

Advertisement

Tuesday, 19 July 2022 • E-paper

The Telegraph online



Home / India / Jawhar Sircar questions Hardeep Puri on national emblem

# Jawhar Sircar questions Hardeep Puri on national emblem

MP points out that lessons should be learnt from a replica of similar scale atop Vidhana Soudha — completed in 1956 — that has not faced criticism



The newly unveiled bronze National Emblem on the roof of the new Parliament House on Thursday.

PTI picture

Our Special Correspondent | New Delhi | Published 17.07.22, 12:49 AM

Trinamul Rajya Sabha member from Bengal and former Union culture secretary Jawhar Sircar wrote to housing and urban affairs minister Hardeep Puri on Saturday questioning the “deviations” and “distortions” in the national emblem cast installed atop the new Parliament building.

Sircar wrote to Puri: “The rather belligerent posture that the lions in the new sculpture appear to portray has not been missed by many. There are several other deviations from the original Sarnath model and these could easily be proved by comparison of accurate 3D images.”

Advertisement

Advertisement

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday unveiled the 6.5-metre-high cast of the national emblem atop the new Parliament building that is scheduled to open later this year. The emblem has invited allegations of distortion of and insult to India's national emblem, with the Opposition and social activists pointing out that the lions in the cast are snarling — a departure from the picture of “restrained strength and peace” that the lions in Ashoka's pillar at Sarnath present.

Responding to Puri's defence that “if one looks at the Sarnath emblem from below it would look as calm or angry as the one being discussed”, Sircar said in his letter: “But, all citizens of India (expect a very few select ones) will have to view the national emblem from the ground — with all these consequent deviations. Architecture is an outstanding discipline and could perhaps minimise these ‘perspective distortions’. It appears such expert advice was not sought by your officials nor did the small group of experts, handpicked by you, offer to rectify this.”

“In fact, 3D computerised modelling could have ensured an exact copy of the original that the artists commissioned by you for this exercise could, quite sadly, not do. As you are aware, an exact replica of the national emblem does not either permit human error or ‘artistic licence’,” Sircar pointed out.

The MP asked: “We also seek to know the details of the process of selecting the artist, the brief given and the cost of the said artwork. Has this contributed in raising the original estimated cost of Rs 975 crore to the currently estimated cost of Rs 1,200 crore? Moreover, did the proposal to install this sculpture specifically receive sanction from the Delhi Urban Art Commission, and the Heritage Conservation Committee, mandated by the Supreme Court order of 06 Jan 2021 regarding the new Parliament Building?”

Sircar pointed out that lessons should be learnt from a replica of similar scale atop Karnataka's Vidhana Soudha — completed in 1956 — that has not faced the criticism that the Parliament sculpture has.

He signed off: “This error is now foisted far too high to be swept under the carpet any more....”

[Trinamul Congress](#)

[Rajya Sabha](#)

[Jawhar Sircar](#)

[Hardeep Puri](#)

Share



Advertisement

## Careers

TB Business Advisory Pvt Ltd | Sponsored

### Alexa Originals Launched

Listen to the latest music by Lisa Mishra, Vibha Saraf, Gulraj Singh & Diesby.

Aboutamazon | Sponsored

Learn More

### Nveda Calcium, Magnesium, Zinc, Vit D3 & Vit B 12 Tablets

10% off on all purchases

NVEDA | Sponsored

Get Offer

### Nveda Calcium, Magnesium, Zinc, Vit D3 & Vit B 12 Tablets PACK OF 2

10% of on all Purchases

NVEDA | Sponsored

Shop Now

### Women's Kurta Sets under ₹1499

Time to up your Indian wear game! Buy trendy Kurta sets under ₹1499/- only on taggd - the house of fashion.

Taggd | Sponsored

Shop Now

### Get Amazon Pay ICICI Bank Credit Card now

Pay Amazon Se | Sponsored

### Top 5 Cybersecurity Coins Below \$1

Nowadays, many financial market investors seek to preserve their wealth and increase their level of safety by purchasing cybersecurity coins. The top 5 Cybersecurity Crypto Coins to watch in 2022 are listed below, according to their market cap.

CoinLive.com | Sponsored

Learn More

### Children need nutrition to grow, study and thrive

Donate Now

Akshaya Patra | Sponsored

Learn More

### This Desktop App Helps You Write More Effectively

Grammarly for Windows and Mac provides instant suggestions to make your writing clear and compelling. It works across the apps and sites where you do your most important writing: Slack, Word, LinkedIn, and beyond. Install it now!

Grammarly | Sponsored

Install Now

### Without Surgery, He'll Be Left Blind. Please Help!

Suffering from an eyelid deformity, Tanmay needs to undergo correction surgery

Ketto | Sponsored

Learn More

### Term plan that returns your premium at the end of policy\*

Max Life Insurance Calculator | Sponsored

### Unsold Laptops Are Being Sold for Almost Nothing (Take a Look at the Prices)

Unsold Laptops | Search Ads | Sponsored

### Flat 50% OFF on Women's Ethnic & Western Wear

Ethnic wear has an elegance of its own. Shop your fave styles at flat 50% off only on taggd - the house of fashion.

Taggd | Sponsored

Shop Now

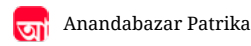
Download the latest The Telegraph app



#### More from The Telegraph India

- News
- Opinion
- India
- States
- Calcutta
- World
- Business
- Science and Tech
- Health
- Sports
- Entertainment
- Culture

#### More from ABP Group



Copyright © 2020 The Telegraph. All rights reserved.

[About](#) | [Contact us](#) | [Terms of use](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)

