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Title: Need to confer Bharat Ratna Award on Dr. Shiva Kumara Swamyjee, Head of Shri Siddaganga Math, Tumkur, Karnataka.

SHRIMATI TEJASWINI SEERAMESH (KANAKAPURA): I request the Government to recommend the highest civilian award 'BHARAT – RATNA' to the proud son of Karnataka, head of the Sri Siddaganga Math Tumkur, Jagadguru Dr. Sri, Sri, Sri Shivakumara Swamyji, for his greatest service to the mankind.

Siddaganga Math is the one of the reputed Veera-Shaiva Religious Math which preaches and practices the teachings of Vachanakara Basavanna's equality, casteless society, and secularism from the 12th Century. Dr. Swamyji is a greatest soul, who is running his centenary year in this "SUARNA KARNATAKA" – 2006. Tumkuru Siddaganga Math is known for his 'Dashoha' meaning free feeding to the thousands of rural poor hungry children and providing them free hostel and education.

Recently, Dr. Kalam, President of India personally honoured and appreciated him for his selfless service to the mankind. So, on this background I would like to communicate the sentiments of the lingayat community towards this greatest personality to the Government of India. I hope our Government will do justice to the Dr. Shivakumara Swamyji by recommending his name to the 'Bharat Ratna' award.

*Treated as laid on the Table.