

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL SONG
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 7th September has any historical importance to it in relation to the National Song 'Vande-Matram';
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to clear all doubts with regard to the date; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d) The song 'Vande Mataram', composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterji sometime in the early 1870s, caught the public imagination and became a rallying point during the Swadeshi agitation in Bengal in 1905. The song was also sung at the Benaras (Varanasi) session of the Indian National Congress in 1905. Against this background the year 2005 was observed as the centenary year of 'Vande Mataram' and 7th September as a date to mark the occasion.