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To

Shri Conrad Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya, Meghalaya Secretariat, Shillong - 793001.

Sub:

Appeal to Halt the Demolition of Gurdwara Guru Nanak Darbar in Shillong-A Request to Preserve Religious and Cultural Heritage

Respected Shri Conrad Sangma Ji,

I am writing to you in my capacity as a Member of Parliament from Shri Anandpur Sahib, a constituency deeply connected to the sacred legacy of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. I wish to draw your attention to the recent developments surrounding the proposed demolition of the historic Gurdwara Guru Nanak Darbar in Punjabi Lane (Them Lew Mawlong), Shillong, which has caused great distress and concern within the Sikh community, both locally and globally.

The Gurdwara Sahib, established in 1874 in memory of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's visit, holds immense historical, religious, and cultural significance. For over a century, it has been a beacon of spiritual strength and a place of solace, not only for the Sikhs residing in Shillong but also for the broader community. The proposed demolition, as part of an urban development and beautification plan, threatens to erode not only a physical structure but also the spiritual heritage and sentiments of thousands who revere this holy shrine.

While I understand the importance of infrastructural and urban development, it is equally essential that such projects be pursued without undermining the religious sentiments and rights of minority communities. I appeal to your esteemed office to reconsider the proposed course of action and find an amicable solution that safeguards the interests of the Sikh community while meeting the objectives of the development plan.

I urge you to take this matter with the seriousness it warrants. We trust that Meghalaya, known for its diversity and communal harmony, will uphold its reputation by ensuring that no community's religious sentiments are disregarded.

I humbly request your intervention to halt the demolition proceedings and preserve this historical shrine that has been a cornerstone of Sikh heritage in the North-East. I am confident that under your capable leadership, the government will take a decision that reflects inclusiveness, respects the Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom, and fosters unity among the diverse communities that call Meghalaya their home.

Your swift and thoughtful action on this matter would go a long way in demonstrating your government's commitment to upholding the pluralistic fabric of our nation. I look forward to a favorable response and am more than willing to engage in further discussions to ensure a mutually beneficial resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

(Malvinder Singh Kang)