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File No. 31/125/129/66
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Ministry of External Affairs
Department of South Asia SECTION

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NOTES/CORRESPONDENCE

Subject
Lok Sabha Starred On. No. 730. (Final) for
29 Aug. 66. by Shri H.U. Kamath regarding a
memorial in Mandalay to Lokmanya Tilak, Netaji
Bose and other patriots.

Sl (8)
Memorial

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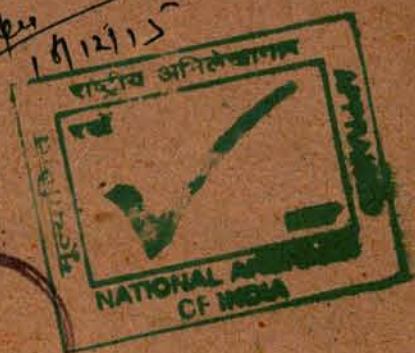
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Later References

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(GAUTAM GUPTA)
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Dy. Secy (A&RM)
मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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Ministry of External Affairs
(South Asia Division)

FM. SI/125/129/66

Subj: - Lok Sabha starred D No. 6905
(provisional) for 29.8.66 by Shri Hanu Vishnu
Kamath regarding a memorial in Mandalay
to Lokmanya Tilak, Netaji Subhash Chandra
Bose and others

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"On file please with previous
question and papers on the subject"

sdf - J.C. Harvey
12.7.66

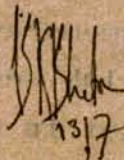
SO (SOR)

Our Files No. SI/125/67/65, SI/125/33/65
~~and~~, SI/125/158/64 relating to the Parliament
Questions, on the subject, are placed below.
Submitted please.

and SI/371/13/66

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DS(S) may kindly see. We have reminded our Ambassador on the subject, vide Sl.No.(27) of file No.SI/125/158/64 placed below. If approved, we may now send a further reminder to our Ambassador as in draft below.

J. C. Harvey
(J. C. Harvey)
Under Secretary (B)
13-7-1966.

DS(S)

Pl. send copy of the Parliament Question to our Embassy in Rangoon & ask for material for ~~the~~ how the case now stands. If no reply is received by the end of this month, JS(S) might like to remind.

P. P. [Signature]
18/7

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4023 DS/66

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~~SI/125/158/64~~

On re-reading our Ambassador's letter at Sl.No.(25) of File SI/125/158/64, I find that our Ambassador has referred to the Embassy's earlier letter of 23.6.1965 in which was indicated that the Burmese Government were not likely to favour the erection of any memorial. The Embassy had suggested for the Ministry's approval that they should pursue the ^{the proposal of} putting up marble tablets commemorating other leaders in the existing Lokmanaya Tilak Memorial Hall. Our Ambassador has ^{however} also suggested that in view of the unfavourable reaction of the Burmese of even putting up marble tablets that we lie low on this proposal and take it up again at a more opportune occasion. In our letter at Sl.No.(26) we agreed with the Ambassador's recommendations that the matter may be raised at a suitable opportunity with the Burmese authorities at his discretion. Hence the reply to Parliament Question is that Government do not propose to take up with the Government of Burma the question of erecting a memorial in Mandalay to Lokmanaya Tilak and the others but that the question of putting up of marble tablets commemorating these leaders in the existing Tilak Memorial Hall is proposed to be taken up with the Burmese authorities. In order that we may

give a more precise reply in regard to the erecting of marble tablets, we might ask our Ambassador to seek an early opportunity of taking it up with the Burmese authorities. This action may be taken as we have now also received a copy of Parliament Question for 26.7.66 asking whether the Government have since received any reply from the Government of Burma regarding the question of fixing a plaque in memory of Lala Lajpatrai in Mandalay Jail. In this question a reference has been made to question No. 172 asked in the Rajya Sabha on 23.2.1965. On that occasion we stated that no reply from the Government of Burma had been received ~~from the Burma Government~~ on the question of fixing a plaque in memory of Lala Lajpat Rai in Mandalay Jail, but that our Embassy was pursuing the matter with the Burmese Foreign Office. We are thus, committed to pressing the matter with the Burmese authorities. We may, therefore, write to our Ambassador and I put up a draft for approval.

M. Harvey
 (J. C. Harvey)
 Under Secretary (B)
 14-7-1966.

DS(S)

Discussed with JS(S). Telegram has issued.

P.P. [Signature]
 19/7

DS(B) Copy of telegram has been placed at S.No. 3 of file 51/25/21/66.

M. Harvey
 18.7.66

~~col. [Signature]~~
BR
 18/7

S.No(2) - added

Submitted

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Please put up after a week.

BR [Signature]
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 SNo(12) / File 'T'
 52/125/12/66

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 SNo(3) / File 'Y'
 52/125/33/65

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5.11.63) - Added

Submitted.

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US(D) may kindly see. Attention is also invited to the Minister's minute dt. 24.7.66 on page 2-IV of the file 51/125/121/66 placed below.

[Signature]
5/8/66

[Signature]
5.8.66

~~US(D)~~
~~AS(S)~~

Pl. put up along with Ambassador's letter of July 12 to JS(S), mentioned in FR. Sa ②

[Signature]
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D 16215-5/66 S(1) - Added

US(13)

S(5) - Same

Removed +
placed in file
No. 51/321/11/67

D 17465-5/66 S(6) - Receipt

on file fl.

Sd/-d. K. R. Kannaipilly

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The file and other relevant papers are with DS(S)

Sd/-d. T. C. Harary

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Submitted

DS(S) may kindly see his note

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6/11/66

dt. 9.8.66 on pre-page.

The relevant reference is at Sr. (4).

[Signature]
11.8.66

~~DS(S)~~ Reference F.R. JS(S) may like to put up this case to Minister of State with reference to the letter's minute at Fly S.

[Signature]
11/8

Dy. No. 5647
Dated 12/8/66 J. B. (B)

4650 - DSS/66

Minister may kindly see the letter from our Ambassador on the subject of putting up plaques in memory of Indian leaders who were interned in Mandalay. The Minister last saw the papers and noted on the file on 24th July.

[Signature]
(K.M. Kannampilly)
13.8.66

Minister:

[Signature]
11/8

FM

D.No. 18452-S/66

S.No. (7) Receipt

In view of this Postliament-2, this file was withdrawn from PS LFM. Final version of Lok Sabha Starred

Question No. 730 for answer on 29th August, 1966 may kindly be seen at Sl.No.(7). In this connection, kindly see Sl.Nos. 20 & 25 (File No. SI/125/158/64) and Sl.Nos. 4 and 6 of this file.

I submit a draft reply together with a note for supplementary basis.

[Signature]
(J. C. Harvey)
Under Secretary (B)
25-8-1966.

~~DS(S)~~

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2117 - Min/66
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File B
Fly A

from the page

J.S.(S) may kindly see draft answer
& note for supplementaries for approval.

P.P. Dora
26/8

For approval.

M. Manampall

26/8/1966

~~J.S.(S)~~

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26/8/66

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See E.A.I. memo

Minister

Minister has approved

the reply.

S. A. Dora
28/8

Ministry of External Affairs
Parliament Section

There were no supplementaries on

L.S.S.A. no. 730. S.A. D.V.M. may please see infonote.

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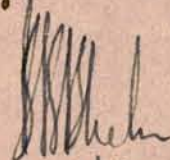
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S.A.

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
SOUTHERN DIVISION

Copy of the answer together with the
note for supplement may be forwarded to the
Embassy of India Rangoon as per D.F.A.

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S.No(9) Issue

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No. SI/125/129/66.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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NEW DELHI, the 2nd Sept. 1966.

Dear Embsssy,

Enclosed is a copy of Starred
Question No. 730. and its answer for your
information and record.

There were no Supplementaries.

Yours ever,



MINISTRY.

The Embassy of India,
RANGOON.

Handwritten notes and signatures:
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STARRED QUESTION NO.730

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.730

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH AUGUST, 1966

MEMORIAL TO INDIAN PATRIOTS IN MANDALAY,
BURMA

QUESTION

*No.730

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH:
SHRI D.C. SHARMA:

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of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to take up with the Government of Burma the question of erecting a memorial in Mandalay to Lokamanya Tilak, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and other patriots who were incarcerated there during India's freedom struggle;
- (b) if so, the steps so far taken in that direction; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH)

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(c) Does not arise.

२६ अगस्त १९६६ - ७ भाद्र शुद्ध (शक) को लोकसभा की बैठक
में उतार दिए जाने के लिए ।

बम्बई में मांडले में भारतीय देश भक्तों के स्मारक

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प्रश्न :

श्री हरि विष्णु कामत :
श्री दी० चं० शर्मा :

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

- (क) क्या सरकार बम्बई सरकार के साथ मांडले में लोकमान्य तिलक, नेताजी सुभाषचन्द्र बोस तथा अन्य देश भक्तों के, जिन को भारत के स्वतन्त्रता संग्राम के दौरान वहां पर कैद किया गया था, स्मारक बनाने के प्रश्न के बारे में वात्सीत करने का विचार कर रही है ;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो इस दिशा में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ; और
- (ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं ?

उत्तर :

श्री दिनेश सिंह :

राज्य मंत्री

(क) और (ख) : लोकमान्य तिलक की स्मृति में मांडले जेल में एक स्मारक भवन बनाया जा चुका है ।

इस भवन में, नेता जी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस और दूसरे देशभक्तों के संगमरमर के पत्थर लाने का प्रश्न बम्बई सरकार के साथ उठाया गया है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

NOTE FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES

(On Lok Sabha Starred Question No.730 for 29.8.1966)

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QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR LOK SABHA

Starred Question No.

730

Tabled by

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri D.C. Sharma:

To be answered on

29.8.1966

Sub: Memorial to Indian Patriots in Mandalay, Burma

QUESTION

ANSWER

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~~It is suggested to keep
the list ready~~
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L O K S A B H A

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS
Monday, the 29th August, 1966/7th Bhadra, 1888(Saka)

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CCB No. 09538

Telegram

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From : Indembassy Rangoon.

To : Foreign New Delhi.

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No. 173

✓ S.No. 25 (F/A) of SI/125/121/66

*By ch

Reference your letter No. SI/125/121/66 July 11 regarding LAJPATRAI's plaque in Mandalay jail, Erection of commemorative plaque first* taken up with local Foreign Office in March 1964. No progress made despite reminders. Matter not pursued since August 1965 for reasons explained in Ambassador's letter No. S5/8/64-CONS August 17, 1965 to Shri B.K. KAPUR. Reference* also* invited in his connection to Ambassador's letter of even number July 12, 1966 to Shri KANNAMPILLY. Your file SI/125/158/64 refers.

✓ S.No. 25 (F/A)
F. SI/125/158/64

Hr. Sr. (W)

Φ linked below.

PRIME MINISTER : SECY TO PM : MINISTER : MINISTER OF STATE : PS : SECY EAI : SECY EA II : JS UN : JS XPL : JSS : JS PP : DIRXP & DSS : ATTACHE NGO(2) : CABINET SECRETARY (2).

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ENCLAIR TELEGRAM

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INDEMBASSY

RANGOON

1135-2515) URGENT REPLY OUR LETTER SI/125/121/66

DATED JULY 11TH, 1966 (.)

FOREIGN NEW DELHI

Not to be telegraphed:
Dated: 16th July, 1966

Sd/- P.P. D'Souza.
Deputy Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs

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JS(S)/US(BURMA)/S:A:

QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA—ADVANCE NOTICE

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

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