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WAKF PROPERTIES IN WEST BENGAL

760. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of Waqf properties in the State of West Bengal and the number currently under encroachment;
- (b) whether the Royal Calcutta Golf Club and Tollygunge Club are Waqf properties, if so, the rent paid by these clubs in the last fiscal year;
- (c) the steps being taken to prevent encroachment on Waqf properties in the State of West Bengal; and
- (d) the number of Waqf properties in the State of West Bengal that have been developed for educational, healthcare, or other public welfare purposes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (d): As per provisions of Section 32 of the Waqf Act 1995 as amended, general superintendence of all waqf properties in a State is vested with the State Waqf Board (SWB) and the Waqf Board is empowered to manage the waqf property. Further, as per Section 54 and 55 of the Waqf Act, Chief Executive Officer of SWB has power to take legal action against unauthorized occupation and encroachment of waqf properties. Additionally, Ministry of Minority Affairs implements Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme (QWBTS) for better administration of waqf properties and to safeguard and prevent encroachment of waqf properties.

As per the information furnished by Waqf Board, West Bengal, the total number of Waqf Properties in West Bengal are **80,548** and the number currently under encroachment are **380** and both Royal Calcutta Golf Club and Tollygunge Club are waqf properties. The rent paid by these clubs in the last fiscal year (2023-24) is as under:

- (i) Royal Calcutta Golf Club-Rs.18,88,224/-
- (ii) Tollygunge Club- Rs. 18,88,224/-

The number of Waqf properties in the State of West Bengal that have been developed for educational, healthcare, or other public welfare purposes is as follows:

- (i) Model English Medium Madrasah – 4,
- (ii) Muslim Girls'/Boys' Hostel – 19,
- (iii) Hospitals & Dispensaries – 9,
- (iv) School – 158, and
- (v) Shopping Complex at Patharchapuri, Birbhum – 1
