

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 811
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022**

Naming of Colleges after Political Leaders

811. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the decision of the executive council of Delhi University and the Vice-Chancellor to name upcoming colleges and centres after Vinayak Damodar Savarkar and late Union Minister, Smt. Sushma Swaraj;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken note of the protests pertaining to the name of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar being proposed to be given to upcoming college under Delhi University;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard and the position of the Government in this matter;

(d) whether the Government proposes to revisit the policy of naming colleges after individuals with contested legacies or promulgate a standard benchmark for the process with Standard operating procedure to avoid supra-policy decisions by the executive councils of universities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (e) The University of Delhi is an autonomous institution established under an Act of Parliament and governed by the Statutes and Ordinances framed thereunder. The University is competent to take all academic and administrative decisions with the approval of its statutory bodies like the Court, Executive Council and Academic Council. The university has informed that the Executive Council passed the resolution that the upcoming Colleges/Centres may be named after the names of Swami Vivekananda, Sushma Swaraj, Veer Savarkar and Sardar Patel. The Council also suggested to consider the names of Atal Bihari Bajpai, Savitri Bai Phule, Arun Jaitley, Choudhary Brahm Prakash, C.D. Deshmukh and Prof. Amartya Sen and resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorized to finalize the name. No protest has been reported in the university.
