-have-provided-resources-to-armed-militants/>. Another unethical misuse of multiculturalism is exemplified by passage of private motion on Sikh genocide in Ontario that best reflects the divisive politics being played out. The facts concerning this matter can be accessed at: <http://www.sikhriots1984facts.com/hello-world/>. These are just a few typical examples of the practice of multi-culturalism in the Canadian society. We need to promote "true pluralism" to enhance cultural understanding among various communities, rather than dividing them for vote-based politics, to create a dynamic, vibrant and functional Canadian society.

The Indo-Canadians would be pleased to assist in such matters, through continued dialogue, that require community input. The National Alliance of Indo-Canadians is in the forefront of enhancing friendship between Canada and India through business, culture and people-to-people contact.

While thanking you for the efforts, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Azad K. Kaushik  
President

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