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Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 2466 for 16/2/68
by Shri D.C. Sharma regarding demand
by a large no. of MPs for a fresh
enquiry into the death of Retaji
Subhash Chandra Bose.

Ans.

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G. S. Sharma

SECTION OFFICER
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(Gautam Gupta)
(GAUTAM GUPTA)
उप सचिव (ए एन आर एम.)
Dy. Secretary (A&RM)
विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES
OF INDIA

No.C/125/1/68/JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Subject:- Lok Sabha Unstarred Question D.No.2466 for 16.2.68
regarding fresh inquiry into the death of Netaji
Subhash Chandra Bose - (Transferred by M.H.A.)

S.No.(1) RECEIPT

"We may convey our acceptance. Whether PM would like to order "a fresh enquiry" remains to be decided. I have asked SO(EA) to give full facts of case in a self-contained note."

Sd/- A.R.Deo

~~Dir(EA)~~ Sd/- Manjit Singh
5/2

~~DS(EA)~~ "Pl. convey acceptance after showing it to me."

Sd/- A.R.Deo

~~Att(EA)~~ Sd/- P. Vijai

A fair O.M. is submitted for approval.

~~Att(EA)~~

The O.M. ~~made~~ approved by DS(EA) has issued.

S.No.(2) - ISSUE

S.No.(3) RECEIPT (JR)

This Question was transferred to us by the Home Ministry and we had accepted it, vide S.No.(2).

The Question has now been admitted for 21.2.68 as Unstarred.

Our file, containing a copy of the Memorandum submitted to the President by the MPs, as referred in the Question, has already been submitted to Dir(EA) with a self contained note by DS(EA).

Replies given in the Lok Sabha to the following Questions on the subject may please be seen in the files placed below:-

- 1) L.S.S.Q. No.228 answered on 3-4-67
- 2) L.S.S.Q. No.582 answered on 11-12-67
- 3) LSUSQ No.3719 answered on 11-12-67

~~Attache(EA)~~ ^{1/2} 15/2

DSD (EA)

S.No.(4) —

J.R. (Final List)

*F.R.

Reference Lok Sabha unstarred Question No.1408*

The demand for a fresh enquiry into the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose has been made repeatedly in the past through parliamentary questions, etc. The Government have declined the demand on the ground that they accept the findings of the Shahnawaz Committee as final and hence they were not prepared to reopen

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the issue unless some new facts and material and worthwhile evidence were brought to light. However, the demand by 350 or so Members of Parliament to the President has been received through the Prime Minister's Secretariat. The papers have been put up and a decision will have to be taken at the highest level. I understand that the papers have been referred to the Home Secretary and a meeting is to be convened by the Cabinet Secretary before the matter is submitted to the Prime Minister for decision. In the circumstances, the reply to the question may be as in the draft submitted for approval.

Manjit Singh
(Manjit Singh)
Director (EA)
16.2.1968

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Secretary-EAI

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The Memorandum of Members of Parliament to the President suggesting steps to be taken to accord honour and recognition to the personality of late Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was discussed at a meeting of Secretaries under the chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary on 17.2.1968. The demand of M.Ps. for a fresh enquiry was also examined. It was unanimously decided that no further enquiry was warranted and that we should reiterate the stand that Government had accepted the findings of the Shahnawaz Committee as final.

A revised draft answer is, therefore, submitted for approval.

Manjit Singh
(Manjit Singh)
Director (EA)
17.2.1968

Secretary EAI

Secy. to P. M.
No. 1667/68
Date 19/2/68

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20.2.68

Ministry of EA

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19.2.68

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copy to H.A. PM
Secy Tokyo
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A fair letter, forwarding the Question & Answer, to Embassy of India, Tokyo, is put up for signature.

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S.O. (EA)

S No (6) - Issue

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Added

MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

SUBJECT:-Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose - Request for fresh inquiry into his death - Memorandum submitted to the President by Members of Parliament.

Enclosed is a copy of provisionally unstarred question D.No.2466 admitted for answer in the Lok Sabha on the 16th February, 1968 on the subject noted above. Since the subject matter of the question is the concern of the Ministry of External Affairs it is requested that they may kindly accept the transfer of the question to that Ministry and communicate their acceptance to the Lok Sabha Secretariat under intimation to ~~the~~ this Ministry.

C. S. Kapoor
(G.S. Kapoor)
Under Secretary
Tele.No.32432

M/o E.A. (Shri P. Vijay, Attache).
M.H.A. U.O.No.22/R/68 -Poll.II, dated the 3rd February, 1968.

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DIR(EA)

Att (EA)
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ARDeo

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Ministry of External Affairs.
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By No... 1123
Dated the... 5/2
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D. S. (EA)

ARDeo

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QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA
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D.No.	2466	ADMITTED
Notice was received on the Ministry to which the day has been allotted	27.1.68	
The question will be put down for the sitting on the :-	HOME AFFAIRS	
	16.2.68	

FRESH INQUIRY INTO THE REPORTED DEATH
OF NETAJI

SHRI D.C. SHARMA:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Members of Parliament have demanded a fresh inquiry into the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in a memorandum submitted to the President;
 - (b) whether the demand has been looked into; and
 - (c) if so, with what results?
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No: C/125/1/68/JP
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

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New Delhi, the 7 Feb. 1968

Office Memorandum

Subject :- Starred/Unstarred Question D No. 2466
proposed to be asked in the Lok/Rajya Sabha
on 16.2.68.

The undersigned is directed to say that the
Ministry of External Affairs have accepted transfer of
the above mentioned Question, which has been addressed
to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Question may, if admitted, be put down for
answer by the Ministry of External Affairs on any day
allotted to this Ministry, after the 16.2.68.

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AR Deo

(A. R. Deo)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

The Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Sectt.,
(Question Branch),
New Delhi.

Copy to the Ministry of
(Shri G.S. Kapoor, U. 2)
with reference to their UO. No. 22/1/68-Poll. II
dated the 3rd Feb. 1968.

Copy also to Parliament Assistant.

reference

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Ministry of External Affairs
RECEIPT
By No. 15579 AD 14/2 68
Date 14/2

QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA—ADVANCE NOTICE

Dir(E.Asia)/US(C)/E.Asia.

ADMITTED

~~Unstarred~~ Unstarred D. No. **2466**
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Notice of admission to be sent out on the
Ministry to which the day has been allotted

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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

21.2.68

FRESH INQUIRY INTO THE REPORTED DEATH OF NEJAJI.

SHIR D.C. SHARMA:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- 14/2 (a) whether a large number of Members of Parliament have demanded a fresh inquiry into the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in a memorandum submitted to the President;
- (b) whether the demand has been looked into; and
- (c) if so, with what results?

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LOK Sabha

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List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS
Wednesday, February 21, 1968.

MINISTRY OF External Affairs.
RE: MPT
No. 1684 EAD-1968
16/2/68

Fresh Inquiry into the reported death of Netaji

✓ 1408. Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Members of Parliament have demanded a fresh inquiry into the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in a memorandum submitted to the President;

(b) whether the demand has been looked into; and

(c) if so, with what results ?

Ans
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QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR THE LOK SABHA

Unstarred Question No: . 1408
Tabled by: Shri D.C. SHARMA
To be answered on: 21.2.1968

QUESTION

ANSWER

FRESH INQUIRY INTO THE REPORTED
DEATH OF NETAJI

PM & Min of EA

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Members of Parliament have demanded a fresh inquiry into the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in a memorandum submitted to the President;

(b) whether the demand has been looked into; and

(c) if so, with what results?

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have accepted the conclusion of the Official Enquiry Committee appointed in 1956 that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose met his death in an air crash in the year 1945. Since no new facts have been brought to light, Government do not consider that any fresh enquiry is warranted.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1408

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1408

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY, 1968

FRESH INQUIRY INTO THE REPORTED DEATH OF NETAJI

QUESTION

No.1408 SHRI D.C. SHARMA: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Members of Parliament have demanded a fresh inquiry into the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in a memorandum submitted to the President;
- (b) whether the demand has been looked into; and
- (c) if so, with what results?

ANSWER

THE PRIME MINISTER & MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI)

- (a)&(b): Yes, Sir.
- (c) Government have accepted the conclusion of the Official Enquiry Committee appointed in 1956 that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose met his death in an air crash in the year 1945. Since no new facts have been brought to light, Government do not consider that any fresh enquiry is warranted.

लोकसभा

अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 1408

21 फरवरी 1968 - 2 फाल्गुन 1889 (शक) को
लोक सभा की बैठक में उत्तर दिए जाने के लिए

नेताजी की कथित मृत्यु के बारे में नये सिरे से जांच

प्रश्न :

श्री वी० चं० शर्मा

क्या वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रपति को प्रस्तुत किये गये ज्ञापन में अनेक संसद सदस्यों ने नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस की कथित मृत्यु के बारे में नये सिरे से जांच कराने की मांग की है ;

(ख) क्या इस मांग पर विचार किया गया है ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो उसका क्या परिणाम रहा है ?

उत्तर :

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी :

प्रधान मंत्री एवं विदेश मंत्री

(क) और (ख) : जी हाँ ।

(ग) : 1956 में जो सरकारी जांच समिति बनाई गई थी, सरकार ने उसके इस निष्कर्ष को स्वीकार कर लिया है कि 1945 में एक विमान दुर्घटना ने नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस की मृत्यु हो गई थी ।
इस बारे में कोई नये तथ्य सामने नहीं आए हैं ।
चूंकि/इसलिए सरकार के विचार से नये सिरे से जांच की जरूरत नहीं है ।

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(East Asia Division)

No. C/125/1 /68/ JP

New Delhi, the 5 March, 1968

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Dear Chancery,

Enclosed please find for information a copy of
Starred/Unstarred Question No. 14-08 together with its
answer given in the Lok/~~Rajya~~ Sabha on 21st February, 1968

Yours ever,

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Ministry

Embassy of India,
TOKYO

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Will the Ministry of Home Affairs kindly refer to the Minutes of the meeting held in the room of the Cabinet Secretary on the 17th February, 1968, to consider the Memorandum from Members of Parliament suggesting steps to accord honour and recognition to the personality of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose?

2. The Ministry of External Affairs are concerned with item (9) of the Minutes relating to the demand for a fresh enquiry into the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The decision taken at the meeting namely that there was no need for a further enquiry in the matter was communicated to the Lok Sabha in reply to Unstarred Question No. 1408 asked by Shri D.C. Sharma on the 21st February, 1968, and to the Rajya Sabha in reply to Starred Question No. 325 asked by Sardar Narinder Singh Brar on the 29th February, 1968. Copies of these questions and the replies given thereto are enclosed herewith. Both the replies were duly approved by the Prime Minister. No further action on the Minutes of the meeting, referred to above, is called for in so far as the Ministry of External Affairs are concerned.

(Y.R. Dhawan)
Under Secretary(EA)

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L.D. Hindi, U.S.)
MEA U/O No. C/551/2/68/JP, dated 25.4.68.

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Copy for file No. C/125/1/68/JP.

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QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA—ADVANCE NOTICE

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ADMITTED

Starred/Unstarred D. No. ~~XXXX~~
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Ministry of External Affairs
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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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

21.2.68

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Ans
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US (EA) may like to deal with this.
+ Already replied
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