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and Shri Shiva Kumar Shastri
regarding demand for fresh enquiry
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Shri Ghandi Charan Chatterjee.

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Surya Prakash Puri and Shiv Kumar Shastri
regarding demand for fresh enquiry into
the reported death of Netaji by Shri
Chandi Charan Chatterjee

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The Lok Sabha Secretariat have asked for facts
in regard to a question proposed to be asked by Shri Y.S.
Kushwah, Dr. Surya Prakash Puri and Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri
in the Lok Sabha on 1.5.68.

2. The letter of Shri C.C. Chatterjee, referred to
in the question, may please be seen at S.No. 5 in file
No. C/551/2/68/JP, placed below. As Shri Chatterjee had
referred to a memorandum submitted by 350 Members of
Parliament, no separate action was taken on Shri Chatterjee's
letter, mainly because it did not bring out any new facts
and the memorandum submitted by the Members of Parliament
had been considered in great detail in a meeting of the
Secretaries and had also been the subject-matter of two
questions in the Parliament during February, 1968.

3. A self-contained draft reply to the Lok Sabha
Secretariat is submitted for approval.

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(Y.R. Dhawan)
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Director(EA)

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LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT
(Question Branch)

SUBJECT: Starred Question Dy. NO. 22270 for 1.5.68
regarding

Ministry of External Affairs is requested kindly to

state the facts regarding the above question (copy enclosed) with a view to enable the Speaker to decide the admissibility of the question.

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While furnishing the facts, it may please be stated whether the note has been shown to the Minister.

In the absence of any indication to this effect, it will be assumed that it has been issued with the approval of the Officer who has signed it.

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It may also please be stated whether the Ministry have any objection to the information contained therein being conveyed to the Member.

A reply is requested by 22.4.68 ad. to Parli

H. M. Alkhalaf
10.5.68

for UNDER SECRETARY.

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Ministry of External Affairs
L.S.S. U.O. No. SQ. dated the 20.4.68

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DIRECTOR(EA)

QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA—ADVANCE NOTICE

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The question will, if admitted, be put
down for the sitting on the:—

1.5.1968

* SHRI Y.S. KUSHWAH:
DR. SURYA PRAKASH PURI:
SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has received the letter of
Shri Chandī Charan Chatterjee, which has ~~xxx~~ sent to all the
Members of the Parliament and in which he has expressed the
necessity of re-investigating the reported death of Netaji
Subhas Chandra Bose;

(b) whether the Government contemplate to re-investigate
the said matter; and

(c) the Government's reaction to the proof put forward
by Shri Chatterjee for the necessity of re-investigating the
matter?

(FACTS)

Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

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Subject:- Starred Question Dy.No. 22270 for 1.5.68 regarding the re-investigation of the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Reference Lok Sabha Secretariat U.O. No. SQ. 22270/15/68Q, dated 20th April, 1968, on the subject mentioned above.

2. A copy of letter dated 30.12.67 from Shri C.C. Chatterjee addressed to the President of India, with which he had enclosed a copy of a letter and a leaflet circulated by him to the Members of Parliament, is enclosed herewith. A copy of this letter was also sent by Shri Chatterjee to the Prime Minister of India.
3. It will be seen from the enclosed copy of the letter addressed to the President of India that Shri Chatterjee had mainly relied on the letter sent by 350 Members of Parliament regarding a fresh enquiry in the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The memorandum submitted by the Members of Parliament has been carefully examined but as no new facts have been brought to light it was decided that no fresh enquiry was warranted. This position was explained to the Lok Sabha in reply to Unstarred Question No. 1408 asked by Shri D.C. Sharma in the Lok Sabha on the 21st February, 1968.
4. No fresh evidence has been brought out by Shri Chatterjee in his letter to the President or the one circulated to the Members of Parliament. Further, no new factors have emerged since the entire position was explained in the Lok Sabha during this Session on February 21, 1968. In the circumstances, the question of Government of India contemplating any fresh investigation into the matter does not arise. // It is submitted that the subject matter of this question repeats in substance question No. 1408 answered on 21st February, 1968, and would, therefore, appear to attract the provisions of Rule 41(2)(xii) of the Rules of Procedure in the Lok Sabha.
5. It is requested that the above facts may kindly be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Speaker to enable him to decide the admissibility of the question.
6. The Ministry of External Affairs have no objection to the information contained in this note being conveyed to the Hon'ble Members.
7. The note issues with the approval of Director(EA).

(Y.R. Dhawan)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

The Lok Sabha Secretariat
Min. of E.A. U/O No.C./125/7/68/JP, dated 23.4.68.

Copy, together with a copy of the enclosure,
forwarded to the Prime Minister's Secretariat for
information and necessary action.

[Signature]
(Y.R. Dhawan)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
23-4-1968.

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[Handwritten initials]

Copy of letter dated 30.12.67 sent by Shri C.C. Chatterji, 31/133, Kali Niwas, Narahi, Lucknow-1, to H.E. Janab Zakir Hussain Saheb, President, Republic of India, New Delhi.

I feel it to be an eternal urge and a bounden duty to place before your exalted self the enclosed copies of a circular letter and an informative leaflet which have been delivered to each Member of Parliament and high dignitary in India and abroad.

Three hundred and fifty Hon'ble Members of Parliament have appealed to your Excellency for a fresh enquiry regarding the death mystery of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, in Formosa. Shahnawaz Committee had no doubt inferred the death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose in the plane crash but this was all based on absolutely circumstantial evidences and hearsay. No direct and positive proof was available which fact was also pointed out by late Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. Hon'ble Mr. Shahnawaz Khan himself had conscientiously given his remark to this effect, in his report. He wished to visit Formosa for collecting direct and positive proofs but somehow or other he could not do so. This aspect in itself, in our opinion, is a substantila ground on which a fresh enquiry in this regard could not be held irrational, morally or legally.

From the reports in their records the Americans seem to have been baffled in this respect, after the publication of Shahnawaz Committee Report. The Russian as well as some well known Indian revolutionaries, still in exile, and who in fact were instrumental in saving the life of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, were stupified, when after Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's re-entry into India in 1955, they heard about the Shahnawaz Committee Report and the acknowledgement of his death in this report. Many high officials who had to carry out orders regarding the Shoulmari Ashram, wonder, why fresh enquiry is being persistently opposed.

Through a letter received from Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, it is apparent that this matter is in the purview of the Ministry of External Affairs. Probably a top secret and confidential.

Under the circumstances, will you as the first citizen of India, very kindly enquire from Mrs. Vijai Laxmi Pandit and Mrs. Indira Gandhi, if they have any particular objection, against institution of such an enquiry, confided to them by Late Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. If there is no such objection, the concensus of opinion of our Parliament is now before Your Excellency and we await the decision of an exalted personage whose words, whose gesture, whose thoughts, whose every decision and signature goes into the pages of History.

Khuda Hafiz,
