

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1952
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2024

**PRESERVING THE LEGACY OF MAHARAJA DULEEP SINGH AND SOPHIA
DULEEP SINGH**

1952. **SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to preserve the legacy of Maharaj Duleep Singh and Sophia Duleep Singh;
- (b) the steps taken to commemorate the contributions of both of these icons towards India and Sikhism; and
- (c) the details of steps taken to honour the soldiers of World War-I from India?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Culture commemorates centenaries and special anniversaries such as 50th/75th/100th/125th/150th/175th etc. of eminent personalities and events of historical importance of the country. Once the commemoration is approved in respect of eminent personality, Ministry takes various initiatives to commemorate the same. At present, there is no approved commemoration on Maharaj Duleep Singh and Sophia Duleep Singh.

(c) (i) Ministry of Defence gives Monetary allowance for Pre-Independence Gallantry awardees .

(ii) Every year Deptt. of Ex Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence makes payment to Commonwealth War Graves Commission for the purpose of upkeeping the graves and graveyards of soldiers of Indian origin, who were martyred during World War I & World War II as part of British-Indian Army.

(iii) During the year 2022-23, Ministry of Defence contributed Rs. 8,49,62,277/- for the purpose.