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To

Shri Narendra Modi Ji

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,

South Block, Raisina Hill New Delhi – 110011

Subject:

Request for Immediate Intervention to Halt the Demolition of Gurdwara

Guru Nanak Darbar, Shillong

Respected Prime Minister Ji,

I am writing to you as a Member of Parliament representing the Shri Anandpur Sahib Lok Sabha constituency in Punjab, to draw your kind attention to a matter of profound concern for the Sikh community in India and around the world. It has come to my notice that the Meghalaya government has recommended the demolition of the 200-year-old Gurdwara Guru Nanak Darbar, located at the Punjabi Colony in Bara Bazar, Shillong, along with other religious sites in the area. This recommendation has caused widespread resentment and anguish among the Sikh community residing in Shillong and beyond.

Gurdwara Guru Nanak Darbar stands not only as a place of worship but also as a symbol of the deep historical and cultural ties that the Sikh community has shared with the region for generations. Its demolition would not only hurt the religious sentiments of the Sikhs but also erode a part of our shared national heritage. The Sikh community has contributed immensely to the growth and progress of Shillong, and their religious and cultural sites deserve protection and preservation.

In light of the above, I urge your immediate intervention in this matter to prevent the demolition of this historic Gurdwara Sahib. It is the duty of the government to uphold the religious sentiments of all communities and ensure the protection of places of worship. The Sikh community, like all others, has the right to practice its faith and maintain its sacred institutions without fear or threat of demolition.

In this regard, I respectfully request your esteemed office to issue immediate directives to halt the proposed demolition, respecting the religious sentiments of the Sikh community, while ensuring the protection and preservation of the Gurdwara Sahib.

Your prompt action on this issue will reaffirm the government's commitment to safeguarding the rights of all religious communities and upholding India's proud tradition of religious harmony.

With utmost respect and regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(Malvinder Singh Kang)