The Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi, has sent the following message to the Chinese Premier on the death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

The Government and people of India join me in sending you our sincere condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung. He was an eminent statesman who led the resurgence and progress of the Chinese people.

The President, Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, has sent the following message to the Acting Head of State on the death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, a great leader of the Chinese people. His death is a great loss. On behalf of the Government of India and on my own behalf, I would like to extend heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy.