

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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PRESERVATION OF SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH'S LEGACY

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the derogatory remarks made against Shaheed Bhagat Singh in submissions to the Lahore High Court;

(b) if so, the diplomatic steps being taken to convey India's concerns to Pakistan in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has made any representations to Pakistan regarding the growing intolerance and anti-India sentiments reflected in its treatment of historical figures like Bhagat Singh, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what measures the Government is taking to ensure that Shaheed Bhagat Singh's legacy is preserved and globally recognized for his contributions to the Indian freedom struggle?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to d) Government of India has noted the recent reports regarding objectionable remarks made against Shaheed Bhagat Singh in Pakistan and has lodged a strong protest with the Government of Pakistan on the incident through diplomatic channels. Government of India has also been raising, with Pakistan, issues concerning attacks on cultural heritage, growing intolerance and lack of respect for minority communities in Pakistan.

The Government and the entire nation recognize the invaluable contribution of Shaheed Bhagat Singh in India's freedom struggle. The death anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh is observed every year in India and abroad. India's diplomatic Missions abroad also hold events to pay tributes to Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
