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48 HOURS OF SILENCE! Home Minister Amit Shah Must Resign Over Death of 4 Children In Chopra Caused By BSF's Negligence. Party Leaders Dr Shashi Panja & Kunal Ghosh Issue Poser To BJP

“BJP LEADERS SUKANTA MAJUMDAR, SMRITI IRANI, AND GAURAV BHATIA MUST BE BOOKED FOR SPREADING HATE SPEECH AND ISSUING PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS”

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Sharing multiple instances to prove how **BJP's Sandeshkhali conspiracy fell flat on its face**, All India Trinamool Congress leaders on Wednesday **demand immediate action against BJP leaders Smriti Irani, Gaurav Bhatia, and Sukanta Majumdar for attempting to “break Bengal,”** adding that **Union Home Minister Amit Shah should resign for failing to take any action against BSF negligence in Chopra that cost 4 innocent lives.**

Highlighting the observation of the National Commission of Women, news reports today stated that representatives from the NCW did not receive any complaints of sexual assault or abduction during their interaction with the women of Sandeshkhali today. Trinamool leaders said this exposed the false claims made by the BJP leaders in the past few days just to fan violence and chaos.

After referring to news reports during a party press conference at Kolkata's Trinamool Bhavan, AITC Spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said, **“Sandeshkhali has become the epicentre of BJP's conspiracy and misinformation campaign...BJP Spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia asked today *Jungle Raaj kaisa hota hai* but we want to remind him that the highest number of rape cases are reported in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Haryana...*Jungle Raaj Double Engine States Jaisa Hota Hai.*”** He also added that the highest number of crimes against SCs are also in UP, MP, and Haryana.

Ghosh also questioned why local BJP leader Bikash Singh and CPI(M) leader Nirapada remained silent all these years if there had been frequent instances of sexual harassment in the area. “It may be accepted that the women never spoke up because they might be afraid. But why were these leaders quiet all these years and why are they speaking up now? This exposes their lies,” he added.

The party spokesperson also criticised the continued silence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the heart-breaking death of four innocent children in Chopra. **“Those four children died only because of the negligence of MHA-controlled BSF. Why are BJP leaders silent on this matter?”**

Why should Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee resign over the malicious Sandeshkhali conspiracy? Rather, Amit Shah should resign over the death of four children due to BSF's negligence in Chopra," he said.

Under the leadership of AITC National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee, Trinamool Congress leaders have provided financial assistance to the families of deceased children. While the party continued with its protests today, a 12-member Trinamool delegation is slated to meet the Governor tomorrow morning.

"BJP spokespersons want Mamata Banerjee to resign over Sandeshkhali. But why isn't Home Minister Amit Shah resigning over BJP's negligence that cost four innocent lives in Chopra? There should be a spate of resignations from the BJP. Today is the 5th anniversary of the dastardly Pulwama attack. Why didn't the PM resign over the attack, where 40 of our jawans died? So many farmers are demanding MSP and may have died by suicide. Has the Agriculture Minister resigned yet?" asked AITC National Spokesperson and State Minister Dr Shashi Panja, while referring to the farmers' protests that have rocked Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, and adjoining areas.

Lambasting Union Minister Smriti Irani for her double standards, Dr Shashi Panja further said, **"When Manipur was burning and our sisters were being gangraped, Modiji's minister Smriti Irani remained silent. She sits next to rapist MP Brijbhushan Sharan Singh in Lok Sabha and talks about gangrape in Sandeshkhali. Shouldn't she resign? Why wasn't Manipur CM asked to resign?"**

Calling for action against BJP leaders, the State Minister added, "BJP delegation trying to visit Sandeshkhali has no interest in going to Chopra because they are uneasy about the negligence of Centre-controlled security forces. **The Union Minister [Smriti Irani] who held a press conference on Monday should be booked for hate speech along with the BJP spokesperson [Gaurav Bhatia] who spread lies today with his deceitful speech. BJP's only agenda is to incite and provoke."**

Criticising the National Commission for Scheduled Castes Chairman Arun Halder's decision to visit Sandeshkhali but ignore crimes in BJP-ruled states of Madhya Pradesh, Dr Shashi Panja said, **"In Madhya Pradesh, a tribal man was stripped, hung upside down, and assaulted for refusing to give cut money to BJP workers. Arun Halder has no moral right to visit Sandeshkhali and provoke while wilfully ignoring the crimes in BJP-ruled states,"** Dr Shashi Panja added. The party leaders also added that those trying to violate Section 144 in Sandeshkhali would face strict action as per the confines of the law.

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