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Subject: Urgent Action Needed to Prevent Deaths of Homeless Persons During Winters– Urgent Need for a comprehensive housing and socioeconomic protection plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

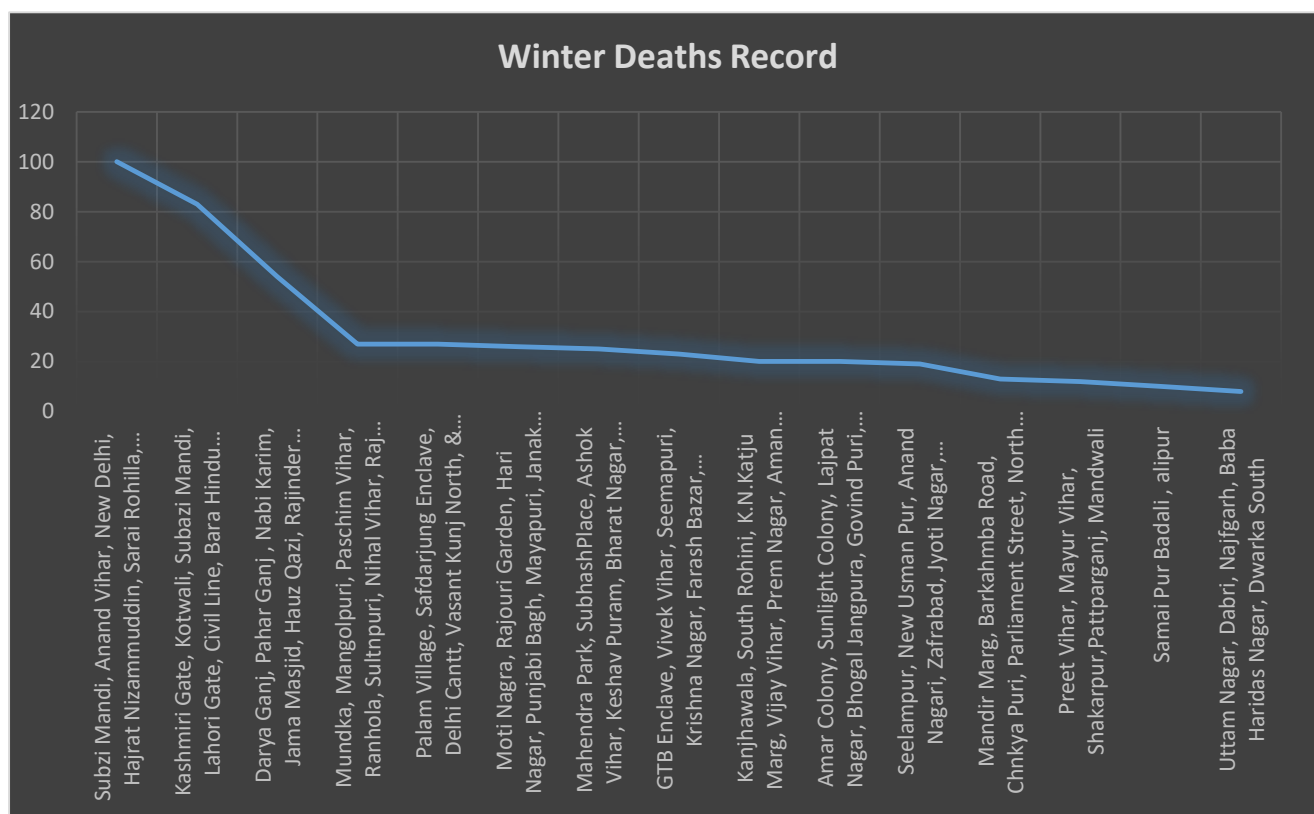
I am writing to bring to your attention the alarming number of deaths among homeless individuals during Delhi's harsh winters. The absence of official statistics on deaths among the homeless masks the gravity of the situation, yet experts estimate that roughly 80% of 'unidentified dead bodies' in Delhi (sourced from Police data: <http://zipnet.in/>) are those of homeless individuals, underscoring the gravity of this crisis. Kindly note that **474 Homeless persons in Delhi died due to winter exposure between 15th Nov2024-10th Jan 2025. Annexure-A**

The harsh winters of Delhi take a severe toll on its homeless population, leading to alarming rates of mortality and morbidity. For those living on the streets, winter brings sleepless nights and a host of health issues, including respiratory infections, skin ailments, arthritis flare-ups, and worsening mental health conditions. Chronic illnesses such as asthma, COPD, and cardiovascular diseases are exacerbated by the cold, leaving many homeless individuals vulnerable to severe complications and even death. Additionally, the



mental toll of extreme weather, compounded by social isolation and inadequate shelter capacity, only deepens their despair.

Extreme poverty and destitution prevent homeless individuals from accessing essential protective measures such as warm clothing, blankets, or adequate shelter. Existing shelters are insufficient to meet the demand, and many lack facilities like heating and hot water, leaving people exposed to the cold. Despite policies like the Deen



Dayal National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM-SUH) and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), homeless individuals are often excluded due to the lack of identity documents and permanent addresses. **This systemic exclusion underscores the urgent need for intermediary housing options to provide immediate relief and long-term solutions.**

The shocking figure of nearly 500 deaths in less than two months of cold weather highlights the critical need for targeted interventions. We urge the government to adopt a comprehensive approach to protect homeless populations during winters, including increasing shelter capacity, ensuring access to hot water and



protective clothing, and addressing the root causes of homelessness through inclusive housing policies and support services.

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Police District	Area Dead Body Found	Winter Deaths Record
Crime & Railway	Subzi Mandi, Anand Vihar, New Delhi, Hajrat Nizamuddin, Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Cantt, Metro	100
North	Kashmiri Gate, Kotwali, Subazi Mandi, Lahori Gate, Civil Line, Bara Hindu Rao, Sadar Bajar, Timarpur, Sarai Rohilla, Wazirabad, Gulabi Bagh	83
Central Delhi	Darya Ganj, Pahar Ganj, Nabi Karim, Jama Masjid, Hauz Qazi, Rajinder Nagar, Patel Nagar, Ranjit Nagar, Kamla Market, DBG Road, IP Estate, Karol Bagh	54
Outer	Mundka, Mangolpuri, Paschim Vihar, Ranhola, Sultpuri, Nihal Vihar, Raj Park, Nangloi	27
South West	Palam Village, Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi Cantt, Vasant Kunj North, & south, Kapshera, Sarojini Nagra	27
West	Moti Nagra, Rajouri Garden, Hari Nagar, Punjabi Bagh, Mayapuri, Janak Puri, Tilak Nagar, Vikaspuri, Naraina	26
North West	Mahendra Park, SubhashPlace, Ashok Vihar, Keshav Puram, Bharat Nagar, Maurya Enclave, Model Town, Shalimar Bagh, Adarsh Nagar	25
Shahdara	GTB Enclave, Vivek Vihar, Seemapuri, Krishna Nagar, Farash Bazar, Mansarovar Park	23
Rohini	Kanjhawala, South Rohini, K.N.Katju Marg, Vijay Vihar, Prem Nagar, Aman Vihar	20
Sout East	Amar Colony, Sunlight Colony, Lajpat Nagar, Bhogal Jangpura, Govind Puri, Sarita Vihar, Jaitpur	20
North East	Seelampur, New Usman Pur, Anand Nagari, Zafrabad, Jyoti Nagar, Gokulpuri, Shahstri Nagar, Welcome, Khajuri Khas	19
New Delhi	Mandir Marg, Barkahmba Road, Chnkya Puri, Parliament Street, North Avenu, tilak Marg, Tuglak Road	13
East	Preet Vihar, Mayur Vihar, Shakarpur, Pattparganj, Mandwali	12
Outer North	Samai Pur Badali, alipur	10
Dwarka	Uttam Nagar, Dabri, Najfgarh, Baba Haridas Nagar, Dwarka South	8
South	Lodi Colony, Ambdekar Nagar, Mehrauli, Kotla Mubarakpur,	7
Total		474



Delhi's winters should not become a death sentence for the homeless. It is imperative to act with urgency and compassion to provide them the dignity and protection they deserve.

Sincerely,



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*: Most of the Unidentified dead bodies are of the homeless.(80% of the Unidentified dead bodies are of the													
Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2014-2025
Jan	251	262	245	207	273	544	374	211	278	359	306	64	3374
Feb	188	275	233	190	226	458	322	196	258	271	231	0	2848
Mar	221	270	242	231	237	419	306	256	263	255	284	0	2984
Apr	242	259	275	235	249	487	207	294	315	276	292	0	3131
May	240	291	288	275	267	473	255	259	354	371	441	0	3514
Jun	485	264	317	268	498	657	356	255	451	277	348	0	4176
Jul	364	280	334	269	285	562	361	341	411	378	401	0	3986
Aug	323	283	335	264	256	338	267	284	408	385	390	0	3533
Sep	249	290	336	242	277	368	317	273	358	319	348	0	3377
Oct	246	265	287	284	238	318	264	308	343	324	353	0	3230
Nov	225	232	271	264	248	342	247	278	323	324	284	0	3038
Dec	279	251	235	250	235	375	225	267	280	295	262	0	2954
	3313	3222	3398	2979	3289	5341	3501	3222	4042	3834	3940	64	30731

1st Jan 2014 to 10th Jan 2025

This data is procured from Zonal Integrated Police Network, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Tabulated by Sunil Kumar Aledia (9811327037) of Centre for Holistic Development-CHD, a member of National Forum For Homeless Housing Rights-NFHHR.

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SHELTER HOMES OCCUPANCY REPORT

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Shelter Homes Type	Locations	Capacity	Last Day Occupancy	Last Night Occupancy	Last Day Reporting	Last Night Reporting
RCC BUILDING	82	9586	1648	2900	71	71
PORTA CABIN	103	6280	1307	2293	83	83
SPECIAL DRIVE	10	808	129	236	10	10
TEMPORARY BUILDING	8	610	105	242	7	7
TENT	121	2490	1212	2177	111	111
Total	324	19774	4401	7848	282	282



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