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Title: Need to erect statue of Shaheed Kshudiram Bose in the Parliament House Premises.

DR. TARUN MANDAL (JAYNAGAR): Sir, today is the 103 <sup>rd</sup> Martyrdom Day of Shaheed Kshudiram Bose, the first Indian freedom fighter hanged by British Rulers in pre-Independent India on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1908. I believe the entire country including this august House would pay rich tribute to this great son of our soil.

As you are aware, Shaheed Kshudiram Bose symbolized fearlessness, determination, devotion and selflessness for the liberation of the motherland India through the uncompromising path of armed struggle which created a deep impact both on the countrymen and on the British rulers, proper evaluation of 'their role in freedom movement starting from Kshudiram Bose to Bhagat Singh is earnestly required. Some textbooks in Independent India have labeled them as 'extremists' like the British rulers - which is neither a fact nor it has got any relation with such devoted brand of freedom fighters, which needs rectification and replacement with proper textual history. Rather I believe, propagation and cult of their characters and life struggles will help to make our present generation of youths and students as superior human beings, more responsible for the society and the country.

Therefore, I would request the Central Government to take up this matter of proper evaluation of their role of uncompromising trend in Indian freedom struggle history and to publish it in textual form for the appraisal of all. I would also request the Central Government to install a full size statue of Shaheed Kshudiram Bose in the Parliament House premises.