

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5151**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH MARCH, 2026/ CHAITRA 3, 1948 (SAKA)

MARTYR STATUS FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS

†5151. SHRI SANATAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has granted martyr status to those who lost their lives in the freedom struggle;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that many freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev have not been accorded the status of martyr even today, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there has been a long-standing demand in the country to grant martyr status to Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru and that the citizens of the country have also demanded the Bharat Ratna for them; and

(e) the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR)**

(a) to (e): The freedom Fighters who lost their lives in the freedom struggle including Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru, during the National Freedom Struggle have become martyrs for the cause of attaining the Independence of India. Martyrdom of these freedom fighters and their invaluable

contribution in India's Freedom Struggle form an inalienable part of the discourse of our fight for freedom and is well known in our history. Their martyrdom in the supreme national cause of independence is a fact and is not dependent on the presumed presence or absence of official records. Their stature is far above any award or title or status accorded in this regard. The nation will always be grateful to Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru who laid down their lives for a better future of India. Their names will always be written in golden words in the annals of Indian History. The Government and the entire nation recognize their invaluable contribution during the freedom struggle for attainment of India's independence. The 'Dictionary of Martyrs of India's freedom struggle from 1857 to 1947 published by Ministry of Culture has recorded the names of all these Freedom Fighters, including Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru. The Government of India's position on this has remained unchanged since 1947.
