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PROF. PRADIP BHATTACHARYA, MP

Date:.....

PRESIDENT

December 31, 2011

Dear Madam,

It has come to my attention through media reports that the State Government has decided to rename Indira Bhavan in Salt Lake as Nazrul Bhavan and institute the Nazrul Academy. We are supportive of the idea of establishing the Nazrul Academy. In fact, we believe that such Nazrul Academy should be established in each of the districts of the State. We would propose that a cultural complex, Nazrul Sadan, be established in Kolkata in the memory of legendary inspirational poet. This type of a positive move is most welcome, but we feel that there is no logic or justification of renaming Indira Bhavan for this purpose.

You will appreciate that the Indira Bhavan is closely associated with the memory of our beloved leader and Prime Minister late Smt. Indira Gandhi and sentiments of millions of people is involved with the name and memory of Indiraji.

I request you to reconsider the decision of renaming Indira Bhavan. We will not accept such a renaming.

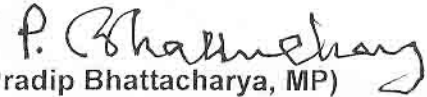
I herewith propose the following:-

1. Institute *Indira Gandhi Research and Information Centre* in the Bhavan. Central Government may be requested to support the establishment of this Centre on the initiative of the State.
2. A cultural complex, Nazrul Sadan, be established in Kolkata and initiatives be taken to establish Nazrul Academy in each of the districts.
3. The proposed Nazrul Academy may be established in Churulia in Burdwan district associated with the name and memory of Nazrul.
4. The New Secretariat Building, already a new landmark of the city, may be named as Nazrul Bhavan.

I sincerely request you to consider the above suggestions and review the decision to rename Indira Bhavan. I also believe an appropriate clarification of the Government position may please be issued without any further delay.

With regards,

Sincerely yours,


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President, WBPCCC

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