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The Honourable Dr Patangrao Shripatrao Kadam
Forest Minister
Maharashtra State Forest Department
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Dear Dr Patangrao Shripatrao Kadam,

I am shocked to learn what happened to Sunder. The young elephant, who had been kept chained and was abused at the Jyotiba temple in Kolhapur for six years, has still not been released to the sanctuary.

A new undercover investigation conducted by PETA has resulted in shocking video footage of a mahout violently beating Sunder. In this video we can also see that the chains retaining him are so short he can't even lie down comfortably. Such violence on an innocent animal is unbearable and unacceptable.

This poor elephant needs to be transferred to a sanctuary as soon as possible! Please, respect the High Court decision and let him go.

Only you, as the Forest Minister of the Maharashtra State Forest Department, have the power needed to allow this beautiful animal to live peacefully, without suffering. I **respectfully request that you take immediate action to transfer Sunder to a sanctuary.** I'm counting on you!

Yours faithfully,

Brigitte Bardot
President

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