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Subject: Hon'ble Shri Samik Bhattacharya's Evasion of Core Questions Raised by the Christian Community and Silence on Vigilante Violence

While Hon'ble Shri Samik Bhattacharya continues to speak at length, he has conspicuously avoided answering the core questions raised by the Christian community. He has not uttered a single word to substantiate or explain the basis of his objectionable and defamatory remarks—specifically regarding which school administrator allegedly kept a Pakistani flag on their desk, which school prohibited wearing a saffron saree, and what he meant by claiming that Christians have not changed their "British mentality."

In light of his continued silence, the Christian community places the following 8 (eight) questions before him and the authorities:

1. Why is no legal action being taken against actual perpetrators? If illegal religious conversions are indeed taking place, why are the specific individuals responsible not being identified and prosecuted under the law? Does this reluctance indicate an unwillingness to let the truth come out?

2. Why the silence on vigilante attacks? Why have neither Shri Bhattacharya nor the government uttered a single word condemning the militant vigilante

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groups that are repeatedly taking the law into their own hands to launch brutal attacks and vandalize peaceful prayer meetings?

3. Are extra-constitutional groups being used to intimidate minorities? Why is the established administrative and legal machinery being bypassed? Are these self-styled religious vigilante groups being deliberately used to intimidate and "teach a lesson" to the Christian community?

4. Why are victims being targeted by the police? Why is the police administration allowing attackers to walk free while detaining the victims and taking them to police stations instead?

5. What is the current status of the FIRs registered in connection with these incidents? Despite facing resistance, threats and intimidation from the alleged perpetrators, victims have succeeded in lodging FIRs in approximately fifteen out of the fifty reported incidents. Why has no official statement been issued clarifying how many perpetrators have actually faced legal action to date?

6. Where is the list of alleged converts? Over the past two centuries, millions of students have studied in Christian-run educational institutions. Why is there no effort to publish a verified list—complete with names and addresses—of how many students have been converted to Christianity by these school authorities?

7. Why not present testimonials from his own party's alumni? Thousands of leaders within the current ruling party at the Centre have themselves been

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educated in Christian missionary institutions. Why are their personal testimonies regarding whether these schools engage in religious conversion not being brought before the people of this country?

8. Over the last 4–5 months, there have been at least fifty brutal attacks on Christian prayer meetings, including the beating of worshippers and pastors, as well as vandalism. Why remain silent on all those incidents, while being vocal only about issues like an anonymous official having a Pakistani flag on their desk or wearing a saffron saree?"

Sweeping accusations without evidence only serve to malign a peace-loving community and endanger social harmony. We reiterate our demand for specific facts, accountability, and immediate legal action against those disrupting peace

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