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RE: Statement by New Democrat Leader Jack Layton on Kamal Nath

The New Democratic Party of Canada is concerned that a divisive and controversial Indian politician, Kamal Nath, has been invited to Canada.

The voices of a great many Indo-Canadians from all across the country have been very clear: they are especially hurt by the presence in Canada of a man who allegedly organized anti-Sikh pogroms.

Mr. Nath has been accused of participating in, orchestrating, inciting and leading angry mobs in Delhi in November 1984. Over the past 26 years, the wounds of 1984 have not healed.

Out of respect for the Canadian Sikh community, I am urging my caucus not to attend events featuring Kamal Nath.

Sincerely,

The Hon. Jack Layton, M.P. P.C
Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada