GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO– 3251

ANSWERED ON – 08/08/2025

VANDALISM OF RABINDRANATH TAGORE'S ANCESTRAL HOUSE

IN BANGLADESH

3251. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government has formally lodged a diplomatic protest with the Government of Bangladesh over the vandalism of Rabindra Kacharibari, if so, the details thereof;

(b)   whether assurances have been received from the government of Bangladesh regarding the security of the Kacharibari, if so, the details thereof;

(c)   whether there have been any arrests made by the Bangladesh government regarding the vandalism, if so, the details thereof;

(d)   the actions taken/proposed to be taken by the Government regarding the vandalism; and

(e)   whether any bilateral mechanisms exist between India and Bangladesh on joint protection and conservation of shared cultural heritage in Bangladesh, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to d) On 12 June 2025, the Government of India strongly condemned the despicable attack and vandalisation of the ancestral home of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, underlining that the violent act was a disgrace to the memory and the inclusive values espoused by Gurudev Tagore. India urged the interim Government of Bangladesh to take strict action and prevent recurrence of such incidents.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh, thereafter issued a statement indicating that two persons were arrested in connection to the attack and that appropriate legal action was being undertaken. Government of Bangladesh has also announced measures to increase the security of Rabindra Kacharibari.

(e) The Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Bangladesh, instituted under the framework of the 1972 Cultural Cooperation Agreement, provides for cooperation under various cultural disciplines, including support for archaeological conservation.

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