

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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CONTRIBUTION TO UN  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether India has contributed around \$ 260,000/- as its share for the permanent memorial unveiled at the UN headquarters to honour the victims of slavery and transatlantic slave trade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) & (b) The UN Trust Fund was launched in 2009 following the adoption by the UN General Assembly in May 2007 of the resolution sponsored by CARICOM and African Union to commemorate the 200th anniversary of abolition of transatlantic slave trade as well as to create a Trust Fund to construct a Permanent Memorial at the United Nations in New York.

Yes. India has contributed an amount of US\$ 260,000 to the 'United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships - Permanent Memorial', established for receiving contributions to erect the Permanent Memorial to honour the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. India is the lead contributor to this voluntary Fund, which had received more than US\$ 2 million contributions from 86 countries and some private donors.

The contribution reflects India's firm belief that the international community must pay homage to the victims of slavery and the slave trade, one of mankind's greatest scars as also acknowledge the tragedy so that such abhorrent practices are not repeated.