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Title: Need to declassify the documents related to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's alleged death in 1945.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing me to raise this important issue, which is of not only national importance but also of international importance. Classified files concerning the national hero, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's alleged death in 1945 have been zealously guarded and still remain a mystery. Recently, declassified documents at the National Archives reveal that two files have gone missing. Has the Prime Minister's Office destroyed these two files, one in 1969 and another in 1972? The disappearance and the destruction of the files is as mysterious as the disappearance of Netaji himself!

Therefore, I would urge upon the Government to spell out what happened to the files relating to Netaji and also tell us what steps are being taken to release all the files relating to Netaji. Repeated attempts to declassify the documents related to Netaji's death are being refused. It was done by the UPA Government. The BJP Government is also doing the same. Why has the Ruling Party changed its mind? What do the documents contain that are so sensitive? I believe that if the Government declassified the documents, it would help in establishing the truth once and for all. Why keep the conspiracy theories alive and why deny India the truth about the death of one of its great freedom fighters? Various Indian Governments have attempted to put the mystery to rest. Three different Commissions have been appointed, one of which was later rejected by the UPA Government, I mean the Mukherjee Commission Report. Is there anything to stop the speculation just as the many reports into the John F. Kennedy assassination have been ignored by conspiracy bluffs? It was believed that if the Government declassified the secret documents, it might help in establishing the truth once and for all. Hence, I would urge upon this Government that the citizens of this country deserve an explanation.

HON. SPEAKER:

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Shri Sankar Prasad Datta and

Shri Sharad Tripathi are allowed to associate with the proposal of Shri Bhartruhari Mehtab made in 'Zero Hour.'