

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3110**

**ANSWERED ON- 09/08/2024**

**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WORLD AFFAIRS**

**3110. SMT APARAJITA SARANGI**

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-**

- (a) whether an international library is functioning at the International Council of World Affairs (Sapru House);**
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the facilities available for students there and its annual budget during the last five years;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any reports of serious allegations/complaint at the International Council of World Affairs (Sapru House);**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to investigate these and ensure that students have rightful access to library resources without facing harassment;**

- (e) whether the library was open on Saturdays and Sundays before COVID Pandemic but now this practice has been discontinued; and**
- (f) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to open the library on these days?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)**

**(a) Yes, a library is functioning at the Indian Council of World Affairs (Sapru House);**

**(b) The Sapru House Library is one of India's premier research libraries, serving scholars, academicians and experts pursuing higher study and research in the fields of international relations, foreign policy, diplomacy, political science, etc. It has an extensive collection of books, journals and reports on the broad themes of international relations, foreign policy, political science, etc.**

**Borrowing and reading room facilities are available for members, including student members.**

**There is no separate budget head for the library. Expenditure towards library infrastructure, activities, employment of personnel,**

**acquisition of books and journals, etc is made out of annual budget grant of ICWA;**

**(c & d) Government are not aware of any serious allegations related to access to Library resources or harassment thereof. Government take all necessary steps to ensure that these resources are available to all bonafide users as per rules and regulations.**

**(e & f) The library was open on Monday to Saturdays before the Covid-19 pandemic. Currently, owing to staffing constraints, the Library is not open on Saturdays.**

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