



Human Rights Advocacy for India's Farmers Protest

Delegation to Region of Peel Council

February 11, 2021



India's Farm Bills

Agriculture is the primary source of livelihood for over 50% of India's population

India has seen over 300,000 farmer-suicides in the past 20 years due to rising debts, poor irrigation and increased cost of cultivation etc.

September 2020 – Parliament of India introduced & passed three farm bills:

- The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce Act
- The Farmers Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act
- The Essential Commodities Act 2020

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Violence Against Protestors & Censorship

As of February 7, 2021, 206 protestors have died while 123 are missing



Impact to Peel Residents

India is the top country of birth for Peel immigrants (26%)

Thousands of Peel residents have been protesting since Fall 2020

There are many people globally, including Peel residents, currently in India providing support, including medical aid and basic necessities for protestors, who have also faced violence



Support from Peel Regional Council

Support and stand in solidarity with affected Peel residents

Advocate at Provincial and Federal levels of government



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Mayor of Fresno city, agriculture capital of California show solidarity with farmers in India #FarmersProtest

