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Press Release

The High Commission of India has seen reports appearing in the media that Indian authorities at Wagah-Attari border had refused to accept Mr. Ram Prakash, an Indian prisoner, who was being repatriated to India today on completion of his sentence.

The High Commission would like to clarify that the reports are factually incorrect. The High Commission of India was not intimated about the planned release of Mr. Ram Prakash and hence could not issue travel documents to him. Since he was taken by jail authorities to the border without the travel documents, it is hardly likely that even the Pakistani Immigration Authorities at Wagah would have permitted him to cross over into India. Hence the question of Indian authorities not accepting him does not even arise.

The High Commission of India hopes to receive proper intimation about Mr. Ram Prakash's actual release and date of his planned repatriation so that officials from the High Commission issue the necessary documents and be present at the border to facilitate his repatriation to India.

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