

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2114
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2026**

GURUSADAY MUSEUM, KOLKATA

2114 Shri Biswajit Sinha (Rahul Sinha):

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gurusaday Museum, Kolkata, under Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), remains recognised as an autonomous institution under Government of India and, if so, whether it has remained closed since June 2020 and the steps taken to restore its operations;
- (b) whether its folk art collections have been or are proposed to be shifted to the Indian Museum, Kolkata, the present condition of such artefacts and whether disputes involving Bengal Bratachari Society over its land and collections are under Government's cognisance; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to resume active administrative and financial oversight to ensure preservation and public display of its cultural heritage?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE & TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

- (a) No Sir. Gurusaday Museum, Kolkata is not recognised as an autonomous institution under the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles.
- (b) No such proposal is under consideration by the Indian Museum, Kolkata. Information regarding the present condition of the artefacts and disputes involving the Bengal Bratachari Society is not available with this Ministry.
- (c) No, sir.
