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Dear Shri Chavan,

I write to you about the desecration of the Amar Jawan Jyoti Memorial in Mumbai by some criminal elements on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 that has left me and thousands of Indians in pain, disgust and anger. As you are aware, the Memorial, which was erected to honour and remember two brave sons of India - Sepoy Sayyed Hussein and Sepoy Mangal Gadiya, who were martyred during the Mutiny of 1857 - is a symbol of communal harmony, nationhood and pride of India.

The perpetrators who vandalized this sacred place do not belong to any faith or religion, and by their act, have disgraced hundreds and thousands of people from all faiths and parts of India and those within and outside of Armed Forces who have served and protected the nation in time of war and in time of peace .

Media has provided the photographs of the criminal elements involved in the incident, who must be arrested and brought to justice at the earliest. To that end, and on behalf of all affronted Indians, I announce a reward of Rupees Five Lakhs to anybody who provides the police with information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators who vandalized the Amar Jawan Jyoti Memorial.

I request you to share information about the reward with the police department to redouble their efforts to nab the culprits.

Yours Sincerely,

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Hon'ble Chief Minister  
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