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Ms. Mamata Banerjee
Hon'ble chief Minister
Government of West Bengal
Nabanna

25 September, 2023

Subject: an earnest request to return the road between Santiniketan Ashram

Dear Madam,

Namaskar.

This is an earnest request to return the road that you took back just before the Assembly poll in 2021 and put under the control of PWD. As you know, Santiniketan is now a World Heritage Site and it was declared by the UNESCO on 17 September, 2023. In view of the Santiniketan's recognition as a World Heritage Site, we have now greater responsibility to safeguard this heritage site. Under these circumstances, I earnestly request you to help us maintain the Ashram area to retain the tag for us and also for the posterity.

The road should be made free of vehicles because, as per Archeological Survey of India, the vibration due to the plying of vehicles (except two wheelers) adversely affects the building inside Ashram. And, the ASI warned that if this is not stopped immediately, these building will just collapse in course of time. Furthermore, the noise which is an outcome of the plying of vehicles creates vibration that also causes harm to the buildings and also disturb the tranquility of the Ashram areas. It is also a matter of great concern that the access to the Ashram is restricted with the haphazard parking of the Totos on both sides of the road; The chaotic conditions created as a result disturb the free movement of those visiting Visva-Bharati to see the Ashram.

I reinforce my request to you by drawing your attention to the fact that our kindergarten school, Ananda and Mrinalini Patshala are located next to this road. The tiny tots who study there are not totally saved because of the fast vehicles driven especially by those reckless drivers who do not bother to admit that they should not enhance the speed while passing the kindergarten. This disturbs the students there and also distract them from their studies and also, they are likely to be hit by these irresponsible drivers when they go out of their school to go home after the school is over.

Keeping the above points in mind, my request is to allow Visva-Bharati to monitor the movement of vehicles on this road passing through the Ashram area. I am sure that given your concern for Ashram and appreciation of Gurudev's contribution to humanity, you will happily approve our earnest request since it is necessary to sustain the tag, we have received out of hard work of many who worked tirelessly to make this happen.

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Warm regards,



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