GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *252

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH DECEMBER, 2024/ AGRAHAYANA 27, 1946 (SAKA)

STATUS OF ENEMY PROPERTIES IN WEST BENGAL

*252 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry provide the breakup of enemy properties in West Bengal, specifying those left by Pakistani and Chinese nationals, districtwise;

(b) the number of enemy properties in West Bengal that were sold in the past three years and revenue that was generated;

(c) the number of enemy properties in West Bengal that are under encroachment and steps that are being taken to reclaim them;

(d) whether the Ministry provide details about enemy properties in prime Kolkata locations like B.B.D. Bag, Shakespeare Sarani, and Tangra and the plans for these properties; and

(e) Government's long-term plans for remaining enemy properties in West Bengal, including monetization efforts?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *252 FOR ANSWER ON 18TH DECEMBER 2024.

(a) District-wise breakup of enemy properties in West Bengal, specifying those left by Pakistani and Chinese nationals are at Annexure.

(b) No enemy property in West Bengal has been sold in the past three years. However, lease rent to the tune of Rs. 69.72 lakhs have been collected during the last three years in respect of enemy property situated in West Bengal.

(c) Based on surveys conducted so far, encroachment has been found in five hundred thirty six (536) enemy properties situated in West Bengal. The District Magistrates act as an ex-officio Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property who are responsible for preservation, maintenance and are empowered to act as an Estate Officer under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971. Action against such unauthorized occupants of enemy property is carried out in accordance with the Enemy Property Rules, 2015. So far, forty nine (49) eviction proceedings have been initiated against such unauthorized occupants.

(d) & (e) One enemy property is situated at 78-A&B Shakespeare Sarani, and the other at 47, South Tangra Road, Kolkata. In terms of the Guidelines for the Disposal of Enemy Property Order, 2018 framed under the Enemy Property Act, 1968, the enemy properties are sold through eauction by carrying out valuation of such property by a Valuation Committee under the Chairmanship of the District Magistrate of the district, where the property is situated. The valuation reports submitted by the District Magistrate is placed by the Custodian before the Enemy Property Disposal Committee which gives its recommendation to the Central Government for the disposal of Enemy Property or the manner in which the Enemy Property may be dealt with.

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S. No.	District	No of	No of	Total Nos.
		Properties of Pakistani National	Properties of Chinese National	of Vested Properties
1	Alipurduar	100	2	102
2	Birbhum	427	0	427
3	Paschim Bardhaman	1	0	1
4	Purba Bardhaman	625	0	625
5	Coochbehar	711	0	711
6	Darjeeling	0	13	13
7	Howrah	1	0	1
8	Hoogly	38	0	38
9	Jalpaiguri	391	5	396
10	Kalimpong	0	17	17
11	Kolkata	71	19	90
12	South 24 Parganas	23	0	23
13	Malda	53	0	53
14	Murshidabad	1728	0	1728
15	Nadia	88	0	88
16	Paschim Midnapur	18	0	18
17	Purba Midnapur	6	0	6
18	Dakshin Dinajpur	21	0	21
19	Uttar Dinajpur	18	0	18
	GRAND TOTAL	4320	56	4376
