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A BJP Leader Dehumanised A Tribal In Madhya Pradesh, Yet You Won't See Human Rights Team Being Rushed To Madhya Pradesh, Says Hon'ble National Gen Secy Abhishek Banerjee

"JUST LIKE CORONA IS A VIRUS, AND COVISHIELD IS ITS VACCINE. SIMILARLY, BJP IS A VIRUS, AND TRINAMOOOL CONGRESS AND MAMATA BANERJEE IS THE VACCINE"

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- **We have almost reached the culmination of our campaigning for the Panchayat Elections.** From this stage, I thank the people for being here in such huge numbers. Even though it is raining, the spirit of the people hasn't dampened even one bit
- The upcoming Panchayat Elections won't decide the fate of the Prime Minister or the Chief Minister. **This election is for the people of Bengal, for their grams, for their blocks and for their districts.** We need to make sure that we elect such a candidate that helps the people with their benefits
- On July 8, the people of Bengal will vote for the posts of Gram Sabha, Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad. **For the first time in India's political history has a party taken the people's view in deciding its candidates.** We have repeatedly maintained that getting the people's certificate is must for a candidate
- The responsibility of electing these candidates now lies with the people of Bengal. Let us all exercise our franchise with our heads held high. **Helping Trinamool Congress' candidate win will mean that in the coming days, services related to water, roads, development, health and education will be streamlined**
- We also need to make sure that the candidates we elect will fight for the people against the Central government, which has withheld our rightful dues for the 100 Days' Work Scheme and the Awas Yojana
- **All those BJP leaders who are complicit in withholding your funds, this election is a referendum for their brand of politics.** In the coming days, we will go to Delhi and snatch what is rightfully ours. **The people need to ensure that Trinamool Congress wins the elections, so that we can remind these 'Bohiragotos' that their discriminatory politics is not welcome in Bengal**
- In the 2021 Assembly Elections, Purba Bardhaman voted extensively in Trinamool Congress' favour. **Of the 16 Assembly Constituencies in the district, Trinamool won all 16 seats** and your vote helped Mamata Banerjee become the Chief Minister for the third successive term
- There are 215 Gram Panchayats in Purba Bardhaman, let us make sure that all Panchayat Samitis have representatives from Trinamool Congress. Your vote for Trinamool will

ensure that you get your rights. Your vote for Trinamool in 2021 ensured you avail Bengal government's social welfare schemes, be it Kanyashree, Swasthya Sathi, Lakshmir Bhandar, Rupashree, Khadya Sathi, or Shobuj Sathi

- On the other hand, your vote to BJP in 2019 General Elections has ensured that the central government halts Bengal's funds. The people of Bengal have to vote with their eyes and ears open, and not on the basis of hearsay
- Those BJP leaders, who were often seen camping in Bengal before the 2021 State Elections are nowhere to be seen now. Meanwhile, it is Trinamool Congress that has fulfilled all its pre-poll promise. For over two years, ration dealers lobby kept halting the delivery of Duare Ration, but the courts have intervened now. Within six months, ration will reach directly to your home. This is the promise that Mamata Banerjee had made, and she has kept her word
- **A total of 17 lakh, 82 thousand people from Purba Bardhaman are dependent on the 100 Days' Work Scheme. This money has been withheld by the BJP government unjustly, and out of sheer vendetta**
- PM Modi sought your vote over the dream of providing you '*Achche Din*'. Today, cooking gas costs Rs 1,200. It is the same with kerosene, which costs Rs 120 per litre, or mustard oil, which is now selling at over Rs 220 per litre. The BJP government and PM Modi is responsible for this price rise. We need to uproot them, and uproot them fast, or else they will take the country down the drain
- **Just as the protesting wrestlers were forced to drown their medals in the Ganges, people will be forced to drown their future if BJP comes to power again.** BJP should be taught a lesson and should be rejected at all costs
- **Just as Corona is a virus, and Covishield its vaccine, similarly, BJP is the virus, and Trinamool and Mamata Banerjee its vaccine**
- Earlier, BJP leaders used to say that Lakshmir Bhandar was nothing but alms, but now the same BJP leader is claiming to increase Lakshmir Bhandar to Rs 2,000 if they are voted to power. Today, there is a competition between Sukanta Majumdar and Suwendu Adhikari over who can remain in the news by parroting about Lakshmir Bhandar. BJP is in government in 12 states across the nation, yet not even in one state are they giving Rs 1,000 to the people. If they can prove me wrong, I am ready to quit politics
- **BJP government at the Centre has halted funds for over 62 schemes in Bengal. In just the past two years, over 151 central teams have been sent to Bengal**
- Yesterday in Madhya Pradesh, we saw a BJP leader dehumanising a tribal and urinating on his face. This is the reality of BJP, who are against our Tribal community. **Yet, you won't see any NHRC or Human Rights team being rushed to Madhya Pradesh**
- Bengal government has sent a list of 11.36 lakh names for the Awas Yojana to the Centre last year. Yet, the money hasn't been released. **The BJP government has halted Bengal's funds, only because they couldn't win here.** This amount is not the personal fund of BJP government, it is the deserved money of the poor people of Bengal
- We have shown enough restraint, but the time for restraint is over. We have three options before us, either request the BJP government to release our funds, or hold PM Modi's feet,

or go to Delhi and snatch out rightful dues. We chose the latter — '*Dilli Cholo*' is the clarion call that we will now raise to get what we are owed

- When I began my journey during the *Trinamoole Nabo Jowar*, my critics laughed and claimed that my 60-day yatra would be futile, and that I won't be able to even stay on the ground for 6 days. They've yet again been proven wrong
- If people take to the roads to fight for their dues, then even one lakh Narendra Modi cannot resist them. He must understand that if he can stop the dues by pressing the remote control, then he must know that on the day of the election, a press on the EVM can remove you from power in seconds
- **Have you ever seen your Member of Parliament, SS Ahluwalia, hold a meeting in Bardhaman?** Even once? It has been nine years of Modi government, has there ever been even one developmental meeting held by the BJP MP in Bardhaman?
- A couple of days back, PM Modi said that he is a guarantor against corruption. Yet, day before yesterday, BJP poached NCP MLAs in Maharashtra. These leaders were being probed for corruption by the ED and CBI. This is the reality of BJP and PM Modi. We have also seen leaders like Suvendu Adhikari, who have been seen openly accepting bribes on camera, campaign for BJP, yet no action is taken against him
- **If Trinamool can suspend leaders like Partha Chatterjee, what is stopping the BJP from expelling scam-tainted leaders like Suvendu Adhikari and Himanta Biswa Sarma?** Not just this, we have ensured that Panchayat Pradhans, who are corrupt, are expelled from their post and party at the earliest
- AITC will, every three months, review the work of these Panchayats to make sure that services are being provided to the common public. Those leaders who derelict their duty, will be asked to resign from their posts. This is my assurance to the people from this stage
- **If BJP wins even one Panchayat, instead of working for the development of people, all they will do is halt the progress of Bengal government's social welfare schemes**
- In just Purba Bardhaman district, we have ensured 11 lakh, 65 thousand women avail of Lakshmir Bhandar. **In Purba Bardhaman alone, 19 lakh, 94 thousand students are getting benefits of Aikyashree scholarships.** Similarly, Swasthya Sathi benefits are being availed by 15 lakh women in the district. Our government is providing free ration in Purba Bardhaman to over 47 lakh, 67 thousand people. We always keep our promise
- The BJP government at the Centre has let lose ED and CBI behind Trinamool leaders. **It has been 26 months since the 2021 Bengal Elections, in these 26 months, 27 false cases have been filed against us**
- **BJP might have the support of all agencies, be it ED, CBI, Income Tax, Election Commission, Paramilitary Forces, but they don't have the support of the public**