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Demand for Bharat Ratna for Veer Savarkar and Rash Behari Bose

SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal): Sir, the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, honours exceptional contributions to the nation. Two great freedom fighters, Veer Savarkar and Rash Behari Bose, deserve this recognition for their role in India's struggle for independence. Veer Savarkar was a fearless revolutionary and a nationalist thinker. His book, 'Hindutva: Who is a Hindu?', introduced the idea of cultural nationalism. Savarkar spent 27 years in prison, including the harsh Cellular Jail in Andaman, for his fight against British rule. Despite immense suffering, he remained committed to India's freedom. His efforts to unite Indians against colonial oppression deserve the nation's highest award.

Rash Behari Bose was another remarkable leader who fought for India's independence. He played a key role in the Ghadar Movement and later worked with Indian revolutionaries in Japan. He founded the Indian National Army (INA) paving the way for Subhas Chandra Bose to lead it in its campaigns against the British. Bose's efforts built international support for India's freedom and showed his dedication to the cause.

Both leaders demonstrated unmatched courage and vision in their fight for India's independence. Recognizing them with the Bharat Ratna would honor their sacrifices and inspire future generations to follow their ideals of patriotism and nation building. It is time to acknowledge their invaluable contributions and give them the honour they truly deserve. I urge the Government to look into it.

Demand for setting up a dedicated cell to assist Indian citizens abroad facing medical emergencies or serious illness

SHRI P.P. SUNEER (Kerala): Many Indian citizens live and work overseas, far from their home country. A large number of these citizens belong to my home State of Kerala. Myself and many of my colleagues here receive many requests to intervene in cases of medical emergencies abroad. Our citizens abroad are vulnerable to health emergencies and illnesses that may require immediate medical attention and to address this, institutional effort is needed. Availing healthcare systems in foreign