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11. The following line of investigation is suggested :
  - (a) tracing and examining of staff officer TADA in Japan.
  - (b) examination of Swami in Penang.
  - (c) Further examination in detail of Lieut.Gen.Isoda.
  - (d) examination of Hikari personnel in Saigon.
  - (e) search of Hikari documents in Saigon.
  - (f) examination of Chief-of-Staff or other staff-officers of Southern Army in Saigon who know about these telegrams.
  - (g) tracing and examination of Col. Habibur Rahman.
  - (h) search of photographs, remains or ashes, etc. of Bose in Saigon, where they may have been sent, or in Tokyo.
12. Considerable time is being spent on these enquiries, and it is therefore requested that any conclusive information, one way or the other, should be circulated as soon as possible.

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**SHRI T.R. BHASIN:** Did the Intelligence Bureau deal with this aspect?

**SHRI B.N. MULLICK:** No. During the entire period that I was Director of Intelligence Bureau, we were never asked to make enquiry about this aspect.

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of 18 vide Metaji No. III-6(1)  
28th Sep. 1974

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No. III (51) / 63 (6)  
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU  
(Ministry of Home Affairs)  
Government of India

New Delhi, the 16 NOV 1963

My dear Ram,

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Please refer to your D.O.No.2(64)/56-63-  
IM dated the 7th September 1963 regarding Shaulmari  
Ashram Sadhu who, some persons believe, is the same  
as Subhas Chandra Bose.

Metaji

2. With your above quoted letter you  
enclosed two letters, one from Ramani Ranjan  
Das, Secretary of the Shaulmari Ashram and  
the second from Uttam Chand Malhotra, President,  
All-India Subhasbadi Janata, 97/E, Kalkaji, New  
Delhi.

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3. In his letter, Shri Ramani Ranjan Das  
has made two complaints. One is that no proper  
action has been taken against Bhandari against  
whom he had a previous complaint which was the  
subject matter of your D.O.No.2(64)/56-63-PM  
dated 23rd May 1963. We had sent a reply to  
this, vide D.O.No.III(51)/63(6) dated 12th June,  
1963, in which we had mentioned the facts of the  
case. There is nothing more to be reported as  
no legal action is possible against Bhandari.

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4. The second complaint by Ramani Ranjan  
Das, as made in his letter, is that a false case  
has been engineered against the inmates of Shaulmari  
Ashram by the Jalpaiguri Police. In this connection  
please see the enclosed copy of the letter from  
the West Bengal I.B.

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5. In his letter, Shri Malhotra has asked  
the Prime Minister to officially recognise the  
Shaulmari Sadhu as Metaji Subhas Chandra Bose.  
This claim is quite false and the Shaulmari Sadhu  
himself does not claim any connection with Metaji.  
Enclosed is a copy of the English translation of  
the Bengali leaflet published from the Shaulmari  
Ashram in which it has been categorically stated that  
Shaulmari Sadhu is not Subhas Chandra Bose.  
This should falsify Shri Malhotra's claim. But,  
unfortunately, there are people in India, including  
some in leading positions in public life, who want  
to exploit Metaji's name. They have been propagating  
since the last 14 years that the Metaji would return.  
A propaganda was even started when the Chinese invaded  
our country last year that Metaji was coming with  
the invading army. This group, whose leadership  
has been taken by the All-India Subhasbadi Janata,  
still goes on propagating that the Shaulmari Sadhu  
is none other than Metaji, though, as I have ment  
above, the Sadhu himself is quite annoyed with this  
propaganda and categorically denies that he is  
Metaji.

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Yours sincerely,

*B.N. MULLIK*  
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Shri K. Ram,  
Principal Private Secretary  
to the Prime Minister,  
New Delhi.

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MEMORANDUM

17 OCT 1969

Please refer to our Memo. No.6/DG/68(6) dated 17.9.69.

It is now reported that Baba Saradananda of Shoulmari Ashram stayed in a temple on Dharni Road, near Ghatang, Amravati (Maharashtra) from November 1968 to February 1969. At Amravati he collected a very large amount of money and then proceeded to some place between Nainital and the Nepal border. However, he has not been located after February 1969.

We should be grateful if you could please trace the whereabouts of the Sadhu. We may also please be kept informed as and when anything of interest about the Shoulmari Ashram comes to your notice.

  
(SARATH CHANDRA)  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The Supdt. of Police,  
Int. Br., West Bengal,  
CALCUTTA.