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- All those **political parties that are celebrating this so-called 'State Foundation Day', they are doing so with a set political narrative and agenda. I have written a strongly-worded letter to the Hon'ble Governor yesterday objecting over this new practice**
- I have been born in this Bengal, just like all others. **We have spent our entire life in this Bengal, but never heard about any 'State Foundation Day'**. Nothing of this sort has ever been celebrated in our history, nor has any Act ever been passed by the Cabinet
- **I condemn this practice, which is being done is with the sole purpose of defaming Bengal; It is being carried out with the purpose of insulting the soil of Bengal, and the people of our land**
- **What sort of 'Foundation Day' are you celebrating if the people of the State themselves do not know about it?** It is not like only us who are objecting to this celebration, even the Left Front and Congress are unaware of this so-called 'Foundation Day'
- **If BJP believes that whatever they decide to celebrate, the other parties have to agree to it, they are mistaken.** I, once again, condemn this act of celebrating 'Foundation Day'
- I have already shot of a letter to the Governor regarding this matter. **I believe one should not play politics with the chair of the Governor of Bengal**
- Will the central government decide which state should celebrate 'Foundation Day' events? All those states that have a 'Foundation Day', they are free to celebrate those days. However, **the people of Bengal have never celebrated any 'Foundation Day'**
- **Our petition to rename West Bengal has been pending with the central government for over six years now.** We want the name changed because our officers have to wait for a long time during transfers, as alphabetically, 'W' of West Bengal comes way down the list
- **The central government has objection in changing Bengal's name, but is planning to celebrate our 'Foundation Day'. What can be more ironic than this?**