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Dear Raksha Mantriji,

Subject: Noor Inayat Khan

Please refer to my unstarred question on the above subject and your response to the same. I am enclosing the same for your information.

I would like to draw your attention to the issue and urge you and the Government to recognize this truly inspiring story of bravery of an Indian during the World War II.

I urge you to take the initiative and recognize Noor Inayat Khan. As my Parliamentary question has pointed out, she has been recognized by the British and French Governments and people. It is appropriate that India does the same. A fitting tribute and recognition would be of naming the Children's bravery awards in her name, because it is the younger generation that would be inspired by her story.

The story of Noor Inayat Khan is even more telling given the recent debate about the role of women in our Armed forces. I am amongst those who firmly subscribe to the belief that virtues of courage, patriotism and service to the nation are not and cannot be gender restricted.

I hope and trust that you will take the initiative in giving Noor Inayat Khan the belated recognition she deserves.

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