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Title: Need to bring out a commemorative postal stamp in honour of the great patriot Khudiram Basu.

SHRIMATI MINATI SEN (JALPAIGURI): Sir, the hundred years of the heroic death of the revolutionary Khudiram Bose will fall on August 11, 2008. I urge upon the Government to bring out a commemorative postal stamp on the great patriot Khudiram Bose who merrily went into the gallows of British Raj in India at the age of 18. In the Colonial India under British Rule, the 18-year old young patriot showed his generation how to win fear and embrace the martyrdom for the country's Independence.

His sacrifice inspired the youth of India to lay their lives to free the Motherland from the shackles of British Colonial Rule in India.

The famous song *Ekbar biday dema, ghure asi* which means "Adieu my mother, I will come back" still inspires us against colonialism. Thank you.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): I would like to inform the hon. Member and the House that the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has taken up this matter with the Government. The Khudiram Bose Centenary shall be celebrated. We are making special impact on the film in the whole matter. A Group has been formed in this regard. The State Government and the Union Government shall jointly take the initiative to commemorate the Centenary. We are in touch with the West Bengal Government for the joint initiative in the matter.

MR. SPEAKER: It is including the stamp, I hope.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI: Yes, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: We must appreciate it.

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