

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-507
ANSWERED ON- 07/12/2023

EXCLUSION OF NAME OF RABINDRANATH TAGORE ON THE UNESCO PLAQUE

507. SHRI K.C.VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- a) the reasons for the decision not to include the name of Rabindranath Tagore on the UNESCO plaque in Santiniketan;
- b) whether there has been any official statement or rationale provided by Government in this regard;
- c) how does the decision aligns with the significance of contributions of Rabindranath Tagore to the institution; and
- d) the criteria used to determine the names included on the UNESCO plaque at Santiniketan, and whether there are plans to revisit or reconsider this decision?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to(d): There is no decision to exclude the name of Rabindranath Tagore on the UNESCO Plaque in Santiniketan. Moreover, the text of the plaque has been finalized as prescribed in UNESCO Operational Guidelines, 2023, which includes the name of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and is aligned with his significant contribution in establishment of Santiniketan.
