## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE

#### LOK SABHA

### **UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1778**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023

#### COMMEMORATION OF BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF RAJA RAM MOHAN ROY

1778. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the 250 years of the Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any plan to commemorate the semi-quincentennial birthday of Raja Ram Mohan Roy therefor;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the proposal of the Government to celebrate his birthday in Radhanagore, Hooghly of West Bengal in a constructive manner thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM, AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

#### (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Government had approved for commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy in its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- (c) & (d) Government of India has been celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy in befitting manner from 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. The inaugural event was held at Raja Ram Mohan Library, Kolkata and Science City Centre, Kolkata on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022. Statue of Raja Ram Mohan Roy was unveiled by Hon'ble Culture Minister on this occasion followed by seminar and cultural programme. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) has done awareness programmes for Children and Women Empowerment in 250 districts. RRRLF also organized 154 numbers of rallies in 21 States/UTs. Besides, a National Conference on relevance of Raja Ram Mohan Roy in Women Empowerment and Transformation in New India also held on 30-31 January 2023 at Mangalore, Karnataka.