

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:951
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2001
COMMISSION ON NETAJI BOSE
A. VENKATESH NAIK;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Asiatic Society, Calcutta has sent a team to Russia to access the file on Netaji in 1995;
- (b) if so, whether the Russian Government has not entertained the team stating that there is no considerable official pressure from India;
- (c) if so, whether the Government are considering to put pressure on Russian Government to provide the said files; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, sent a team to Moscow, Russia in 1995 to carry out a Research Project in line with the Protocol of Cooperation between Asiatic Society of Kolkata, India and the Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow, Russia for bringing out works reflecting ties between India and Russia.

(b): Asiatic Society, Kolkata, requested Ministry of External Affairs to approach the Government of Russian Federation to permit access by its Scholars to the President's Archive, Archive of Foreign Security Service and the Archives of Army General Staff. The Society was advised that as the Archives to which access was sought were essentially intelligence and security related archives which had not been de-classified, the Society should continue to make efforts to obtain information on Indo-Russian relations through its counterpart organisation, the Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow.

(c)&(d): Attempts have been made at the official level with the Russian Government from time to time to find out whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji available with them. Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed that according to the data in the Central & republic Archives, the Central Archival Collection of Federal Security Service of Russia and the Russia Centre for Retention & Perusal of Documents on Modern History as also the Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years.