

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1267  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.7.2017**

**CONSTRUCTION OF MEMORIAL**

**1267. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:**

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the contribution of Veer Surendra Sai, one of the National Heroes of the first war of Independence of 1857 against the British;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to construct a memorial/statue in his honour in NCR Delhi;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE(I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM  
DR. MAHESH SHARMA**

**(a) & (b):** Yes Madam. The name of Veer Surendra Sai has been included in Government records including State Government of Odisha. He took part in the Uprising of 1857 and became a leader of rebels in his area. He also encouraged his neighbours to raise their arms for over throwing an alien rule. He was captured during a fierce encounter with the British forces and imprisoned for life in Asirgarh fort, where he died on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1884.

**(c), (d) & (e):** At present the Government has no plan to construct a memorial/statue in his honour in NCR Delhi.

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