

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1080
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000
BRING THE ASHES OF NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE FROM JAPAN
LAKSHMAN CHANDRA SETH;SANJAY PASWAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appeared in the Hindustan Times dated January 24, 2000 under the caption `Government ready to help bring back Netaji`s ashes`;
- (b) whether the Government have decided to initiate the process of bringing back the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from Japan provided there is a consensus on the issue;
- (c) If so, whether the Government have set up a Commission to probe into Netaji death;
- (d) if so, the time by which the report is likely to be received from the said committee; and
- (e) the progress made by Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c), (d) & (e)

On 14 May 1999, the Government appointed the Mukherjee Commission to go into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945, and subsequent developments connected therewith. The present tenure of the Commission is up to 14 May 2000. The Commission has issued public notices and have sought information from the concerned parties. The initial date for furnishing such response was 5 February 2000 but has since been extended till 7 March 2000.