

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2907
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2010
INCREASE IN CREMATION FEES
Agarwal Shri Jai Prakash

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that British Government has increased the cremation fees considerably for the persons belonging to the Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities in Leicester which has displeased the Indian community;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken up or proposes to take up this issue with the British Government;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a): As reported by the mission in London, the Leicester City Council has proposed an increase in the cremation fee in their budget presentation in early 2010. The Indian Community in Leicester has submitted petition to the concerned authorities opposing the proposed increase in the cremation fee. The matter is under examination of the city council and final decision in the matter has yet to be taken.

(b) to (e): Question does not arise.