

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5698
ANSWERED ON:07.09.2011
AWARD BY POLAND
Pathak Shri Harin

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Republic of Poland has sent a proposal to posthumously honour Late Shri Sir Digvijaysinhji Jadeja Sahib Bahadur of Jamnagar with that country's award of highest order i.e. "Commander's Cross of the order of Merit of the Republic of Poland" for his outstanding contribution in giving asylum and hospitality to a large number of Polish refugees, mainly children, during World War II;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes.

(b) The proposal from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in New Delhi was received on 9th May, 2011.

(c) A clarification regarding the exact nature of the award was sought from the Government of the Republic of Poland and was received on September 2, 2011. The Government has immediately started processing the proposal according to prescribed procedure.