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(Ottawa) Hon. Deepak Obhrai, M.P. joined Prime Minister Stephen Harper this week to unveil a stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Komagata Maru tragedy.

This year marks the 100 year anniversary of the arrival of the SS Komagata Maru in Vancouver. The ship carried 376 South Asian passengers seeking a better life in Canada. These passengers were detained and forcefully denied entry into Canada due to discriminatory policies that restricted immigration from certain countries.

The stamp builds on the prime minister's 2008 apology on behalf of the government. As part of the apology the government also announced \$2.5 million dollars in funding to commemorate and raise awareness of this part of Canada's history.

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