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Rights groups for prosecuting KPS Gill

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Jalandhar: Though he was appointed security advisor to the Chattisgarh government to combat the Naxalites, 'super cop' KPS Gill is still being haunted by the ghost of Punjab-based human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalra, for whose murder in 1995 six Punjab police cops including two DSPs were convicted and sent to prison in November 2005 by a special CBI court.

Four international human rights organisations including ENSAAF, Human Rights Watch, REDRESS and the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at New York University School of Law have submitted a representation to CBI director Vijay Shankar pleading that as the evidence emerging from the trial of the six cops has clearly indicated, Gill authorised the Khalra's abduction and murder.

They said given the weight of the evidence available in the public domain about Gill's role in this case, the CBI must undertake an impartial and thorough inquiry as soon as possible and then refer the case for appropriate prosecution.