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“I want a government that is accountable to its citizens. I should receive justice. [My son] was tortured to death. The responsible police officers should be punished.”
Mehinder Singh, father of Jugraj Singh

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Brad Adams,
Asia Director at Human Rights Watch

“I have the right to truth and justice.”
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End Impunity. Achieve Justice.
A Mission to Achieve Justice

Ensaaf is a nonprofit organization working to end impunity and achieve justice for mass state crimes in India, with a focus on Punjab.

In many regions of India, Indian security forces have perpetrated gross human rights violations with impunity. In Punjab alone, security forces tortured, executed, and disappeared tens of thousands of people from 1984 to 1995. Survivors continue to suffer more than a decade later because the government refuses to bring perpetrators to justice.

Justice is being denied in the world’s largest democracy.

Without confronting impunity, India will continue to operate outside the rule of law, and conflict and abuses will not end. Punjab presents a unique and timely opportunity to challenge systematic impunity in India.

Effective Strategies

Ensaaf employs three integrated strategies:

1. **Documenting abuses** to counter official denials and build evidence for accountability;
2. **Engaging in strategic litigation** to remove perpetrators from power and set national precedents on human rights norms; and
3. **Organizing survivors** to advocate for their rights to truth, justice, and reparations.

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**Notable Achievements**

1. **Five Officers Convicted.**
   - In November 2011, India’s Supreme Court upheld life imprisonment for five police officers convicted of the abduction and murder of human rights defender Jaswant Singh Khalra. Ensaaf provided key litigation support for this case.

2. **Police Whistleblower Case Admitted to Supreme Court.**
   - In 2014, the Supreme Court admitted the case of Satwant Singh Manak, a police whistleblower who witnessed his police colleagues unlawfully kill 15 individuals. Ensaaf worked with his attorneys to prepare the successful appeal, opening the door for an investigation into Manak’s allegations.

3. **International Experts Engaged.**
   - Ensaaf partnered with the Nobel-Prize-winning organization Physicians for Human Rights and the NYU/Bellevue Program for Survivors of Torture on a study that demonstrated that survivors of the disappeared and killed continue to suffer long-term physical and psychological trauma.

4. **Award-Winning Film.**
   - In 2014, Ensaaf produced and released *The Last Killing*, a short documentary chronicling the struggle for justice of police whistleblower Satwant Singh Manak, who witnessed his police colleagues unlawfully kill 15 individuals. The Last Killing has won numerous awards, including the Amnesty International Best Human Rights Short.

5. **Largest-Ever Documentation Effort in India.**
   - Ensaaf has reached survivors in over 9,000 of Punjab’s 12,000 villages to document their testimonies of abuse, gather thousands of photographs, and film hundreds of hours of video footage. Ensaaf has trained over 50 new fieldworkers in human rights documentation.

6. **Groundbreaking Reports.**
   - In 2007, Ensaaf released a joint report with Human Rights Watch, titled: Protecting the Killers: A Policy of Impunity in Punjab, India. The report was covered in over 50 newspapers worldwide, such as The Washington Post, International Herald Tribune, and Rediff. The report put government officials on the defensive and impacted a key legal case.

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“Ensaaf is doing today in Punjab, what others had given up, bringing hope to victims and challenging perpetrators through critical legal inputs.”

Rajvinder S. Bains,
Punjab human rights attorney